

FAITH

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

Source of Faith

Faith comes from God, the apostle Paul wrote: God gives each of us a measure of faith ([Rom 12:3](#)) however, what we do with the faith we are given is up to us. We are given many opportunities to grow our faith, one of the laws that God has set in motion is the law of sowing and harvesting, whatever we sow, we will reap. Wherever we are in our faith journey, we can be challenged to have more faith, our challenge may be in the area of personal relationships, emotions, finances, or health, but every day, each of us needs to have more confidence, "Eternal come to the rescue of my unbelief!" There was a boy possessed by a demon and his father brought him to Jesus who said to him:

[Mr 9:23 ... Everything is possible for those who believe.](#)

We can imagine how much this father wanted his son to be healed; How terrifying it must have been for the father to realize that his son's healing depended on his faith. Immediately the child's father cried out and said with tears:

[Mr 9:24 Immediately the father of the child exclaimed, "I believe; come to the aid of my unbelief."](#)

And Jesus healed his son. Our cry must be the same, "Oh, Father, help me to have more faith!" Just as the father had to believe, faith is our part, we must have faith to receive God's promises; it is faith that brings the supernatural kingdom into the natural realm. From the moment of salvation onwards, we receive everything from God through faith. **But what is faith?**

When we sit in a chair, we believe that the chair will sustain us, this is natural faith. True faith is not this but that which works in the kingdom of the Spirit, in the supernatural, which communicates with God and receives from God.

Definition of Bible Faith:

Heb 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the demonstration of things not seen."

Faith is believing and acting according to God's Word without questioning it or trying to understand it. Faith is the opposite of reason, the natural man says: "Seeing is believing"; God's word says, "Believe to see."

Pr 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

A gift from God

Faith for salvation is a gift from God and for God's children.

Eph 2:8 "For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith; and this does not come from you; it is the gift of God.

Heb 12:2 "Fixing his gaze on Jesus, the One who creates faith and makes it perfect...

Receiving Faith

It comes from listening to the Word of Christ

Rom 10:17 "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the word of Christ."

Faith does not come from the wisdom or knowledge of man, but from the revelation of the Holy Spirit to our spirit. Faith comes in a moment, an instant, when the Spirit of God takes the Word of God that we have read, meditated on, or heard and kindles it like a fire in our spirit. Faith comes into existence when the Word of God becomes truth for us. For example: the doctor may say: "You have cancer"; but God's Word says, "By the stripes of Jesus Christ you are healed." The moment faith acts, God's Word like a double-edged sword divides the soul (the mind, the emotions) and the spirit. Our minds may have accepted the doctor's words, "You have cancer," but our faith allows our spirit to take control to reach out and receive the manifestation of God's healing power.

Faith Based on the Knowledge of God

True faith will always be based on the knowledge of God; The value of every promise is only as good as the integrity of the person making the promise.

If a person has lied to us in the past, we cannot be sure that they are telling the truth now. But God never lies, his promises are always true. There can be no true faith without an intimate relationship with God, and to have faith that pleases God, we must spend time in His presence as worshippers. When we, like Abraham, become "God's friends" and begin to know Him more and more, we come to understand the reliability of His Word.

Faith Based on the Integrity of the Word

There is no other book more important than the Bible, it contains the real words of God; is our guideline in every situation. God's words are spirit and life; as we begin to study the Holy Scriptures, we will realize that they are truly God's Word to us, and our faith will grow.

2 Tim 3:16-17 "All Scripture is inspired of God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for setting things straight, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete and well equipped for every good work.

True faith will always be based on God's Word

Is 55:11 "So it is with my word that proceeded out of my mouth: it does not return to me in vain, until it has done what I will, and brought to a successful end that for which I sent it."

Faith That Pleases God

Heb 11:6 "Now without faith it is impossible to please him;

It is faith that attains and receives salvation, healing, protection, God's guidance, we must live, walk, work in faith, do everything by faith if we want to please God. But if we live in fear or if we allow doubt to dwell in us, we cannot receive God's favor; when everything seems dark, when it seems that there is no more hope, we can follow the example of Job, he had lost everything, his family, his friends, his prosperity, but he knew God and had faith in Him. It takes faith to live in the realm of the supernatural and receive all that God has given us through redemption.

Faith is a choice

Having faith is a choice, believing in Jesus means recognizing Him for who He is, as described in all the Scriptures, He is our Eternal, Savior, Deliverer, Healer etc. It is our choice, for example: a person can say that he

does not believe in healing nowadays as in Jesus' time, and he will never receive it.

Is 53:1 "Who believed our preaching?"

Joshua cried out to the people of Israel, *choose today whom you want to serve* (Jos 24:15) And in Revelation we read, *whoever wills, let him take the gift of the water of life.* (Rev 22:17)

Faith and belief are not the same thing; a person may believe with his mind that Jesus is the Son of God, yet never believe with his heart and ask him to enter his life to receive salvation. Knowing the Word of God, believing in the Word of God intellectually, is not the same as having faith in the Word of God and putting that faith into action. For example, Thomas, a disciple of Jesus, had chosen not to believe:

Jn 20:25-27 "And the other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, "If I do not see in his hands the mark of the nails, and if I do not put my finger in the mark of the nails, and if I do not put my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were back in the house, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came behind closed doors, and stood in the midst of them, and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Hold out your finger here and see my hands; hold out your hand and put it in my side; and not to be unbelieving, but believing."

Faith is an action

Jom 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."

When faith comes, it moves us to action in obedience to God's Word.

When Jesus spoke to people in need of healing, He gave them an action to perform. "Stretch out your hand." Grab your bed and walk. "

Faith - A Way of Life

Faith is to be a way of life, not a "means" to be used to force God to give us what we desire, but it is a gift from God to accomplish His purposes for our lives. The apostle Paul exhorted us to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). In Hebrews it is written: *the righteous shall live by faith...* (Heb 10:38). Up to the time of salvation, the human spirit within us

was dead (or dormant), but at salvation our spirit was vivified or regenerated. We have received a new nature: a spiritual person. God created man as a triune being, that is, composed of three elements. The apostle Paul wrote:

1 Thess 5:23 "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely; and let your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are a spirit (spiritual heart), we have a soul (spiritual mind) and we inhabit a body (flesh). Notice the order Paul used: first the spirit, then the soul and then the body, the mind listens to what the spirit says, and then the body will do what the mind says. To be powerful believers, our spirits must subdue the mind and body. Time and again the apostle Paul exhorted his brothers:

Rom 8:9 "But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God truly dwells in you." If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.

And in Corinthians he wrote:

1 Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that comes from God, that we may know the things that God has given us;

The Great Examples of Faith

Abraham - the father of faith

Let us consider Abraham's four passages of faith, which also apply to us today:

Abraham listened to God - "I will make you the father of many nations." (Ge 13:14-17)

Our faith must also be based on listening to God.

Abraham believed and continued to believe that word year after year. (Ge 15:1-6)

We must believe that his Word will come to pass for us.

He refused to look at natural circumstances. (Ge 15:6)

We must do the same.

He began to praise God before the answer became reality. (Ge 13:18)

We need to be strengthened in our faith to give "glory to God," praising God when He gives us His word, and not wait for the fulfillment of that word to praise Him.

Where did Abraham's faith come from?

Abraham had great periods of victory, but also times of failure; the fact that God mentioned failures as well as times of victory shows us that Abraham was not perfect, he was a human being just like us, and yet, his faith grew to the point that he became the father of faith. Abraham, like Elijah and all the great men and women of faith in the Old Testament, had to learn to walk by faith and not by sight. Jom 5:17 Elijah was a man subject to our own passions, ...

Abraham obeyed God, and God changed Abraham's name and gave him an order along with promises for the future. Abraham listened and obeyed, without questioning or complaining, packed up, left his people, and left.

Ge 12:1-4 "The Lord said to Abraham, 'Go away from your land, from your relatives, and from your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you; I will make you a great nation, I will bless you and make your name great, and you will be a source of blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.'" Abraham departed, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abraham was seventy-five years old when he left Canaan.

He knew God, he is the only man in the Bible to be called a friend of God.

Jom 2:23 Thus was fulfilled the Scripture which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned upon him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

He worshipped, built altars, and made sacrifices to God

He built the first altar

Ge 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abraham, and said, I will give this land unto thy descendants. There Abraham built an altar to the Lord who had appeared to him.

He paid his tithing voluntarily (it is not a dogma)

Ge 14:18-20 Melchizedek king of Salem caused bread and wine to be brought. He was a priest of the Most High God. He blessed Abraham, saying, "Blessed be Abraham of the Most High God, Lord of the heavens and the earth! Blessed be the Most High God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abraham gave him a tenth of everything.

He made sacrifices

Ge 15:8-9 Abraham asked, "God, the Lord, by what can I know that I shall possess it?" The LORD answered him, "Take me a heifer that is three years old, a goat that is three years old, a ram that is three years old, a turtle-dove and a pigeon."

He acted as an intercessor for Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge 18)

He was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac (Ge 22)

Abraham believed in God and received his promised son, Isaac. Even when God told him to sacrifice his son, he obeyed. Our faith, like Abraham's, will grow each day as we leave the natural and move into the supernatural by the Spirit of God.

Moses, the General of Faith

In Hebrews we find another fantastic example of faith, Moses' parents were not afraid of what Pharaoh could do.

Heb 11:23 "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months from his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict."

Moses had placed his faith in God's promises, and because of this, he gave up his position and riches to serve God. After passing forty years in the wilderness, when God spoke to him, he was not afraid to face Pharaoh, he asked for freedom for his people, then he led his people for over forty years, walking with God by faith, to give them food, water and protection.

Heb 11:24-26 "By faith Moses became great, and refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, preferring to be ill-treated with God's people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time; esteeming the outrages

of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he had his eyes fixed on the reward.

He celebrated Passover

Heb 11:28 "By faith he kept the Passover, and sprinkled the blood, that the exterminator of the firstborn should not touch those of the Israelites."

They passed through the Red Sea

Heb 11:29 "By faith they crossed the Red Sea on dry land, while the Egyptians who tried to do the same thing were swallowed up.

Moses Knew God

God said that Moses was the humblest man on earth and that he spoke with him face to face.

Nu 12:3,6-8 "And Moses was a very humble man, more than any other man on the face of the earth. The LORD said, "Hear my words now; if there is any prophet among you, I, the Lord, make myself known to him in vision, I speak with him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses, who is faithful throughout my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly, and not by means of enigmas; he sees the likeness of the Lord...

Job - perseverance in faith

An example of perseverance in faith is that of Job:

Job 13:15 Behold, let him kill me. Oh, I'll keep hoping. Only I will defend my behavior to his face!

And what a wonderful statement of faith we find:

Job 19:23,27 "Oh, if only my words were written! If they were imprinted in a book! If with the chisel of iron and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! But I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will rise on the dust. And when, after my skin, this body is destroyed, without my flesh, I will see God. I will see it favorable to me; my eyes will behold it, not those of another; my heart, from desire, is consumed!

Job 23:11-12 My foot has faithfully followed in his footsteps, I have

kept on its way without deviating; I have not turned aside from the commandments of his lips, I have kept in my heart the words of his mouth.

Job believed in God regardless of his circumstances.

Other Old Testament Examples of Faith

Enoch (saved by grace)

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was caught up that he might not see death; and he was never found, because God had taken him away; in fact, before he was taken away he had the testimony that he had been pleasing to God.

Noah (saved by grace together with his family, 8 people)

Heb 11:7 "By faith Noah, who was warned by God of things not yet seen, prepared an ark for the salvation of his family with godly fear; by his faith he condemned the world and was made heir to the righteousness that comes through faith.

Judges, Kings and Prophets

Heb 11:32-34 "What more shall I say? For I would lack time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, practiced righteousness, obtained the fulfillment of promises, shut the jaws of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, healed infirmities, became strong in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Heb 11:13 "All these died in the faith, not receiving the things promised, but they saw them and greeted them from afar, confessing that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth."

The early church

Heb 11:35-40 "There were women who got their dead by resurrection; others were tortured because they did not accept their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection; others were put to the test with mockery, whipping, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawn, killed by the sword; they went around covered with sheepskins and goatskins; needy, afflicted, mistreated (the world was not worthy of them), wandering through deserts, mountains, caves and caves of the earth. All of these, though they had a good witness for their faith, did not get what was

promised. Because God had something better in sight for us, so that they would not come to perfection without us.

We have to finish the race

Heb 12:1-3 "We also, therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a

In the midst of a host of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden and the sin that so easily envelops us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is proposed to us, fixing our gaze on Jesus, the one who creates faith and makes it perfect. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, despising infamy, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider, therefore, the one who has endured such hostility against his person on the part of sinners, lest you grow weary and lose heart.

Receiving God's Promises Through Faith

God's Word is full of promises that belong to all believers, however, in order to receive the benefits of these promises, we must meet certain conditions based on God's Word. Many who according to God's Word are already blessed with prosperity and health live in poverty, sickness, or pain in their bodies because six basic elements of faith are not a reality in their lives. Through these six basic elements of faith, each believer can receive and experience all the benefits of the promises found in God's Word.

The six basic elements of faith are:

Finding out what belongs to us

Asking the Father

Believe and get

Declare in Faith

Acting in faith

Persevering in the Faith

Knowing what belongs to us

God has already blessed us with everything we need to live an abundant, victorious and healthy life on this earth, these blessings already belong to us, they already exist in heaven.

Eph 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

Asking the Father

However, to receive these blessings, we must not only know them but we must ask the Father for them.

Jn 16:23-24 ... Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

Mt 7:8 For everyone who asks receives;

Believe and get

Mr 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believe that you have received them, and you will get them.

Declare in Faith

Our words are important, what we proclaim is a declaration of faith in what we believe or what we believe we receive.

Mr 11:23 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou destitute from there, and cast thyself into the sea, if he doubteth not in his heart, but thinketh that what he saith shall come to pass, it shall be done unto him.

Acting in faith

Our actions must be in accordance with what we say and believe. Faith without corresponding actions is dead.

Jom 2:17 "So it is with faith; if it has no works, it is dead to itself.

If it is faith, there will be actions of absolute obedience.

Jm 1:22,25 ... Put the word into practice and do not just listen to it, deceiving yourselves. But he who looks intently into the perfect law, that is, into the law of liberty, and perseveres in it, will not be forgetful listeners but one who puts it into practice; he will be happy in his work.

Persevering in the Faith

Not all things manifest themselves immediately, so we must persevere in faith. Patience is the ability to endure on the basis of our absolute trust in God and his Word.

Heb 10:23 "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope, not wavering; for faithful is he who made the promises.

Many times those who believed God's Word to receive healing in their bodies were disappointed that they did not see the immediate manifestation of that healing, losing their confidence, thinking that nothing had happened. One must remain hopeful because there are times when the manifestation comes instantaneously as a "miracle", while there are times when the manifestation of healing occurs progressively.

Become a warrior of faith

Paul wrote:

Eph 6:13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand in the evil day, and stand after you have done all your duty."

1 Tim 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and for which you made that beautiful confession of faith in the presence of many witnesses."

We can only win by using our spiritual weapons of faith, faith can conquer every stronghold of the enemy.

2 Co 10:4-5 "For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but have power from God to destroy strongholds, for we tear down reasoning and everything that proudly exalts itself against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive until it is obedient to Christ;

We need to praise God before we see our answer and be in a moment of joyful expectation, this is real faith. One of the most remarkable stories in the Bible that shows us the benefits of praising before receiving the answer is found in:

2 Chr 20:15-23 "Jaaziel said, 'Incline your ear, all you of Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus saith the LORD, Fear not, be ye not in dismay because of this great multitude; for this is not your battle, but God's..... You will not be the one to fight this battle: show up, hold still, and you will see the liberation that the Lord will give

you. O Judah, O Jerusalem, do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow, go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.'" Then Jehoshaphat bowed his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed down before the LORD and worshipped him. The Levites among the children of the Kohathites and among the children of the Corakites arose to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice. The next morning they got up early and set out for the desert of Tekoa; As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be safe; believe his prophets, and you will triumph!" And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed singers, who, clothed in sacred garments, should sing the praises of the LORD, and walking at the head of the army, say, "Praise the LORD, for his goodness endures forever." As soon as the songs of joy and praise began, the LORD laid an ambush against the sons of Ammon and Moab, and against those of Mount Seir that had come against Judah; and they were defeated. The sons of Ammon and Moab attacked the inhabitants of Mount Seir to destroy them and destroy them; and when they had annihilated the inhabitants of Seir, they began to destroy each other.

They began to praise him, and the Lord gave them victory, and their enemies destroyed each other, and Israel did not even have to fight! The

battle was in the spirit realm.

The enemies of the faith

There are many enemies of faith in the area of our emotions and actions. Understanding these enemies and figuring out how to defeat them is a key to living in victory. The enemies of our faith come through many entrances, when the Holy Spirit reveals some of these areas in our lives, we must confess our sins and receive forgiveness. So we need to build strongholds in our minds against these problem areas through the revelation of the Word. The first enemies of faith have to do with the emotional realm. We need to align our emotions with God's word.

Emotions - submitting emotions to the Word of God

Fear

If we allow fear to take over, it will prevent us from having the faith necessary to do God's will. The Greek word for fear means: "to be intimidated by the enemy, to be in terror, terror and flight." We cannot walk in faith and fear at the same time. Faith and fear are both information-based. Faith is founded on our knowledge of God's Word. Fear, on the other hand, is received from information through our natural senses, from bad relationships and intimidation by the enemy.

Solution

We find the phrase "fear not" used more than a hundred times in God's Word. When fear tries to enter, we should agree with the apostle Paul when he wrote:

2 Tim 1:7 For God has given us a spirit, not of timidity, but of strength, of love, and of self-control.

We must resist the spirit of fear, order it to go away in the name of Jesus, and declare our faith through God's Word.

Heb 13:6 "So we can say with full confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"

Ps 56:11 "In God I trust, and I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

And we must hold fast to his love.

1 Jn 4:18 "In love there is no fear; indeed, perfect love chases away fear..."

Feelings of unworthiness, guilt

Guilt, condemnation and feelings of unworthiness are great enemies of our faith. Many are plagued by constant thoughts of accusations from the enemy. As long as we allow feelings of unworthiness to dominate us, we will not have strong faith.

Rev 12:10 ... the accuser of our brethren, he who accused them day and night before our God.

Solution

These accusations of the enemy are thoughts and imaginations that must be rejected.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 ... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but have power from God to destroy strongholds, for we demolish reasoning and everything that proudly exalts itself against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive until it becomes obedient to Christ;

2 Corinthians 5:21 "He who knew no sin, he made sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

Rom 8:1-2 "Therefore there is no longer any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has delivered me from the law of sin and death."

Now, we must experience the full certainty of faith.

Heb 10:22 "Let us approach with a sincere heart and with full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled with that sprinkling which cleanses them from a bad conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

Through God's Word spoken in faith, we will gain a sense of worthiness.

Lack of forgiveness

If we feel bitterness, resentment, sorrow, and unforgiveness in our hearts, we will always have doubt and unbelief. Not forgiving others separates us from God, and there is no faith if we are separate from God. Marco wrote:

Mr 11:25-26 "When you begin to pray, if you have anything against anyone, forgive; so that your Father who is in heaven may forgive you your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Solution

Mt 6:14-15 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Remember, it's not that people deserve to be forgiven, even if there are asked to be forgiven. Forgiveness is an act of our will, we choose to forgive, and that act of obedience will set us free.

Cl 3:13 "Bear with one another, and forgive one another, if one has grievance for another." As the Lord has forgiven you, so do you.

Feeling of offense

We have an example of the apostles who on that occasion, while their faith was being tested, felt offended and accused Jesus of not caring for their lives. Even today there are many believers who say like the disciples: "God, don't you care about the desperate situation I am in?"

Mr 4:36-40 And the disciples dismissed the crowd and took him in the boat as he was. There were other boats with him. And then a great storm of wind arose, which threw the waves into the boat, so that it was already filled. He was sleeping on the pillow at the stern. The disciples woke him up and said to him, "Master, do you not care that we die?" When he awoke, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent, you calmati!" The wind stopped and it became very calm. He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? Do you still not have faith?"

Solution

The trials of life are opportunities to grow in faith, the answer is: instead of letting ourselves be overcome by the feeling of offense, let's take the opportunity to make our faith act.

Heart hardness

Withdrawing into oneself, being cynical or skeptical are symptoms of a hard heart; Many people have had the opportunity to be hurt, rejected and offended; We have heard so many times: "I prayed and nothing happened;" These people build walls around their feelings to protect themselves and not hurt themselves again. But these walls are also walls that separate us from God and from others.

Solution

The answer is to tear down these walls or obstacles and allow God to soften the heart through forgiveness.

Eze 18:31 "Cast away from you all your transgressions for which you have sinned; make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit;

Ps 51:10 "O God, create in me a pure heart, and renew within me a steadfast spirit."

Doubt and disbelief

Doubt and unbelief are very similar and are two of the strongest enemies of our faith. They come from ignorance and work through the natural senses, for example: if I don't see, I don't believe, or they look at the circumstance or problem of the moment.

Hos 4:6 My people perish for lack of knowledge.

Solution

Our minds must be renewed by the revelation of God's Word.

Rom 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may know by experience what the will of God is, the good, the pleasing and perfect will.

Disobedience

Saul

An example of disobedience was King Saul who, instead of obeying God, did what the people wanted.

1 Sa 15:18-22 "The Lord gave you a mission, saying, Go, and destroy those sinners of the Amalekites, and make war against them until they are cut off." Why, then, hast thou not obeyed the voice of the Lord? Why hast thou fallen upon the spoils, and done evil in the sight of the Lord?" Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, I have fulfilled the mission which the Lord gave me, I have brought Agag, king of Amalek, hither, and I have destroyed the Amalekites; but the people took sheep and oxen from among the spoils as the first fruits of that which was to be cut off, to make sacrifices to the LORD your God to Gilgal." Samuel said, "Does the Lord like burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as obeying his voice? No, obedience is better than sacrifice, listening is worth more than the fat of rams;

The Children of Israel

When the ten spies returned with a negative report that discouraged God's people from fighting, the children of Israel refused to believe in God's power to conquer the lands they were supposed to own. Yet they had experienced His power in the plagues of Egypt, the parting of the waters of the Red Sea, and the other miraculous signs in the wilderness; for their refusal they all died in the desert.

Heb 4:6 "For it appears that some must enter into it, and those to whom the good news was first announced, they did not enter it because of their disobedience,

Solution

We can't disobey God in one area of our lives, and live in faith in others, we can't blame others either. The answer to disobedience is for us to confess our sins so God can forgive them.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Let's make a decision and we also say:

Jos 24:24 ... "The Lord our God is the one we will serve, and his voice we will obey!"

Overcoming the enemies of the faith

There are two keys that Jesus taught about how to deal with the enemies of our faith.

Fasting

Fasting, when chosen by God, can be a time of denial in order to move more freely in the realm of our spiritual senses.

Prayer

Prayer, together with reading and meditating on the Word, is the moment in which we can better listen to the voice of God. When the disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast out the demon from the epileptic boy, Jesus said it was because of their unbelief.

Mt 17:20 And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief;

In the next verse, he emphasized the importance of prayer (communion with God) and fasting as keys to dealing with unbelief in our lives.

Mt 17:21 "Now this kind of demons does not come out except by prayer and fasting."

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.