

The Foundation of Faith

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Most People Have Wavering Faith or No Faith

We Are Fighting the Faith Battle – 1Tim.6:12

- Bombarded by our senses, driven by our emotions
- Nothing Wavering – **Jam.1:6-7**
- **2Tim.4:6-7** – All out life

Not Understanding How to Fight

- Looking at the physical
- Formulas do not work
- **Ps.103:7** – MOSES knew His ways, the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL only His acts (what appeared on the outside)
 - Who are you like?

Outside (is not enough) vs. Inside

- What you can see is temporary – **2Cor.4:18**
- **Heb.11:1** – evidence of things not seen
- **Rom.4:17** – things that are not as though they were

When You Get No Results

A Sign That You Are Not Connecting with God

- You focus on and believe in your senses (wrong connection)

A Dangerous Situation

- **Pro.13:12** – “Hope deferred makes the HEART SICK, but when the desires comes, it is a TREE OF LIFE.”
 - Which cycle are you in?
- Change something to CHANGE THE CYCLE
 - Start receiving now! – As little as you can
 - **Mk.4:25, Mt.13:11-12** – You receive more of what you have –
 - Mystery of the kingdom = not revealed, secret (not something that we cannot know)
 - The CYCLE OF EXPERIENCING WHAT YOU BELIEVE
- DO NOT KEEP TRYING HARDER

To Get Results Apply the Parable of the Sower – Mt.13:3-9, (18-23)

- To get results (Harvest) you must
 - Work the soil (remove the stones = old wrong, religious beliefs)
 - Sow new seeds (new good beliefs)
- Your RESISTANCE to changing the beliefs of your heart
 - People rather die than admit they are wrong
 - Because being wrong does not feel good at the time
 - Their ego blocks them from changing and receiving

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Some Common Blocking Beliefs

- ACCUSATIONS – They come from the devil (Satan = the accuser)
 - You don't have enough faith
 - You have opened the door to the devil, he is hindering your prayer
 - You have some sin in your life
- YOU MUST QUALIFY BY WORKS
 - You must pray more, read the Bible more, etc.
 - **Col.1:12-14** – Jesus has qualified us
 - **Eph.2:8** – We are saved, healed, protected, prospered, blessed by faith, not works

- Jesus never asked anybody to qualify before ministering to them, he brought them to the PLACE OF BELIEVING
- According to Jesus Miracles are for the believing, not the perfect person

Be Fully Persuaded

- **Heb.11:1-2 – FAITH MEANS TO FULLY BELIEVE SOMETHING (NO WAVERING)**
 - **SUBSTANCE = (Gr. Hupostasis)**
 - Title deed, or proof of ownership = Implies a contract
 - Sub-structure – underlying
 - **THINGS HOPED FOR = Hoped – our expectations**
 - To have HOPE (= confident expectation) I must have a basis
 - **EVIDENCE = (Gr. Elengekos)**
 - Proof, conviction
 - **THINGS NOT SEEN = (pragma = as pragmatic giving value to consequences) Works, deed, what is accomplished = PROMISES AND WHAT JESUS HAS ACCOMPLISHED**
- **FAITH IS NOT BLIND, IT IS BASED ON EVIDENCE what is your evidence?**
- **YOUR FAITH MUST BE BASED ONLY ON WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED BY HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION, NOT YOUR OWN WORKS OR POSITIVE THINKING**

Questions to Consider

1. Please explain what the good fight of faith is and is not.
2. Why was the perception the children of Israel had of God not sufficient?
3. What does Pro.13:12 teach us?
4. What are the implications of the Parable of the Sower?
5. What are the hindrances that you encounter when put your faith to work?
6. Can you describe the evidence on which you base your faith?