

Walking By Faith



With The Lion of Judah

Transformation

(Part 2)

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Why are most people trapped by fears and worries? Because they lack faith! But what is faith?

- Is it positive thinking?
- A feeling?
- One's church affiliation?
- The belief that Jesus died for your sins?
- Confidence? Hope?
- Or is it something far more?
- Why do millions misunderstand this subject?

Here is the Bible answer!

The Bible states that *“without faith it is impossible to please God”*
Heb. 11:6.

“Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it” **Heb 11:1**

Read **Romans 6:3-7** in the baptism chapter. When we are baptized, we are baptized into Christ's death. Verses 3 and 4 show that we demonstrate our faith in His death, burial, and resurrection. This much is our own faith.

But our own faith is not sufficient. **Ephesians 2:8** states, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”* Faith is a gift of God

Dependence = Faith

*“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” **Galatians 2:20***

*“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6*

FAITH
*Is a moment by moment dependence upon God believing that
ONLY
He can produce the LIFE that He promises.*

You Have Two Objects of Faith

#1 - FAITH IN YOURSELF (Ability, self-discipline, willpower, intellect)

*“...the mind set on the flesh (SELF) is **DEATH**, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.” **Romans 8:6***

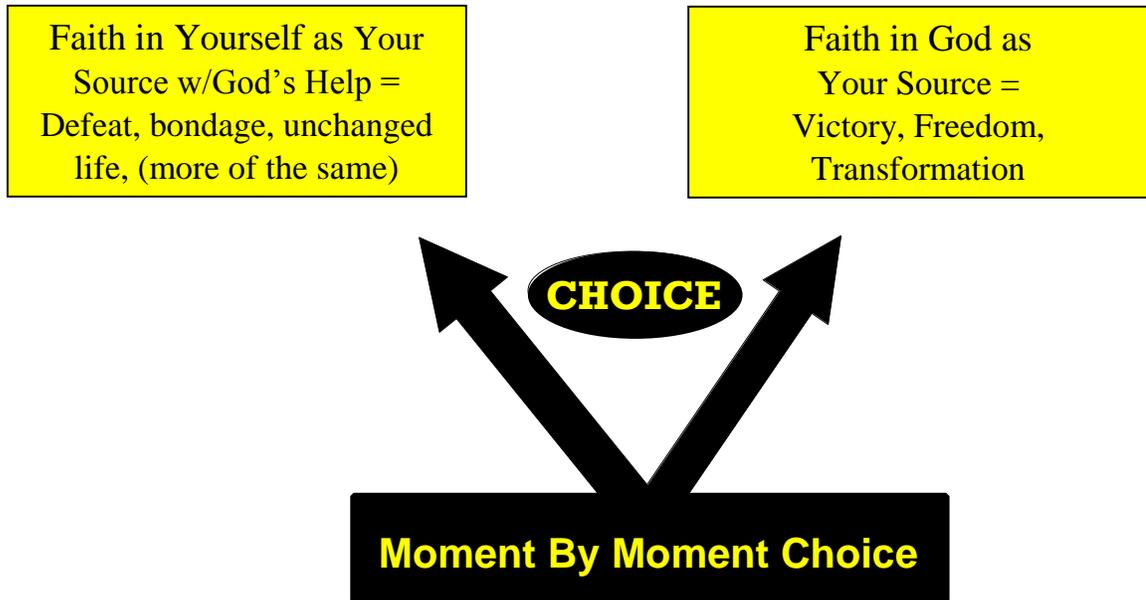
The results of going back to self as the source and live independent of God:

- **No Freedom.**
- **No Victory.**
- **No Transformation.**
- **More of the Same.**

#2 - FAITH IN GOD AS YOUR SOURCE

- **VICTORY**
- **FREEDOM**

- **H**EALING
- **T**RANSFORMATION



What Choice Will You Make?

What Are Some Reasons We Struggle With Faith?

1. We bring the “LEARN and DO” mindset of life into the Christian life.
2. We want to bring our intellect and ability to be a part of the cause and effect of our spiritual transformation.
3. Legalism nurtures “learn” and “do” Christianity.

What Is A Step of Faith?

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

A STEP of FAITH acknowledges that you are seeking God to produce His transformation promises in your life and to fulfill your spiritual destiny.

***A Step of Faith Releases God's Supernatural LIFE and POWER
In You To Transform Your Life***

You Contain ALL of God's Life and Power

*"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness IN Christ, who is the head over every power and authority." **Colossians 2:9, 10***

When you take a step of faith, ALL of God's LIFE and POWER is RELEASED in you to transform your thinking, your beliefs, and your behavior.

Christ's LIFE Is Released In You.

*"I am ...the life..." **John 14:6***

*"...Christ, who is your life" **Colossians 3:4***

Faith IGNITES Christ's life to flow in you the moment when you take a step of faith.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control...." **Galatians 5:22, 23a***

Christ As Your Life means that you have AVAILABLE to you supernatural, Christ-life characteristics and attitudes that can only be SUPPLIED by Christ.

Examples of what Christ’s life looks like:

Unconditional love	Patience	Fearlessness	Kindness	Gentleness
Victory	Strength	Wisdom	Righteousness	Christ-control
Worth	Peace	Discernment	Selflessness	Faithfulness
Acceptance	Power	Adequacy	Rest	Courage
Faith	Forgiveness	Humility	Compassion	
Freedom	Understanding	Christ-confidence	Boldness	
	Security		Kindness	

The Difference Between Human Characteristics and Christ-Life Characteristics

Human characteristics – feelings or experiences generated by man that CAN be changed by our circumstances and/or our relationships.

Christ-Life characteristics – SUPERNATURAL characteristics of Christ’s life that are supplied by Christ and CANNOT be changed by circumstances or relationships.

Step of Faith In Drawing On Christ As Life: *“Lord, I am taking ownership of my stress at work. I am **entrusting** my stress to you and trusting you to **BE** my peace and rest.”*

What Happens The Moment You Take This Step: At the moment you are giving over your stress to God He is flowing His supernatural peace and rest in you.

Exercise: Look at the last page of the syllabus titled “I AM” and see what need is being created by the internal and external conflicts you are facing. Begin asking Christ to meet that need.

God’s POWER Is Released In You

*“I pray that you will begin to understand the **incredible greatness of His power** for us who believe him. This is the **same mighty power that raised***

***Christ from the dead** and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 1:19, 20*

God's power WITHIN you is the same power:

1. That raised Jesus from the dead.
2. Created the heavens and earth.
3. Is holding the universe together.

Is it possible that this same power can transform your life?

A step of faith unleashes God's power IN you to:

- **RENEW** your mind to believe His truth. - **Romans 12:2**
- Set you **FREE** from your lying beliefs. - **John 8:32**
- Give you **VICTORY** over the flesh, sin, Satan, and the world. - **1 Corinthians 15:57**
- **TRANSFORM** your fleshly behavior to godly behavior. - **2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:2**

Step of faith:

"I am believing the lie that I can live the Christian life independent of You. I am asking that You, in Your power, renew my mind to the truth that You are to live the Christian live in me."

God's Work Is a Supernatural Work in You

*A SUPERNATURAL WORK
is a work that God accomplishes in and through us as we walk by faith
for which there is NO natural or man-made explanation.*

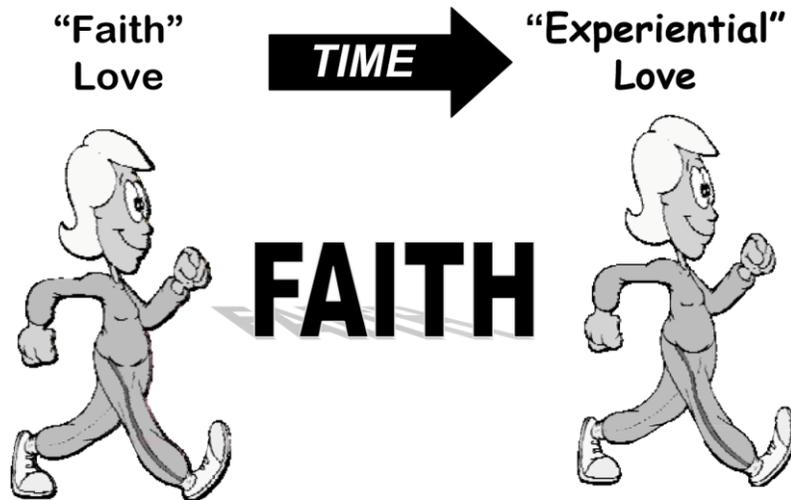
Key Truths To Understand About God's Supernatural Work:

1. You, for the most part, will **not feel** or **experience** God's supernatural power working in you.
2. God is not telling us **what** He is doing or **how** He is transforming our lives.
3. We will never know God's **timetable** for how long it will take for changes to take place.
4. **Believing** God is working when there is no outward sign of change taking place.

"Faithing It" Versus Experience

Let's assume that you are struggling with loving someone unconditionally. You know from the early part of this lesson that you have available to you in Christ all of His unconditional love. Therefore, you begin taking steps of faith receiving Christ's unconditional love.

Steps of faith might look like, "Lord, I can't love this person. I am drawing on Your unconditional love from which to love this person." Early on you don't experience unconditional love, but you have what I call a "faith" love. After several steps of "faithing it," you will eventually come to a place where you will begin to experience God's unconditional love for this person. Perhaps the diagram below will help.



The Process of Moving From Faith to Experience

KEY TRUTH:

You may have to "FAITH IT" for some length of time in your walk of faith before you EXPERIENCE God's transformation.

How Will I Know When Change Has Taken Place?

1. Your mind begins to think and believe God's truth rather than believing your lies.
2. Your will begins to make choices based on the truth that you are now thinking and feeling. This will produce in you a greater willingness to come to God for Him to further renew your mind to the truth.
3. You begin to experience a supernatural change in your attitudes and behavior.
4. You will experience healing of your woundedness.
5. You will begin to experience freedom and victory in areas where you had only experienced bondage and defeat previously.

6. You will find your Christ-confidence in God's ability growing.
7. Your desire to walk by faith in God will grow, and your desire to turn back to self will decrease.
8. You will find that your love and desire for God will take you to places that you never thought were possible.
9. You will find yourself more and more being stunned, overwhelmed, and in awe of Who God is and what He has done in your life.