

FAITH BASICS 101 – Session 4 – The Law of Faith

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I. Review

A. Why Faith?

1. Faith is God's chosen tool by which we receive the things that he has provided to us.

B. The Function of Faith

1. Faith receives what God has already provided

C. How to Receive by Faith – The Process of Using Faith to Receive

1. Faith begins with a promise
2. Faith believes the promise
3. Faith says thank you. (When do you say thank you?)

II. The Law of Faith – Laws that Govern

A. Law Def = A general rule that states what happens, when the same conditions exist.

1. Newton's laws of motion – describe the relationship between a body and the forces acting upon it, and its motion in response to those forces
2. Laws of Physics
3. Law of gravity = Newton's law of universal gravitation – defines the force of attraction between two masses
 - a. Gravity is always in operation
 - b. Gravity is the same everywhere – consistent
4. When a LAW is in operation – it always works the same – one can accurately calculate the outcome when the same conditions are met accordingly.
 - a. A jet will fly anywhere in the world – defying gravity because the law is always at work consistently.

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5. Law of seed time and harvest – seasons
Genesis 8:22 (KJV) – *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*
6. Kingdom Principles = Laws kingdom of God operate by
 - a. Law of Giving and Receiving
 - b. Law of Forgiveness

B. The Law of Faith

Romans 3:27 (KJV) – *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*

1. Faith is a Law
 - a. Faith is universal
 - b. Faith is consistent
 - c. Faith never fluctuates
2. Because Faith is a Law, Faith will work for anyone who works it!
3. The Woman with the Issue of Blood = Using the Law of Faith
Mark 5:25-34 (KJV) – ²⁵*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, ²⁶And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, ²⁷When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. ²⁹And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. ³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? ³¹And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ³²And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. ³³But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. ³⁴And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague*

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- a. She didn't ask Jesus for Healing
- b. She put the LAW OF FAITH to work
4. She FLIPPED the Switch of Faith

C. Steps in the Law of Faith

1. Hearing

Romans 10:17 (KJV) – *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- a. The Woman with the issue of blood started her miracle by hearing about Jesus
- b. The law of faith begins by hearing
- c. It is impossible to tap into the law of faith without hearing
This is why we strongly emphasize the necessity of the Word. The law of faith doesn't work without it!
Example – putting a light switch on the wall with no electrical wiring.

2. Believing

Mark 11:24 (KJV) – *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them*

- a. The woman with the issue of blood believed what she had heard, and that if she touched his garment, she would be whole.
- b. In the church we have had much attention given to the command to pray but little attention given to believing
- c. Believing is not a suggestion, but necessary ingredient for the LAW OF FAITH to work
- d. There is an unbelief issue in the church
It isn't that you don't believe – It's that you have too much unbelief contaminating your faith – The law of faith is short circuited by unbelief.

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3. Action

James 2:17 (KJV) – *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

- a. This verse reveals that faith has necessary required ingredients to achieve results
- b. Leaving a necessary ingredient out will cause a so-called faith failure.
- c. The woman with the issue of blood acted in/out of faith
- d. Actions don't produce faith, but faith produces actions
- e. Don't put action ahead of faith
- f. Action follows faith – it doesn't produce it.
- g. Action will perfect/complete faith

4. Faith is Released by the Words we Speak

Romans 10:6 (KJV) – *But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)*

- **Righteousness which is of faith speaketh**
- **Healing which is of faith speaketh**
- **Blessing which is of faith speaketh**
- **Deliverance which is of faith speaketh**

- a. Faith is activated by words

Mark 11:23-24 (KJV) – *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

- b. There is much emphasis on SAYING in this passage.
- c. **Faith may be hindered by the negative words of others.**

1 Corinthians 15:33 (KJV) – *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*

Proverbs 18:21 (KJV) – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue*

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- a. Since faith comes by hearing the promises of the Word of God, – doubt and fear may come by hearing the deceptive lies of the enemy.
- b. Faith comes through truth - Unbelief comes through deception or lies
- c. Anything that speaks against the Word of God – we must consider to be a lie
- d. **Romans 3:4 (KJV)** – *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*
- e. Judge God Faithful above the words of any other person
- f. Guard against negative words
 - a. *Example – Here's where we are!*