

Faith in Troubled Times

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Faith is 100% based on God's Word, and therefore is not intimidated by what circumstances may be happening around us.

Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1 - Faith comes from the Word of God. The source of faith is God's Word.

Faith assumes God's Word is sufficient evidence for truth, regardless of what our physical senses tell us (2 Corinthians 4:18, 5:7). Faith does not rely on our physical senses to confirm truth. Truth is confirmed by what God's Word says about a matter. Once our physical senses confirm a fact that we are hoping for, faith is no longer needed for that issue. Faith is only needed when we do not possess what we hope for.

Romans 4:17 - Abraham is cited as the father of our faith. Abraham believed what was naturally impossible, he believed in God's promise. God makes alive that which is dead. God speaks things into existence.

Through faith God spoke this world into existence.
- Hebrews 11:3

The invisible Word of God created what we can see, this physical world. The Word of God is the creator, the master. Physical things are created

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by, and therefore subject to, the spiritual Word of God. We also know God's Word is eternal (Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 1:23-25).

Faith speaks God's spiritual, living Words, knowing that the Words contain God's creative power to change our physical world.

2 Corinthians 4:13 - The 'spirit of faith' believes God's promises in our heart and then declares those promises are true in our lives. Through teaching us to speak Words of faith God equipping us with supernatural power.

- Mark 11:23

Christian faith believes God's promises, and then speaks that Word of God to the obstacles (devils, circumstances, storms) which are trying to stop the blessing of God from coming into our lives.

So Abraham... ***against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be*** - Romans 4:18

Abraham believed what God had spoken even though it seemed impossible in the natural - Romans 4:19

Weak faith looks at the circumstances. Strong faith does not consider (observe fully) the natural facts, it considers God's promise as truth which is able to change the current facts - Romans 4:20

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Do not withdraw from what God has promised. Do not hesitate, doubt, waver, or only partially agree with what God has promised. Rather praise and worship the Lord as if you already have the promise, you have the evidence of it... in the Word of God (Mark 11:24)

Romans 4:21 - Abraham was completely convinced that God had the power and will to execute what He had promised. Abraham knew God was not a liar.

In troubled or difficult times we need to exercise more faith, as our senses are being bombarded with negative reports which bring fear rather than faith. Our number one enemy is fear, or doubt. So we need to increase our focus on the promises of God. We need to increase our meditation, as meditation is the process which brings faith. Effective meditation is the repetitive verbal saying of God's promises until the promises impact our imagination and emotions, ultimately establishing our heart in God's covenant promises.

Meditation is the process of planting, watering, protecting, and growing the seeds of God's promises in our heart.

- Mark 4:26

The planting of God's Word in our heart is how we activate the power of God's kingdom. This is what Jesus meant when he said: ***seek ye first the***

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kingdom of God, and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Jesus knew that the Word would produce the faith to cause the supernatural power of God to change our world. That is why Jesus confidently assures us: ***and all these things*** (food and clothes = money) ***shall be added unto you*** (Matthew 6:33).

In troubled times we need to allow our imagination to be more captivated with the promises in God's Word than the news reports. Our emotions should be dominated by the imagination of God's promises (2 Corinthians 1:20). We should not be moved by the words (news reports) of this world, but rather we should be moved by the Words from heaven (Colossians 3:1-3).

Through steadfast attention to God's promises, by daily meditation, we create an environment of faith in our heart which will cause us to inherit the promises of God, even in troubled times - Hebrews 6:12

We need to patiently endure when circumstances are contrary to the promises we believe. Over time, as we stay in faith, the circumstances will conform to God's Word. The divine nature of God is not subject to human limitations and troubles. As we diligently align our heart with the Lord's covenant promises, we will experience the supernatural power of God's divine nature - 2 Peter 1:3-4

God desires us to experience His divine nature in every part of our lives. This is the fulfilling of His covenant promises in our lives, as we exercise faith in His promises.

Be fearless in the face of the storm (Mark 4:35-41)