

# Faith and God's Word

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“It is faith that connects us with heaven, and brings us strength for coping with the powers of darkness. In Christ, God has provided means for subduing every sinful trait, and resisting every temptation, however strong. But many feel that they lack faith, and therefore they remain away from Christ. Let these souls, in their helpless unworthiness; cast themselves upon the mercy of their compassionate Savior. Look not to self, but to Christ. He who healed the sick and cast out demons when he walked among men is the same mighty Redeemer today. Faith comes by the word of God.” (Desire of Ages, p. 429)

“Faith looks beyond the difficulties, and lays hold of the unseen, even Omnipotence, therefore it cannot be baffled. Faith is the clasping of the hand of Christ in every emergency.” (Gospel Workers, p. 262)

***“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, mercy shall be built up for ever: Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.” (Psalm 89: 1, 2 KJV)***

***“And Jesus answered them, Truly I say to you, if you have faith (a firm relying trust) and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, be taken up and cast into the sea, it will be done. And what ever you ask for in prayer, having faith and (really) believing, you will receive.” (Matthew 21: 21, 22 Amplified Bible)***

“The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. Through the exercise of faith the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed.” (Acts of the Apostles, p. 564)

“Faith is trusting in God—believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our best good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness.” (Education, p. 253)

***“Therefore, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us (grasp the fact that we) have the (peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy) peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One.)” (Romans 5:1-3, Amplified Bible)***

***“Faith comes by hearing (what is told), and what is heard comes by the preaching (of the message that came from the lips) of Christ (the Messiah Himself).”***  
*(Romans 10:17 Amplified Bible)*

***“Faith is the living power that presses through every barrier, overrides all obstacles and plants it’s banner in the heart of the enemy’s camp. God will do marvelous things for those who trust in Him.”*** (Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 163)

***“How I wish that we might all believe in the promises of God....We are not to look into our hearts for a joyful emotion as an evidence of our acceptance with heaven, but we are to take God’s promises and say, “They are mine. The Lord is letting His Holy Spirit rest upon me. I am receiving the light; for the promise is, ‘Believe that ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them.’ By faith I reach within the veil and lay hold of Christ, my strength. I thank God that I have a Savior.”*** (*Signs of the Times, March 25, 1889*)

***“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”*** (Luke 22:32 KJV)

***“Faith is the substance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen.”***  
*(Hebrews 11:1) (Greek for Hope is eager expectation)*

***“As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. (He was appointed our father) in the sight of God in Whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that (He has foretold and promised) as if they (already) existed.”*** (Romans 4:17, Amplified Bible)

***“Without faith we cannot please God.”*** (Hebrews 11:6)  
***“If we do not believe what God says we regard Him as a liar.”*** (1John 5:10)

***“Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith and confirms (his salvation. The Scripture says, No man who believes in Him (who adheres to, relies on, and trusts in Him) will (ever) be put to shame or be disappointed.”*** (Romans 10:9-11).

Through the **transforming power of God’s Living Word**, and **through faith** that God is faithful to his promises, we can be changed into His likeness, know His will for our lives and live His Kingdom purpose as we serve, intercede and incorporate the reality of His Word into our lives.

***“His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2 Peter 1:3,4 NKJV)***

***“.....you have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it. (Jeremiah 1:12 Amplified Bible)***

***“So shall my word be that goes forth from My mouth: it shall not return to Me void (without producing any effect, useless) but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:1, Amplified Bible)***

### ***Reflection***

1. Prayer and faith go hand in hand. Can you explain why?
2. Describe what faith is to you and how you might be changed as you confess His promises over your life or the life of the one for which you are interceding.
3. There is power in speaking the Words of God regarding my life or circumstances over my life. Even as I intercede, I can speak God’s words over the lives of those I pray for and the circumstances that God has put on my heart. As I speak (confess) His Word my faith will be increased because hearing myself repeat the wonderful promises that God has given me helps me receive what God wants to give me, or do for me.
4. Put your name or the name of the individual or circumstance into the promise as God gives it to you.
5. How do trials grow your faith?