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What is Faith?

Faith helps us "see" spiritual reality
Covenant is sacred, inviolate promises
Faith calls on specific promises in the covenant
Faith believes in the heart & the mouth speaks
Faith starts small and then grows to be large

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Promises enable us to live a supernatural life	
Faith is the only way to please God	
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Joshua 1:1-2	
1 After the death of Moses the servant of the	
Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is	
dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan,	
you and all this people, into the land that I am	
giving to them, to the people of Israel.	
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Moses (The Law) Is Dead	
Moses represents The Law and it's system of pleasing God. Under the law, a worshipper	
pleases God by obeying every command	
perfectly. The Law says "the righteous walk by obeying the law".	
obeying the law.	

Romans 10:1-2	
1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for	
God, but not according to knowledge.	
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Romans 10:3-4	
3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they	
did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to	-
everyone who believes.	
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Romans 10:5	
5 For Moses writes about the righteousness	
that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.	





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Galatians 3:11-12 ESV 11 Now it is evident that no one

11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

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21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

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Galatians 3:21-23 ERV

21 Does this mean that the law works against God's promises? Of course not. The law was never God's way of giving new life to people. If it were, then we could be made right with God by following the law.

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Galatians 3:21-23 ERV

22 But this is not possible. The Scriptures put the whole world in prison under the control of sin, so that the only way for people to get what God promised would be through faith in Jesus Christ. It is given to those who believe in him. 23 Before this faith came, the law held us as prisoners. We had no freedom until God showed us the way of faith that was coming.

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Faith starts when we die to self-help, self-exertion, self-will which is central to law-keeping. Faith starts with "I can't do this" and then turns into "But Jesus can do it through me".

The Law is unable to bring us into our promise

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Religions are based on law keeping

Man-made religions are based on law keeping of one form or another. If you try really, really hard to please God by following all the rules and you might just succeed once in a while. The rest of the time, you feel guilt and shame for having failed and we have this system to get you back into good graces with God.

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Matthew 5: Raises the Bar

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother[will be liable to judgment;

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

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Joshua 1:3-7

3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.

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Joshua 1:3-7

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

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7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

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Goals for Joshua

- 1. Conquer an impossibly large tract of land
- 2. No military defeats
- 3. No weakness or fear allowed
- 4. Accomplish what your mentor Moses was unable to accomplish in 40 years

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8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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Faith in the Word

- 1. Faith gets us off the religious hamster wheel
- 2. Faith faces the facts of failure
- 3. Faith feeds on the word of God

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Romans 10:17

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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Do Not Let This Book of the Law Depart from your Mouth

The Word has the ability to inspire faith in our hearts. The level and degree that we saturate our souls with the Word will determine how much faith and transformation we receive.

Read the word, Listen to the Word, Meditate on the Word but most importantly speak the word.

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