

## LIFE OF FAITH

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### **Lesson 2. THE POWER OF FAITH**

#### **(a) EFFECTS OF FAITH**

##### **(1) SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM**

*MAT 6:33 NIV But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

##### **(2) GOD MEETS NEEDS OF THOSE WHO GIVE**

*PHI 4:19 NIV And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

##### **(I) SAVE SOULS & PURIFY HEARTS**

*ACT 15:19 NIV "It is my judgement, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.*

##### **(II) HOLY GHOST FILLING AND GIFTS**

*GAL 3:14 NIV He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

*ROM 12:6 NIV We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.*

##### **(III) SERVANTS TO SONS**

*GAL 3:25 NIV Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. 26 you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,*

##### **(IV) HEAL SICK BODIES**

*MAR 16:17 NIV And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

##### **(V) WARD OFF SATAN**

*EPH 6:16 NIV In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

##### **(vi) CONTROL ELEMENTS OF NATURE**

*Disciples could have stilled a storm in Luke 8*

#### **(b) ENERGY OF FAITH IS DIVINE**

**(i) MIRACLES BASIS FOR FAITH...1CO 2:5 NIV so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.**

##### **(ii) CHILDLIKE TRUST**

*MAT 18:3 NIV And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

##### **(iii) DEATH TO SELF LIFE FOLLOWS;**

*GAL 2:20 NIV I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

**(CF: DEATH TO SELF-LIFE not in Solomon who started well as child**

*1KI 3:7 NIV "Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.*

**(c) ENEMIES of faith**

**(i) WORRY ABOUT MATERIAL SECURITY**

**MAT 6:30** NIV *If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

**(ii) CONTINUALLY FEARFUL**

**MAT 8:20** NIV *Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

**(iii) DIVIDED ATTENTION**

**MAT 14:31** NIV *Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"*

**(iv) RICH SNOBS**

**JAM 2:1** NIV *My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favouritism.*

**( RICHES ATTACK TRUST IN GOD**

**MAT 19:23** NIV *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.*

**(v) SIN ON CONSCIENCE**

**1TI 1:19** NIV *holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.*

**(d) EXALTATION OF FAITH**

**(i) IGNORANT HEATHEN**

**CF Centurion MAT 8:10** NIV *When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.*

**GAL 3:8** NIV *The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."*

**(ii) USING THEIR SMALL FAITH TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS**

**MAT 17:20** NIV *He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. "*

**CF. SHOWN IN HEALING EPILEPTIC**

**MAR 9:19** NIV *"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."<sup>20</sup> So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.<sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered.*

**MAR 9:22** NIV *"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."<sup>23</sup> " 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*

**MAR 9:24** <sup>25</sup> *When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."*

**(iii) OUTSIDERS WITH LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS**

**MAR 2:5** NIV *When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

**(iv) Those with small office in the Church**

**STEPHEN**

**ACT 6:8** NIV *Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.*

**(e) EXAMPLE OF CHRIST**

**(i) Poor upbringing**

LEV 5:11 NIV "*If, however, he cannot afford two doves or two young pigeons, he is to bring as an offering for his sin a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering. He must not put oil or incense on it, because it is a sin offering.*

LUK 2:24 NIV *and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."*

**(ii) PENNILESS PURSE**

MAT 22:19 NIV *Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius,*

**(iii) RELIED ON FATHER for everything**

JOH 5:19 NIV *Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*

**(iv) ENTRUSTED BODY & SOUL TO GOD**

1PE 4:13 NIV *But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.<sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

**EXERCISE No 2**

**1. GIVE SOME BIBLE EXAMPLES OF WEAK MEN WITH STRONG FAITH FROM :**

(a) Genesis 22:8 (b) Joshua 14:12 (c) 1 Samuel 14:6 (d) Judges 6:15-16 (e) 2 Chronicles 20:12. (Use any facts you may know about these people from the rest of Scripture)

**2. GIVE BIBLE EXAMPLES OF STRONG MEN WITH WEAK FAITH FROM :**

(a) Genesis 19: 16, 19, (b) 2 Kings 7:2 (c) Numbers 11:21 (d) Luke 1:20 (e) Luke 14:11. (Add in your own words, the Scriptural background details to these failures in faith)

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