

## FAITH

### *It's All in Your Mind...Attitude is Everything (Part 8)*

#### I. THE PRESCRIPTION OF FAITH

<sup>41</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

- Faith is substance
- Faith is evidence

<sup>41</sup> Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations." Psalm 90:1 (NASB)

**Definition: "Faith is believing the Word of God, and acting upon it, no matter how I feel, because God promises a good result."**

<sup>42</sup> in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago," Titus 1:2 (NASB)

#### Three Needs People Have:

- Family Need

<sup>41</sup> In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives," 1 Peter 3:1 (NASB)

- Financial Need

<sup>48</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;" 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB)

- Fulfillment Need

<sup>28</sup> "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 (NASB)

#### II. THE PROMINENCE OF FAITH

<sup>42</sup> For by it the men of old gained approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, ... <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; ... <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, ... prepared an ark ... <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed ... <sup>11</sup> By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, ... <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, ... ; <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, ... <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses ... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho

fell down ... <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; <sup>36</sup> and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated <sup>38</sup> (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised," Hebrews 11:2-4a, 5a, 7a, 8a, 11a, 17a, 21a, 24, 30a, 32-39 (NASB)

- Faith in the Gospel of Matthew
- "Faith is not a part of the Christian life, it's the whole thing!"

<sup>46</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please Him, ... ." Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)

#### III. THE POWER OF FAITH

<sup>39</sup> And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect." Hebrews 11:39-40 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> ... this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." 1 John 5:4 (NASB)

- Faith is the victory!

<sup>49</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land ... <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Hebrews 11:9a, 10 (NIV)

#### HOW TO INCREASE MY FAITH:

- ❖ Cultivate your faith.

<sup>47</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." Romans 10:17 (NASB)

- ❖ Confess your faith.

<sup>49</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;" Romans 10:9 (NASB)

- ❖ Corner your faith.