



I. Introduction

A. The important role of faith.

1. Faith is a tool!

Faith is God's system

Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV) – *The Just shall live by faith
Faith is supposed to be the lifestyle of the believer.
Faith is vital.*

2. Faith pleases God

a. **Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)** – *Without faith it is impossible to please
God*

b. God is not pleased, because He cannot work for us. He doesn't
have access to bless our life.

3. Faith is necessary for a victorious life!

a. **1 John 5:4 (KJV)** – *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the
world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our
faith*

b. The world and its conditions are always pressing against us. Our
faith is the victory that will overcome all things the world is
sending upon us.

II. The Measure of Faith

Romans 12:3 (KJV) – *For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every
man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to
think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the
measure of faith*

Romans 12:3 (LSV) – *For I say, through the grace that was given to me, to
everyone who is among you, not to think above what it ought to think; but
to think so as to think wisely, as to each God dealt a measure of faith*

A. God has granted to every person a measure of faith.

Measure – an instrument for measuring – a vessel for receiving and determining the quantity of things whether dry or liquid.

1. A determined portion.
2. Modern example – measuring cup – Different recipes call for a different measure/amount of specific ingredients.
3. God knew that faith was needed. He poured into each of us a measure/portion of faith.
4. Faith is measurable
Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
 Every substance is measurable!
 Faith is measurable in the spirit world.*

B. Pastor's Note: *Many modern translations indicate that God gave different measures/amounts of faith to people. It would be unfair for God to give one person a greater amount of faith than another. There are times that God bestows upon an individual the "Gift of Faith," but this is not the same as the measure of faith spoken of by Paul in this passage. For God to require faith of us, He must have given us the ability to have faith. He has bestowed upon every believer the same beginning measure of faith. What we do with that beginning measure of faith will determine the level of our future faith.*

1. **Because God has dealt the same beginning measure of faith to each believer, we all have equal opportunity to develop and grow our faith.**
2. **This leaves us without excuse.**
*Some will always say, I wish I had the faith of _____
 You started with the same measure of faith.*

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- 3. It is not up to God to grow our faith. It is up to us to grow our faith.**
- Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** – *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*
 - It is our responsibility to feed our faith and act by faith.**

- 4. Faith is never stationary. It is either growing or diminishing.**
Faith has a short shelf life.
It starts diminishing if left untouched.

- 5. God gives us the beginning measure of faith, but we need to utilize His word to build and develop our faith, so our measure of faith is always increasing.**

- C. When the need arises to apply your faith, it is important that you have the right measure of faith.**

- 1. There are some situations that your measure of faith will quickly arise to meet the circumstance.**

- 2. There are other situations that may overwhelm your faith.**

- Example: “Go on the medicine and when your faith reaches the full measure, I will tell you when to go off of it.”
- There are times that I have had to say, “My faith isn’t there.”
- There are other times that I have said, “I can have faith for that.”
- It is important that you know your measure of faith. What you can believe for, and for what you cannot believe.

Romans 12:3a (NKJV) – *For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly*

Romans 12:3a (NLT) – *Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves.*

- Personal: My decision to take chemo.
*Word from the Lord- “I am pleased with your journey.”
The Lord wasn’t displeased that I took chemo, He was pleased that I was using faith during my chemo.*
- The Holy Spirit will never leave you beyond your measure of faith.

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- The logo for Faith University features a graduation cap with a tassel on the right side. To the left of the cap, the text "GRACE FELLOWSHIP" is written in small letters above the word "FAITH" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below "FAITH" is the word "UNIVERSITY" in smaller, black letters. At the bottom of the logo, the phrase "FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT" is written in a small font, with "2 COR 5:7" at the end.
- g. If you get out beyond your measure of faith, you will fail. If you stay within your measure of faith of faith you will succeed every time.
 - h. Don't allow the devil to guilt trip you into stepping out beyond your measure of faith.
 - Go by peace in your heart, not pressure.
 - i. Be careful not to counsel others based on your measure of faith. Counsel them from their measure of faith.
 - Don't try to get people to believe God at your level, help them to believe God at their level.
 - Ask them, *"What can you believe for?"*
- 3. Don't wait until a crisis to begin developing the measure your faith.**
- a. It is possible for the crisis to develop faster than your faith can develop.
 - b. When I was diagnosed with Leukemia, I had time to work on my faith. There are some illnesses that are so aggressive you may not have time.

Session Closing Statement: *Everyone has been given a measure of faith, but it is our responsibility to develop and increase that measure of faith by spending time meditating in God's Word*