

## FAITH AND BELIEF

Hebrews 11: **11** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

### 1. The difference between Faith and Belief

Mark NKJV 5: <sup>25</sup> Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup> and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. <sup>28</sup> For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

<sup>29</sup> Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “**Who touched My clothes?**”

<sup>31</sup> But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘**Who touched Me?**’”

<sup>32</sup> And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> And He said to her, “**Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.**”

### 2. Believing in God’s word is one side of God’s currency

- **God’s word is powerful and it belongs to you but you must believe it!**

Mark NKJV 11: <sup>23</sup> **For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.** <sup>24</sup> **Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.**

- **We can’t allow circumstances back us down from what we believe,**
- **When we are in faith we must learn to ignore the circumstances,**

2 Corinthians 4: <sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward *man* is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup>while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which *are* not seen are eternal.

- **Our faith is based on what Jesus has done, Not our works,**
- **We are in a culture designed to keep our spiritual identity hidden from us,**

Ephesians 2:10 <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1Peter 2: <sup>9</sup>But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- **We empower ourselves by believing God's truth about us,**

### 3. **Faith is the second side of the coin**

- **Believing alone will not bring the promises of God to you, faith and belief will complete the transaction,**

James 1: <sup>21</sup>Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- **Faith is acting on what you believe**
- **The blessings of God are not obtained automatically,**

Matthew 8: <sup>23</sup> Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup> And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. <sup>25</sup> Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

<sup>26</sup> But He said to them, “**Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?**” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

- **Jesus reprimanded them and then rebuked the wind,**
- **Faith is a verb you will participate in your success**

Joshua 1: <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

- **You will make your way prosperous by acting in faith on what you believe,**