

Radical Faith Part 5 – Decisive Faith Actions

5-Day Devotional: Radical Faith in Action

Day 1: Faith That Pleases God

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6

Devotional: Without faith, it is impossible to please God. This isn't merely difficult—it's impossible. Consider what this means: God has made faith the currency of His kingdom, yet He would never require something from us without providing the ability to deliver it. Just as you wouldn't ask someone to dig without providing a shovel, God has equipped every person with the capacity to believe. The question isn't whether you can have faith, but whether you will choose faith. Today, recognize that faith begins with a choice. God is looking for those who will believe Him, trust Him, and step forward in confidence. Your faith—however small it may feel—delights the heart of your Father.

Day 2: Nothing Is Impossible with God

Reading: Luke 1:26-37; Mark 9:23

Devotional: We live in a world saturated with doubt, fear, and unbelief. Darkness surrounds us, and circumstances often seem overwhelming. Yet one truth must become so deeply embedded in your spirit that it flows out at the slightest touch: nothing is impossible with God. Meditate on this reality until it becomes your automatic response to every challenge. When financial pressure comes, declare it. When sickness threatens, proclaim it. When relationships fracture, speak it. Your Father is not limited by your circumstances, your past, or your present reality. He specializes in impossibilities. Let this truth guard your heart against the doubt, fear and hopelessness the world offers, and instead walk in the confidence that your God can handle anything you face.

Day 3: Desires Birthed Through Intimacy

Reading: Psalm 37:1-7; Philippians 2:13

Devotional: God gives us the desires of our hearts through intimate fellowship with Him. This works two ways: First, He implants correct desires within us, replacing wrong motivations with

His purposes. Second, He fulfills those God-given desires as we walk in faith. Think of intimacy as "into me see"—allowing God deep access to your inner life. Just as children are born through marital intimacy, spiritual fruit emerges from communion with the Lord. The desires stirring within you that align with Scripture are not random; they were placed there before you were born. Through prayer and meditation in His Word, these desires become clarified, strengthened, and ultimately manifested. Spend time today in His presence, allowing Him to both give and fulfill the desires He's planted within you.

Day 4: Write the Vision

Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-3; Proverbs 29:18

Devotional: You can aim at nothing all day long and hit it every time. Without a focused, God-given vision, you will wander through life accomplishing little of eternal significance. Faith requires direction. After establishing desire through fellowship with God, the next step is writing the vision down. Make it plain. Make it specific. Make it clear enough that you can run with it. This isn't about selfish ambition; it's about partnering with God's purposes for your life. What has He spoken to you? What dreams has He placed within you? What promises are you standing on? Write them down. Review them regularly. Let them guide your decisions, your prayers, and your actions. A written vision keeps you focused when distractions come and reminds you of God's faithfulness when delays occur.

Day 5: Decisive Faith Action

Reading: Mark 5:25-34; James 2:14-26

Devotional: The woman with the issue of blood demonstrates radical faith in action. After twelve years of suffering and spending everything on physicians who couldn't help, she heard about Jesus. That hearing produced desire. Desire produced words: "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." And words produced decisive action—she pushed through the crowd, risked public shame, and reached out in faith. Faith moves. Faith prepares. Faith doesn't wait for perfect conditions; it acts on God's promises. What action is your faith calling you to take today? Perhaps it's making space for the breakthrough you're believing for, adjusting your budget to reflect God's provision, or preparing your life for the healing, deliverance, or blessing you're pursuing. Faith without works is dead. Let your faith produce

movement, preparation, and bold action that honors God and positions you for His miraculous intervention.

Radical Faith Part 5 – Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Mentioned References:

1. **Mark 5:25-34** - The woman with the issue of blood (primary text for the sermon)
2. **Mark 11:23-24** - "Whatsoever things ye desire when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them"
3. **Psalms 37:4** - "The Lord will give us the desires of our heart"

Alluded to References:

4. **Luke 18:8** - "When he comes, will he find faith on earth?" (referenced as "when he comes, he'll be looking for faith")
5. **Hebrews 11:6** - "Without faith it is impossible to please God"
6. **Luke 1:37** - "Nothing is impossible with God" (mentioned multiple times)
7. **1 John 5:4** - "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith"
8. **Ephesians 2:8** - "Saved by grace through faith" (alluded to)
9. **Habakkuk 2:2** - "Write the vision" (referenced in context of writing down goals)

Suggested Relevant Verses for Themes Discussed:

10. **Romans 10:17** - Faith comes by hearing the word of God (theme of fellowship with God's Word)
11. **James 2:17** - Faith without works is dead (theme of decisive faith action)

12. **Proverbs 29:18** - Where there is no vision, the people perish (theme of having focused goals)
13. **Leviticus 15:25-27** - Laws regarding unclean women with issues of blood (context for the woman's social situation)
14. **Matthew 9:20-22** - Parallel account of the woman with the issue of blood
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Radical Faith Part 5 – Personal and Small Group Study Guide

Based on Mark 5:25-34 - "Decisive Faith Action"

Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to understand how to operate in radical faith and take decisive action in areas where He's calling you forward.

Ice Breaker

Question: What's one thing you've been preparing for recently (a trip, event, project, etc.)? How did your preparation reflect your expectation that it would actually happen?

Key Scripture

Mark 5:25-34 - The Woman with the Issue of Blood

Sermon Summary

This message focuses on **decisive faith action** as part of our journey in radical faith. Faith isn't passive—it moves, prepares, and acts. The woman with the issue of blood demonstrates this perfectly: she heard about Jesus (desire was birthed), she spoke words of faith ("If only I may touch his clothes, I shall be made well"), and she took decisive action despite her circumstances, the crowd, and social/religious restrictions.

Discussion Questions

Section 1: Understanding Faith as a Choice

1. The pastor said, "If God requires it, that means I can operate in it." How does this statement change your perspective on areas where you feel you lack faith?
2. Discuss the difference between "I can't believe" versus "I choose not to believe." Why is this distinction important?
3. How does understanding that God gave us free will help us take responsibility for our faith choices?

Section 2: The Process of Radical Faith

4. Review the progression mentioned in the sermon:
 - Desire (established through God's Word and prayer)
 - Writing the vision
 - Decisive faith action

Which step do you find most challenging personally? Why?

5. The pastor said, "If you have no focused goal that the Lord has given you, then you're going to wander through life." What vision has God given you that you need to write down and focus on?
6. How do we distinguish between our own desires and desires that God has placed in our hearts? (Reference **Psalm 37:4**)

Section 3: The Woman with the Issue of Blood

7. This woman had suffered for 12 years and spent all her money on physicians. What does it say about her faith that she still believed Jesus could heal her?
8. She "came behind him in the crowd and touched his garment." What obstacles did she have to overcome to take this action? (Consider: her physical weakness, the crowd, social stigma, religious law declaring her unclean)
9. The pastor mentioned she was healed:

- Physically
- Socially
- Emotionally
- Financially
- Relationally
- In her church standing
- In her family
- In her ability to marry and have children

How does this comprehensive healing demonstrate God's complete restoration?

10. Jesus said, "Daughter, your **faith** has made you well." Why is it significant that He attributed the healing to her faith rather than just His power?

Section 4: Faith Prepares

11. The sermon mentioned that "faith prepares"—like making space in your garage if you're believing God for a vehicle. What are some practical ways faith prepares in different areas:

- For healing?
- For financial breakthrough?
- For freedom from addiction?
- For a new job or ministry?

12. What's the difference between "positive thinking" and biblical faith that prepares?

Key Takeaways

1. **Faith is impossible without choice** - We must choose to believe; God provides the ability, but we make the decision.
2. **Faith has a process** - Desire → Vision → Decisive Action

3. **Faith moves and prepares** - Faith isn't passive; it takes action based on what God has promised.
 4. **Nothing is impossible with God** - This truth must be so deeply embedded in us that it "pours out" when we're challenged.
 5. **Faith overcomes the world** - "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith" (**1 John 5:4**)
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Practical Application

This Week's Challenge:

Day 1-2: Identify Your Desire

- Spend time in prayer asking God what desire He's placed in your heart
- Read scriptures related to that area and journal what God shows you

Day 3-4: Write the Vision

- Write out clearly what God has shown you (**Habakkuk 2:2**)
- Make it specific and measurable where possible

Day 5-6: Prepare in Faith

- Identify one practical step of preparation you can take this week
- Take that step (make space, adjust budget, research, make a call, etc.)

Day 7: Take Decisive Action

- Like the woman who pressed through the crowd, what decisive action of faith do you need to take?
- Do it! Don't wait for perfect conditions.

Personal Reflection Questions:

- What area of my life am I "aiming at nothing"?
- What have I been saying "I can't believe for" that I really mean "I choose not to believe for"?

- What preparation step am I avoiding that would demonstrate my faith?
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Memory Verse

Mark 11:24 (KJV) ²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Prayer Focus

Pray together for:

- Courage to take decisive faith action in areas where you've been hesitant.
- Clarity on the vision God has for each person's life.
- Strength to prepare and move forward even when circumstances look contrary.

Group Prayer Activity: Have each person share one area where they need to exercise decisive faith action. Pray specifically for each person, declaring that "**nothing is impossible with God**" over their situation.

Closing Thought

"Faith prepares for more. Faith sees what the future is." What are you preparing for? Your preparation reveals what you truly believe God will do.

Next Week Preview

The sermon will dive deeper into the complete restoration the woman with the issue of blood received—not just physical healing, but social, emotional, relational, and spiritual wholeness. Come prepared to receive what complete restoration looks like in your life.

