

HOW TO GROW YOUR FAITH PT. 3.

Oil of Exemption Sunday

2 PETER 1:5-9 NKJV

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What Do You Do To Grow Your Faith?

1. Feed on the word regularly.

- a. The word of God is the seed, food and fuel of faith. Lk.8:11; Rom.10:17; Matt.4:4
- b. Read it, study it, listen to it, memorize it, meditate upon it, receive it into your heart, personalize it, accept it, and apply it daily. Josh.1:8
- c. The purpose of feeding on the word is to extract the nutrient from the word which is revelation or understanding. Eph.1:17-18
- d. Faith is not blind belief. Your faith must stand upon the word of God; upon the word of God revealed to you; upon the word of God that you receive. Deut.29:29

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2. Discipline your thought life.

- a. If your thought life is out of control your faith cannot grow and your destiny is in danger because as a man thinks, so is he. Prov.23:7a; 4:23
- b. Abraham had to discipline his thought life to allow his faith to grow. Gen.15:3-6
- c. The greatest hindrance to faith is doubt and doubt begins with a contrary thought that made it into your heart. Mk.11:23
- d. The transformation of any area of your life hangs on the transformation of your thinking. So, your faith cannot grow unless your thinking is transformed. Rom.12:2

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3. Change your confession. Your confession affects your faith.

Prov.18:20

- a. Faith comes by hearing the word of God but not just the word of God from the mouth of others but the word of God from your mouth.
Josh.1:8;
- b. As you speak the word of God and hear it repeatedly it changes your thinking and as your thoughts line up with your words doubt is reduced and faith is increased. Rom.10:9-10; Mk.11:23
- c. God change Abraham's confession to eliminate his doubt and increase his faith by changing his name from Abram to Abraham. Gen.17:4-5;

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4. Engage the Holy Spirit by praying in tongues abundantly.
 - a. Praying in the Holy Spirit builds faith. Jude 20;
 - b. To pray in tongues is to pray in the spirit and to pray in the spirit is to engage or pray in the Holy Spirit who is the spirit of faith. 1 Cor. 14:14; 2 Cor. 4:13
 - c. The Holy Spirit is also the director of the gifts of which faith is one of them. So when you engage Him by praying abundantly in tongues in the spirit, your faith is built up and energized. 1 Cor. 12:7-11; Eph. 6:18;

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5. Deploy your faith by obedience to scriptural and prophetic instructions.
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 - b. David could face Goliath when no one could because he had exercised his faith against the lion and the bear and in the process had grown his faith. 1Sam.17:33-36
 - c. Obedience is the proof of faith. Every scriptural and prophetic instruction is a test of your faith. Your obedience is the proof you believe God. LK.6:46

1 SAMUEL 17:33-36 NKJV

And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

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LUKE 6:46 NKJV

*“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’
and not do the things which I say?”*

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6. Add other virtues to your faith to make it robust and work better. 2Pet.1:5-9; Gal.5:6
7. Hangout with faith filled people.
 - a. The company you keep determines what accompanies you.
 - b. If you hang out with fearful people, you will be fearful.
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GALATIANS 5:6 NKJV

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision
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faith working through love†*

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 NKJV

Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

PROVERBS 13:20

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:9 NKJV

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5-6 NKJV

when I call to remembrance the [a]genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. 6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

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2 KINGS 2:15 NKJV

Now when the sons of the prophets who were from[a] Jericho saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

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ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose up on the third day that I may be justified. Today, Lord Jesus, I confess and repent of all my sins; I forsake them; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 NKJV

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,

Prayer 1

Father in the name of Jesus, I make a demand for an impartation of a greater dimension of faith than I carry and by the prophetic word spoken today and the mystery of the anointing oil, I receive that heavier impartation of the spirit of faith now in the name of Jesus. 1 Cor. 12:9; 2 Cor. 4:13

PSALM 91:5-8 NKJV

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

PSALM 105:14-15 NKJV

*He permitted no one to do them wrong;
Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,
15 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed
ones, And do My prophets no harm."*

PSALM 89:20-23 NKJV

I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, 21 With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him. 22 The enemy shall not [a]outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him. 23 I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.