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What is Faith?

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I. What is Faith? Hebrews 11:1

II. What is the Measure of Faith? Romans 12:3

III. Elements of Saving Faith

A. **Knowledge** - Romans 10:1

B. **Conviction** (*means to know something and then to be persuaded that it is true.*)

C. **Commitment** (*the active part of faith*) – 2 Corinthians 5:7

D. **We can find all three elements of faith in one verse:** 2 Timothy 1:12

IV. What is Strong Faith? Luke 17:5

A. Faith relies upon God's faithful Word and His promises, regardless of the current circumstances. Strong faith is not having faith in faith. It is having faith in God.

B. From the account of the centurion, there are four important principles which we learn about great faith: Matthew 8:5

1. Great faith begins as a follower of Christ, knowing him personally, realizing his divine authority.

2. The motives of great faith are pure, and are in harmony with the will of God.

3. The scriptures clearly indicate that God answers those prayers which are in accordance to His will, not just our own. To have faith's assurance for the desired results of our prayers, our requests must be based upon the criteria of God's wants and desires. (1 John 5:14-15)

4. Great faith has a humble heart, cognizant of the grace and compassion of God, whereby He loves and blesses us. "" (James 4:6)

C. Great faith has a complete trust in the dependability of God's Word, and accepts it as fact above any other evidence or circumstance.

D. Such were the characteristics of Abraham's faith, who believed God's Word of promise, even though all natural circumstances were against him and there were no signs of the promise for 17 years. (Romans 4:20-21)

"Where lives are changed, hurts are healed, hope is restored, and Jesus is Lord!"

V. Intentionally Living by Faith

A. Be clear on what you believe - Romans 10: 9-10.

B. Lay side every weight. - Hebrews 12:1-2

C. Expand your faith vision - Romans 1:17

D. Open yourself up to inspection - 1 John 1:9

E. Act on what you believe – Proverbs 3:5

F. Living by faith means we step out before we know how it will all turn out. - James 2:14