

THE BASICS OF ACCESSING THE WILL OF GOD

Faith is... “Insight from God” (Depicting communion and intimacy)

- ❖ The word “know” (that I may ‘know’ Him) – in the same sense that Adam knew Eve
 - “Know” – The weightiness (***Kabod***) of God’s personage and His attributes laid upon you in an intimate way – as husband lies upon his wife (to the pure all things are pure) an explosive encounter! And they reproduce!
- ❖ You can have the Holy Spirit in you but not resting upon you! The Holy Spirit desires to burst out of you, where the inward dwelling overshadows you to the point of eternal awareness.
 - Comforter, Helper – ***Paraclete***:
 - One called along-side together with against. One called along-side a needy person in time of need.
 - One who will aggressively rise up as an angry, dangerous person and will come against your infirmity and weakness.
 - “Rushing mighty wind” (Storm) – ***Fiero*** - Hurricane Harvey!

Faith is... “Agreement with God” (One accord, harmony, acceptance, assent)

- ❖ Wholeheartedly acknowledging what God said is true – unequivocally **BELIEVING!**
 - ***Sumphoneo*** – (Sum – with / Phoneo – to make a sound)
 - Symphony – It is made up of different movements, instruments, and parts in concert, working together simultaneously
 - In the context of prayer, when two believers get in agreement, it creates a supernatural, harmonious movement that touches the heart of the Father, so much that Jesus said it would result in the Father fulfilling any issue (in line with His will) that they addressed in prayer!

Faith is... “Obedience to God” (Acting on, in line, or in accord with His Word) – this is the landing gate

- ❖ Doing the Word of God based on your insight, coupled with your agreement

The culmination and conclusion of your faith (Matthew 7:24-27)

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- ❖ Hebrews 11:1 – “Now **faith** is the **substance** of **things hoped** for and the **evidence** of things not seen.”
 - **Substance – *Hupostasis***:

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- A setting or placing under – a thing put under, substructure, foundation
- That which has foundation, is firm:
 - That which has actual existence
 - The substantial quality, nature of a person or thing
 - The steadfastness of mind, firmness, courage, resolution, fortitude (confidence, firm trust, assurance)
- **Hoped – *Elpizo* (from *Elpis* – expectation of good)**
 - Hope: The desire and confident expectation, birthed by the Spirit of God, supported by the Word of God
- **Evidence – *Elegchos* (conviction, proof, evidence)**
 - A proof
 - That by which a thing is proven or tested
 - Automobiles and consumer goods are tested, not to fail, but to prove their ability to last/hold up under pressure.
 - God proves, not to see what you will do (because He knows all things), but to convince, fully persuade, and prove to you that you have and are all that He has ordained
- **Thing –**
 - ***Debar*** (Hebrew) – Word
 - “Is anything too hard for God?”
 - ***Pragma*** (Greek) – that which has been done, a deed, an accomplished fact
 - that which is or exists, a thing

Faith is... “Now”

❖ **Faith is the substance and evidence and it is always NOW! We, by or along with our faith, live in the “Eternal Now”!**

- Sometimes people keep putting off things God promised/provided until some later date. But Jesus taught:

“...What things so ever your desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.” (Mark 11:24)
- When are you going to receive what you ask in prayer?
 - When you receive an answer/see the physical manifestation?
 - When you pray?
- Do you believe you receive when you pray?

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(Hebrews 11:6) – “But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is (exists) and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

- Faith that is in the now is the substance of things.
- When people say, “I believe God’s going to do it sometime,” that is out in the future.
- You have the very substance (proof) of it, but not the manifestation. Faith (belief and hope in the Word of God) is the raw material which will produce or cause the manifestation of the desired thing (Debar – word/Pragma – that which is or exists).

❖ What things is faith the substance of?

- All things that have been given to us by promise!

❖ Who has faith?

(2 Peter 1:1) – “Simon Peter, a servant and Apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ....”

- **“Like precious faith”**
 - Peter is writing to “...them that have obtained...”
 - If you have obtained “like precious faith” or the same faith in Jesus Christ that these men had; then, Peter is writing you and me!
- **The measure of faith**
 - **Romans 12:3** - the measure (Container of faith)

❖ How does faith come?

- **Faith comes by Hearing**

John 17

2 Peter 1:2 – “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.”

- Grace – God’s willingness / ability to help, pour out His goodness
- Peace – Shalom (Hebrew) / Eirene (Greek) – wholeness, nothing missing or broken in your life
- Most people believe God is able, but are not sure if He is willing to do for them now. Will He act on their behalf? They are strong in believing He can, but weak in believing He wants to or will. This get’s back to being unskilled in the Word of righteousness.