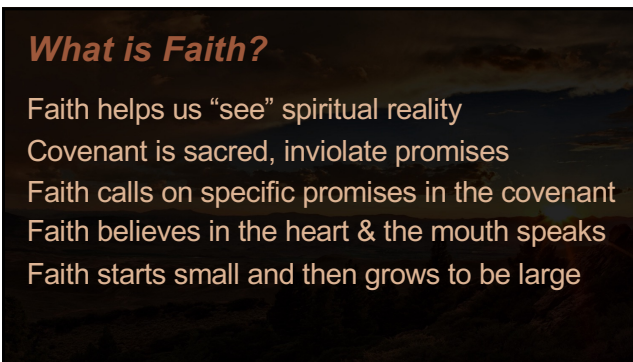


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What is Faith?

Promises enable us to live a supernatural life
Faith is the only way to please God
Faith feeds on the Word
Faith speaks the Word
God honors our covenants with others
Faith in God's Instructions

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Level of God's Instructions

- 1. Little Direct (Send out Spies), Large Indirect (Rahab with inside information)
- 2. All Direct (Do it this specific way and I will provide the abilities to cover your lack)

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Joshua 3

7 The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 8 And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"

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Joshua 3

9 And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God."

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Joshua 3

10 And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan.

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Joshua 3

12 Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. 13 And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

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Ways to Hear From God

Inner Witness	The Holy Spirit speaks directly to the believer's spirit
Written Word	Revelation through the written Word
Spoken Word	Revelation thru preaching, dreams, vision or prophesy
Signs	God arranges a specific physical sign as direction
Audible Voice	God speaks in an audible voice
Divine Messenger	Angel or Christ Himself

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Changes in How We Live

Desert Wandering	Promise Land Living
Known - Familiar	Unknown – Unfamiliar
Ark - Pillar Cloud/Fire	Leader instructions - Ark
Steps of faithfulness	Steps of Faith
Perseverance	Preparation

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Sometimes faith seems like a denial of reality, but that's because we're holding on to a reality that is more real than the reality we can perceive with our five senses.

- Mark Batterson

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Joshua 3

14 So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

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What was the Ark?

- Chest containing the ten commandments, written with the finger of God on two tables of stone prepared by Moses (Deut 10:1-5; Ex 34:1; Ex 34:28).
-The mercy-seat above was the covering of the law—the shield between that law and the people. Between the cherubim that formed the mercy-seat, was the throne of Jehovah.



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Joshua 3

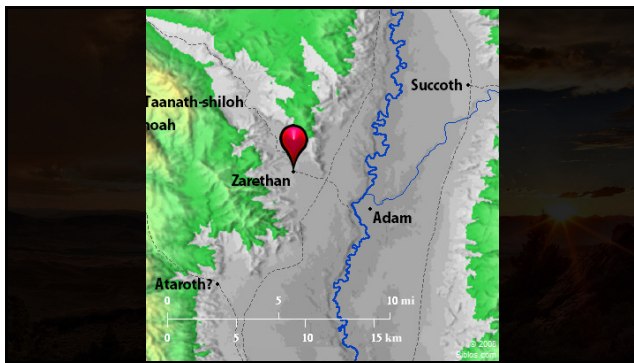
15 and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest),

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Joshua 3

16 the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.

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Joshua 3

17 Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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How Does God Teach Us Faith?

Physical Senses	Challenge to what our physical senses are telling us
Experience	Challenge to what we've experienced from the past
Common Sense	What our innate sense of the right (and wrong) way to do things

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God Empowers

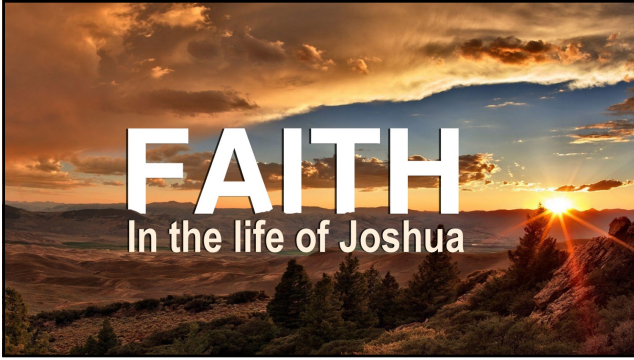
God empowers
whatever
God commands

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Walking by Faith

Hearing the Word initiates our faith
Proclaiming the Word activates our faith
Doing the Word demonstrates our faith

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