

Faith Basics 101
Session 8 – Hindrances to Faith

I. Review

- A. Why Faith?** Faith is the means by which we receive from God
- B. The Function of Faith** - Faith receives what God has already provided.
- C. How to Receive by Faith** - The Process of Using Faith to Receive
- D. The Law of Faith** If you work the principles/laws that govern faith, you will always get the results of faith.
- E. Faith Sees - Seeing through the eyes of faith**
- F. Faith Speaks – The Role of speaking faith filled words**
- G. Faith Stands**

II. Hindrances to Faith

A. Satan Has plans to keep us from receiving from God

1. **2 Cor 2:11 (HCSB)** *I have done this so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes.*
2. **2 Timothy 2:25-26 (NIV)**²⁵ *Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,*²⁶*and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.*

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3. **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)** ⁸*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*
 - a. **Devour**=to swallow up or to destroy

4. **John 10:10 (KJV)** *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
 - a. **Destroy = Put to an end = entirely abolish – to ruin – render useless = utter loss**

5. The Goal of Satan is UTTER LOSS/DESTRUCTION for every part of our lives excluding none.

B. Satan's #1 Method of destruction – To hinder our faith -

1. Faith is directly connected to receiving everything from the Lord
2. Because Faith is the means by which we receive, Satan goes after our faith.
3. Satan will use whatever device necessary to hinder/stall/stop/steal your faith!
4. Guard your faith!
 - a. **1 Timothy 1:19 (NIV)** ¹⁹*holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith*

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C. Satan's Strategy for Hindering our faith

1. Lack of Knowledge

Faith is connected to knowledge of the Word of God

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God

a. **Hosea 4:6 (KJV)** *My people are **destroyed** for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

b. Lack of knowledge = Destruction

c. Satan's Goal = To Destroy = Goal accomplished if there is a lack of knowledge

d. Lack of knowledge =

- i. Having no understanding or enlightenment available
- ii. Having no initiative to seek after knowledge
- iii. Refusing to be enlightened or to receive knowledge

Faith is hindered where there is no knowledge or where knowledge and enlightenment is rejected.

2. Wrong Mindsets – Wrong Perceptions of God

a. Mindset = an established set of attitudes / A person's way of thinking

b. Mindsets are a way of thinking that has been established over a period of time through impartation of peers, family, society, tradition, culture, etc.

3. Examples of Hindering Mindsets

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- a. God is responsible for everything
 - b. The modern sovereignty teaching
 - c. God sends sickness and tragedy to teach his children
God's tools for teaching are His Word and His Spirit
 - d. It's not always God's will to heal/bless/deliver
Note; When we are uncertain of God's will, it will be impossible to have faith to receive.
4. Satan takes advantage of every mindset that is not established upon the Word of God
- a. The Key to seeing faith through is to have an established mindset based upon the Word of God that is unmovable or unshakable.
 - b. Be determined to establish your beliefs upon the Word of God
Open the Bible and see it for yourself!
 - c. Let every belief be established upon many scriptures throughout the Bible
 - d. Be open to having traditional mindsets changed as you see the truth of God's Word
 - e. Wrong Mindsets