



THE SHORTCOMINGS OF FAITH

Session 5: Faith Without Works

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Recent Sessions:

- Making withdrawals where no deposits have been made.
- Being hesitant to speak your faith.
- Becoming distracted from what really matters—singlemindedness.

I. FAITH WITHOUT WORKS

A. James 2:17

NKJV “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

AMPC “So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *This passage reveals an important spiritual principle about how faith operates. Faith goes beyond simply hearing and believing—it calls for action. When faith stops at hearing and believing, it remains inactive because it has not yet been put into practice.*

B. Bible Examples of Faith in Action

1. Abraham:

- a. Heard from God and believed, however his faith included action.
- b. He left his homeland in faith to receive the promised land.
- c. By faith he would have sacrificed Isaac.

2. Jonathan:

- a. Stepped out against the Philistines.
- b. **1 Samuel 14:6-7**
NKJV “Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, ‘Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few.’ So his armor-bearer said to him, ‘Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart.’”
- c. Jonathan’s step of faith led to a great victory for Israel.



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3. Naaman:

a. His healing required action.

b. **2 Kings 5:9-10**

NKJV "Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.'"

c. **2 Kings 5:14**

NKJV "So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

4. The ten lepers cleansed by Jesus:

a. **Luke 17:11- 16**

NKJV "Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' So when He saw them, He said to them, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And so it was that **as they went, they were cleansed**. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet."

TPT "They set off, and they were healed while walking along the way."

NASB "As they were going, they were cleansed."

b. As they went, they were healed.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Their healing did not occur merely because Jesus spoke; it manifested as they acted in faith.*



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C. Faith is Demonstrated in Corresponding Action

1. Faith's corresponding action is the outward expression of inward belief.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Often, the shortcoming in faith is not in hearing or confessing, but in the action that follows. In every battle of faith, there is a required corresponding action. We must discern what that action is in our own situation and respond accordingly.*

2. We must perceive what action we are to take.
 - a. Pastor Patty's action: Preparing the nursery for Mikaela.
 - b. Pastor Dale's action: Getting dressed and coming to church, as well as, stepping up to speak.
3. Our corresponding actions must flow from the rhema—the revelation imparted to us by God's Word and the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Corresponding action must flow from genuine inward faith.
 - b. You cannot act on someone else's revelation.
 - c. You cannot imitate someone else's corresponding action.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *A common shortcoming of faith is believing you can simply repeat what someone else has done and expect the same results. Faith is a living force, and our actions must flow from the living faith within us.*

4. How can I identify the corresponding action my faith requires?
 - a. It is a specific response of obedience that aligns with the revelation we have received from the Word and the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Pay attention to the inward leadings of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. **Pastor Dale:** *"The second week that I attended service after experiencing severe weakness in my body and voice, the inward prompting of the Holy Spirit was to go forward and speak to the congregation. It was this corresponding with my faith that delivered a breakthrough in the coming days."*

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- d. Be certain the action is first alive on the inside before you attempt to carry it out on the outside.
 - Stand up on the inside before you attempt to stand up.
 - See yourself able.
 - See yourself doing what you could not do.
- e. Never underestimate small steps; corresponding action is often found in simple acts of obedience.
- f. **Pastor Dale:** *“During my battle with leukemia, the loss of appetite was one of the greatest challenges I faced. But instead of merely forcing myself to eat, I turned every meal into an act of faith. No matter how small the portion, every bite became a corresponding action to what I believed God was doing in my body. Likewise, every step I took through my house was an act of faith. I did not see it merely as exercise—I saw it as a physical expression of the faith that was alive and working within me. Each step was my declaration that healing was at work, even before I saw the full manifestation.”*
- g. Little steps forward lead to greater manifestations.

II. CLOSING NOTE:

Do not view corresponding action as testing your faith to see if it is working! View corresponding action as exercising your faith, knowing that it is and has already worked for you!