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Lesson 4

The Importance of Faith

Read Hebrews 11:6. This verse lists 2 things that are necessary to please God. Write them in the spaces below.

The definition of faith is belief, but a more thorough definition is given in Hebrews 11:1. What is the definition?

According to this verse, faith is not something futuristic but is _____.

Read Mark 11:24. Jesus is instructing on how to receive from God through faith and prayer. He states that we should believe we receive what we are praying for when?

- a. when it arrives
- b. when we pray
- c. when we figure out a way it could arrive

In 2 Peter 1:2-3 we find that God has already given us something, what is it?

2 Peter 1:4 says that we also have been given what?

According to Biblical scholars there are more than 7000 promises in the Bible. Praise God for His promises!! We need to *believe* that we have them and receive them by faith *now* before we have them in our possession. Thank Him and praise Him for them before you see it with your eyes.

2 Corinthians 5:7 says that we walk by _____

not by _____.

Read Romans 1:17. This verse tells us that the just will _____

by _____.

We have established that faith is important, but how do we get it?

According to Romans 12:3, each of us is given what?

Read Romans 10:17. How does faith come?

So, to increase the faith you have been given, what do you need to do?

John 15:7 says it another way. In order to receive what we ask for what needs to happen?

We have learned the importance of faith and how to make it grow. Now we are going to learn how it works.

Read Romans 10:8-10. We must _____ with our

_____ and _____ with our

_____.

You read Romans 10:9 in the first lesson of Stepping Stones. It is with a heart/mouth confession that we receive salvation and that word saved, as written in the original language of Greek, means more than just becoming a Christian. It means: to save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole. As you read earlier in this lesson (Romans 1:17) we live by faith and getting that faith to work is using the heart/mouth confession. Let's take a look at this heart/mouth confession.

Believe in Your Heart

Mark 9:20-27 is an account of a man who brought his son to Jesus to be delivered of an evil spirit.

In verse 23 what does Jesus say about one who believes?

In Matthew 9:27-30 two blind men wanted to be healed by Jesus.

Jesus asked them what?

He then said, "According to your _____ be it unto you."

When we ask God for something James 1:6-7 gives us important instruction. We are to ask in _____ and not doubt in our heart.

The one who doubts is compared to the sea which is driven and tossed by the wind. The wind can be compared to our circumstances.

2 Corinthians 4:18 tells us that:

Our circumstances or what we see,

are _____

and what we don't see is _____.

If we do not believe in our hearts, then our circumstances will be able to shake our faith in the truth of God's word. God's word is the final truth and is eternal; circumstances are temporal, or subject to change.

An example of circumstances shaking someone's faith is found in Matthew 14:22-31. As you read it, pay close attention to what happens to Peter.

Jesus spoke to Peter as he walked on the water toward the boat the disciples were in. What one word did Jesus give to Peter?

Once Peter received that word, he stepped out of the boat. Faith was in his heart because he saw Jesus walk on the water and because of that one word he received and so he was able to do the impossible.

In verse 30 Peter's faith was challenged. He took his eyes off Jesus and saw what?

The result of what he saw was that he became _____ and

began to _____.

To help our faith we need to keep our eyes on _____ and what He promised and not on our circumstances.

Confess with Your Mouth

According to 2 Corinthians 4:13 what we believe determines what we

_____.

Read Joshua 1:8.

The book of the law (God's word) is not to depart out of our _____. If we continually speak God's word, meditate on it and do what it says then our way will be

_____ and we'll have good _____.

Jesus gave a great compliment to a Roman Centurion soldier in Matthew 8:5-10. He said that the Centurion soldier's faith was the greatest faith that he had found in all of Israel. What did the Centurion do to deserve such a compliment?

The centurion told Jesus it was not necessary for Jesus to go to his home to heal his servant but that if Jesus would _____ the word only, his servant would be healed.

Read Romans 10:17 again. We already learned that faith comes by hearing. As you speak out God's word with your mouth your ears are hearing it. To help your faith, confessing it is important.

Power of the Heart/Mouth Confession

Mark 5:21-43 tells the account of two people who received miracles from Jesus.

In verse 28 what did the woman say?

What did Jesus tell her in verse 34?

In verse 36 what did Jesus tell the man whose daughter had died?

Read Mark 11:22-24. If we _____ to the mountain to be cast into the sea and _____ in our hearts that it will come to pass, it will be done for us.

God's Many Promises

Read Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 26:3 and Psalm 91:1-12 to discover some of God's promises for you.

According to Hebrews 6:12 how do we inherit God's promises?

Recommended reading:

Faith can Change Your World
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