

If you want explanations, please get my brochure titled, *If it's God's will, then why doesn't it always happen?* **This brochure here is for study purposes only.**

Faith is a Force

Faith is what makes the Word work.

Heb.4:2, Word not mixed with faith, no results
Eph.1:19, exceedingly great power for us who believe

I Thess.2:13, Effectively works in believers
Matt.9:29, According to your faith, be done
Mark 9:23, All things possible, if believe

Not a feeling but a decision

John 20:24-27, Thomas' decision, "faithless"
Acts 19:4, Paul preached, "Should believe"
John 6:29, the work of God is to believe
I John 3:23, commandment, believe and love

Choose which to believe

You must choose whether you will believe your senses or God's Word; circumstances and feelings, a bad report, a doctor's diagnosis, or God's Word.

II Cor.5:7, we walk by faith, not sight

Heb.11:1 (Amp) faith perceives as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.

II Cor.4:17-18 (not NIV) troubles help us **while or because** our attention is on God (His Word).

Matt.14:26-33, Peter walked on water while his attention was on Jesus!

Must be in two places

Rom. 10:8-10, Confess with mouth, believe with heart, and be saved.

II Cor.4:13, We believe and therefore speak.
Mark 11:23-24, Say with mouth, believe with heart, and have what you say.

Words, the steering wheel

James 3:2-6, Tongue like bit and rudder
Joel 3:10, Let the weak say, "I am strong."
Matt.12:34-37, What's in your heart comes forth; we'll be judged by our words.
Luke 19:22, Out of your own mouth, judged
Prov.18:21, Death and life are in the power of the tongue!
Rom.4:17, God calls things that do not exist as though they do. (and we are to ~
Imitate God and walk in love, Eph. 5:1)

Faith makes things happen

In the gospels, in twelve of nineteen healings, Jesus said, "YOUR faith" got the healing.
Mark 5:21-42, Jesus followed the two who spoke their faith. They got results.

There are a few verses that use the word *faith* as the set of doctrines (teachings) that we hold to. This faith is not the kind that will move mountains or even a cold.)

Faith gets the victory

I John 5:4-5, Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.
Eph.6:16, The shield of faith quenches the devil's darts.
We are supposed to overcome! Rev.2:7, 11, 26, 3:5, 12, 21, 12:11, and 21:7.

God is no respecter of persons:

Rom.2:11, Acts 10:34, Gal.2:6, Eph. 6:9, Col. 3:25, and Deut. 10:17.

God's Already Done it all!

II Pet.1:3 HAS given all things ...
Eph.1:3, HAS blessed us with every ...
Gal.3:13-14, Christ redeemED us from the curse ... Blessings of Abraham ARE ours. (Deut.28:1-15, Blessings and curses cover health, wealth, and long life.)
Isa. 53:4,5, *peace*=health, wealth, protection
Psa.119:165, great *peace*, if love the Word. See also Josh.1:8, Psa.1:2-3, James 1:25.

How Faith Comes

What you continually hear, you will eventually believe
Rom.10:17 "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."
Acts 15:7, should hear the Word and believe
John 17:20, shall believe through their word
John 5:24, hear, believe, and be saved.
Should we pray for more faith? In Luke 17:5, the disciples asked Jesus, "Increase our faith" And Jesus taught them to speak. (Use the little faith that you have and it will grow!)

Keep Speaking the Word

Heb. 4:14, Let us hold fast our confession
Heb. 10:23, Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,...
II Tim. 1:13, Hold fast sound words, (faith words, God's words).
Heb. 3:1, Jesus, High Priest of our confession, (to watch over our words to see that they happen!)

It's up to us what we do with it

Rom.12:3, "...given to every man **the** measure of faith." (All start with the same amount.)
Matt.15:28 and Luke 7:9, What great faith!
II Thes.3:2, Not all have faith
Mark 4:40, "Why is it you have no faith?"
Luke 8:25, "Where is your faith?"

Speaking to things:

God and creation

Gen.1:3-24, "and God said ...and it was so."

Jesus did it.

Mark 4:39, to the storm, "Peace! Be still!"
Matt.21:18-20, spoke to a fig tree
Luke 4:38, rebuked a fever

The Disciples did it!

Acts 9:40, "Tabitha, Arise!"
Acts 22:13, "Receive your sight!"
Acts 3:6, "Rise up and walk!"

We are to do it!

Mark 16:17, cast out devils
Mark 11:23, speak to mountain
Matt. 21:21, speak to tree and mountain
John 14:12, do the things Jesus did. Also, I
John 2:6, 4:17, Eph.4:13, & Luke 6:40.

The Word Works

God's Words have power, and when you say them continually, they will produce for you!
Psa. 103:20, Angels heed the VOICE of His Word; (We give it voice.)
Isa.55:10-11, Just like rain, the Word works. when returned to Him (by our speaking it).
Isa. 43:26, Remind Me of what I said.
Prov.4:20-22, Give attention to my words...

for they are life and health (medicine)
Psa. 107:20, He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them...
Jer.1:12, "I will hasten to do My Word."

Hindrances to Faith

Matt. 13:58, Mark 6:5-6, He could not do many mighty works there because of their **unbelief**. Unbelief disconnects us from the power and is evil. Mark 16:14, Heb. 3:12, Heb. 3:19. In James 1:6-7, **Doubt** stops prayers.

Mark 5:36, "Stop the **fear and believe!**" (The man had begun in faith.)

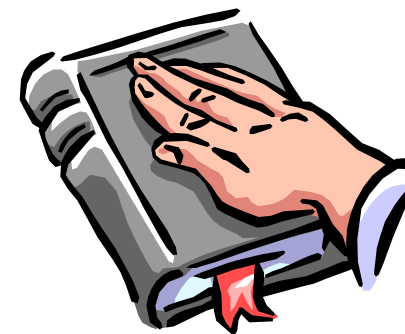
Matt.14:25-32, Peter walked on the water; **Fear** made him sink.

Gal. 5:6, Faith works by love. (I Cor. 13:4-8 is God's kind of love.) **Unforgiveness** will stop a healing. (John 13:34-35 is Jesus' command to love.) So every step out of love is sin!

James 4:6 and 10, "God resists the **proud**," so if you are proud, don't expect faith to work for you.

What are you doing? Everything we do is seed. (Sowing and Reaping, Gal. 6:7-9) If you're believing God for health, but keep eating junk food and not exercising, then your faith won't work. Likewise, if you're believing for finances, but are stingy and not walking in love, again your faith won't work. A godly life (hearing and obeying the Word) is the foundation necessary for God to bless you.

Faith Facts



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