

### Faith Basics 101 Session 7 – Faith Stands

#### 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**

#### II. Faith Stands

##### A. Faith Stands on the foundation of the Word of God

1. **Hebrews 11: 1 (KJV)** – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*
  - a. NIV = Confidence
  - b. NASB = Assurance
  - c. Weymouth = Faith is the well-grounded assurance
2. **Faith is the confident well grounded assurance of what I hope for**
3. **The Word of God is the foundation of my faith**
  1. **Romans 10:17 (KJV)** – *then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
    - a. NET = Consequently, faith comes from what you have heard

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- b. YLT – So then faith is by a report, and the report through what God is saying
- c. The reason my faith is confident is because the foundation of my faith being the Word of God is  
SURE/STEADFAST/RELIABLE/TRUSTWORTHY/  
UNSHAKABLE/STEADY/SOLID

#### 2. Walk on the Word – (Peter)

**Matthew 14:23-33 (KJV)** – <sup>23</sup> *And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*

<sup>24</sup> *But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.*

<sup>25</sup> *And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.*

<sup>26</sup> *And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.*

<sup>27</sup> *But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*

<sup>28</sup> *And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.*

<sup>29</sup> *And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.*

<sup>30</sup> *But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.*

<sup>31</sup> *And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*

<sup>32</sup> *And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*

<sup>33</sup> *Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God*

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- a. Peter was able to walk on the water because of the Word that he had
- b. Peter was walking on the Word, not on the water
- c. Peter defied the water/gravity/natural law – with one word from Jesus
- d. Peter began to sink when his faith became more connected to the natural word than the foundation of the words of Jesus
- e. Our faith battles are won by a strong foundation in the Word
- f. Our faith battles are lost when we allow natural circumstances to take our eyes off the Word

### B. Take the necessary time to build a strong foundation of the Word

1. **Mark 4:23-24 (KJV)** – <sup>23</sup>*If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.*  
<sup>24</sup>*And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.*
  - a. **Mark 4:23-24 (NLT)** – *Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more.*
2. There are no short cuts when building a strong foundation
  - a. Foundations require time
  - b. The stronger the foundation, the more time required
  - c. Example = foundation of the new building in Lexington, Ky
  - d. Example = John Osteen’s foundation \
3. **Psalm 1:1-3 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup>*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

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4. **Psalm 119:15-16 (KJV)** – <sup>15</sup>*I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.* <sup>16</sup>*I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word*

### C. Faith stands strong and it refuses to be moved

1. Real faith must take a stand
  - a. **Hebrews 12:1-3 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup>*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,* <sup>2</sup>*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* <sup>3</sup>*For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*
    1. Jesus is our supreme example of faith
    2. Jesus experienced many contradictions
    3. Contradiction = Opposition or opposing forces
    4. Faith will always face opposition
    5. Your response in the face of opposition greatly determines the outcome of your faith
2. Examples of opposing forces
  - a. Jesus/opposition of Satan  
*If you are the Son of God –*
  - b. Paul/Believed the Word of God over an opposing life threatening storm
  - c. Peter/Had faith to sleep on the night prior to scheduled execution
  - d. Paul and Silas/had faith to sing and pray at midnight while in Jail
3. The foundation of our faith must be stronger than the opposing forces
  - i. Opposing circumstances
  - ii. Opposing words

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4. Biblical faith must be able to STAND strong!
  - i. **Ephesians 6:13 (KJV)** – *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand* (Next Vs – Stand Therefore)
  - ii. **1 Corinthians 16:13 (KJV)** – Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
  - iii. **Stand Def** = to make firm, establish, to uphold or sustain the authority or force of anything
    - To continue safe and sound – unharmed
    - Ready or prepared
    - To be of a steadfast mind
    - One who does not hesitate or waver