

# WALKING IN FAITH & VICTORY

## Faith Comes In "Cans"

### I. Introductory Remarks.

One of the most important factors to keep in mind as a "born again" Christian is that our growth and maturity in Christ cannot go forward unless we understand that we are to be men and women of faith.

**Romans 1:17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

**Galatians 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."*

In this message I want to share with you an important axiom or accepted truth that will help all of us to grow and mature in faith. This is an axiom that will enable you to live in the realm of faith that God intends for you. The principle I want to share with you is that "Faith Comes In "Cans."

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### II. THE THREE "CANS" OF FAITH.

There are three areas of understanding or three cans of faith I would like to share with you today. We must know how to drink from these "cans" before we can appropriate the kind of faith God desires for us to have. They are as follows:

- Believe and understand that God can do anything and everything.
- Jesus can and will freely give to you that which you need.
- You can do all things through Christ.

#### Faith Can #1 - God Can Do Anything and Everything.

**Jeremiah 32:17** *"Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."*

Job is a remarkable example of someone who has withstood the trials and hardships of life and faith and who came forth with a faith that was more precious than gold.

**Job 42:2** *"I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.*

Moses was another person who believed in God's ability to do anything and everything. As a result Moses was a tremendous person of faith and victory, who was responsible for leading God's people out of the bondage of Egypt and slavery.

**Deuteronomy 3:24** *`O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?*

Just as Job and Moses, we too must believe and confess that God is able to do anything and everything. All of the great heroes of faith based their faith on what God was able to do. They knew that God could do anything and everything whenever He so chose.

Do you have this kind of belief in your heart. If so begin to drink from this can of faith and allow the faith of God to incite you to move forward in God in new ways.

- **The example of Jonathan & his armorbearer.**

The story of Jonathan and his armorbearer taking on a garrison of the Philistines is a perfect example of what we can accomplish when we step in faith on what we know God can do. Jonathan drank from this can of faith and accomplished a great victory of Israel. Jonathan knew what God was capable of doing.

**1 Samuel 14:6** *Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."*

**Faith Can #2 - Jesus Can And Will Give You What You Need.**

It is important for us to know that Jesus is on our side. He desires to give to us in a way that will produce great joy in our lives. But we must believe that Jesus can give to us whatever we have need of.

**John 16:23** *"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you."*

**2 Peter 1:3** *...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue...*

▪ **The example of the blind men.**

**Matthew 9:28-29** *And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."*

As Jesus ministered to these two blind men here, their faith to receive was a result of the fact that they believed that Jesus was able to heal.

What are your needs today? Do you believe Jesus is able to meet them? If so, reach out and take a hold of this can of faith and begin to drink wholeheartedly. Jesus is always more than willing to minister to us in whatever capacity is needed at the time. When you have an assurance of this, it causes you to drink from this particular can of faith and receive what is needed.

**Faith Can #3 - You Can Do All Things Through Christ.**

Now that we have an understanding that God can do anything and everything, and that Jesus desires to minister to us in faith by giving to us those things we have need of, we must also understand that we can do whatever He has commissioned us to do.

**Philippians 4:13** *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

There must be action to our faith meaning that the faith that is in our heart should incite us to some kind of action that will produce the fruit of the can of faith we have been drinking from.

**James 2:17-18** *Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. {18} But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.*

- **Faith must have the "can do" effect.**

**Matthew 17:20** *So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

**2 Corinthians 9:8** *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work.*

### **III. Concluding Remarks.**

What is it that you want to accomplish for God? ...You can do it.

What is it that you want to do for your family? ...You can do it.

What problem or bondage are you trying to overcome? ...You can do it.

Our faith can really blossom forth and bring the desired fruit when we have a strong assurance that God is able to perform on our behalf in all of these areas.