

Faith & Reason Series - **In Harmony**

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I. **Great Pairings**

II. **Ask & Believe**

James 1:5-7

III. **Consider & Receive**

2nd Timothy 2:1-2, 7

IV. **Great Potential**

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

You have likely heard the expression, “The whole is greater than the sum of the parts.” This saying conveys the idea that there are times when the output achieved from a partnership between forces yields a larger result than one would expect.

The interaction between faith & reason is an example of such an occurrence. When saving faith & sound reason work together, the result is a harmony of truth & understanding that God orchestrates in order to draw people to Himself.

Saving faith & sound reason are gifts from God that should work together to achieve the goals of understanding & maturity in a person’s life. Each has its own area of focus & specialization.

Sound reason is an excellent tool for uncovering & making sense of truths from the natural world such as the physical laws of nature & the complexity of life. Saving faith is the means by which metaphysical truths such as the nature of God & the meaning of life are discerned. It is possible, in varying degrees, to understand both material & immaterial truths. God enables & wants you to know the truth. Moreover, He wants you to know Him in a real & personal way.

Are faith & reason functioning harmoniously in your life? Are you intentionally strengthening in these areas? Are your intellect, emotions & spirit endeavoring together to discern & live in the truth?

Prayerfully ask God to awaken or increase your desire for truth. Thank Him for the ability He has given you to learn, grow & mature. Celebrate the never-ending journey of discovery that a relationship with Him entails.