

Faith For The Believer

Lecture

1. Title: **Faith for the Journey**
2. A believer, by definition, must **BELIEVE** !!
3. Faith is like using instruments to fly through a storm. The pilot must keep his eyes on the instruments, NOT on the storm outside. Faith sees THRU the storm to the destination beyond.
4. We walk by FAITH, not by SIGHT.
5. The largest ocean cannot sink even a small ship unless some of the water gets inside.
6. The **devil's chief weapons** are: Fear, doubt, uncertainty, discouragement, loss of direction, etc. which will result in DEFEAT.
7. **God's provision in life are**: Faith, confidence, hope, a sense of direction, etc., which will result in VICTORY. He provides all this through His PROMISES.
8. The Bible calls God's provision an **ANCHOR for the soul**. Ships use what is called a 'sea anchor' to ride through a storm. Storms don't last forever, just for a while.
9. We can '**check our spiritual TEMPERATURE**' by examining whether we are sensing fear, doubt, uncertainty, discouragement OR if we are operating in hope, confidence, faith, looking to God and His Promises.
10. Why are you so fearful? Where is your faith?
11. **Story of flower on a Cliffside** and the little boy asked to retrieve it. He went to get his dad, because he was the only one he trusted to hold the rope.
12. **1JO 5:1** Whoever **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—OUR FAITH.** 5 **Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who BELIEVES that Jesus is the Son of God?**
13. **2CO 4:17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
14. **HEB 12:1** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

15. Enthusiasm is nothing more or less than faith in action. --Henry Chester
16. Faith will cause you to get back up after falling down. **NEVER** accept defeat.
17. When all is said and done at the end of life, all we take with us into eternity is what is in our hearts – what we believe.
18. There are two kinds of people in the world – those that say ‘I can’ and those that say ‘I can’t’. They are **BOTH** right. NEVER talk defeat. Such talk is like poisoning your own drinking water.
19. The **Language of Faith** is liberally peppered with personal pronouns.
20. The ‘outlook’ in ANY situation depends entirely on the ‘uplook’.
21. **GAL 2:20** “I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me.**
22. Natural vs. SUPERnatural
23. The Christian life is meant to be **SUPERnatural**
24. **EPH 3:14** For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
25. **ISA 7:9b** If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."
26. **Believe** in the Goodness of God. Believe in the Fatherhood of God.
27. **Go Back to the Basics** – to the Word of God, to prayer, to Christian Fellowship, etc.
28. **The Object of our Faith** is in God and His Promises.

Dwight Lyman Moody

A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

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