

Walking In Faith & Victory

Keys To Great Faith - Part 2

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I. Introductory Remarks Review.

In the past few weeks we have been looking at the subject of faith and victory from various angles. The Christian life is a life of faith. If we are to be successful as Christians we must learn to walk by faith, growing from faith to 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."*

The righteousness of God is walking in the revealed will of God. We see this when Jesus told John the Baptist that He must be baptized by John in order to fulfill all righteousness.

We saw in the previous message that if we are to fulfill the will of God in our lives as the apostle Paul and countless others did in Biblical times, we must be a people of faith who are allowing God's righteousness to fill our souls as we go from faith to faith. We looked at a number of Biblical examples of people who had to receive that extra measure of faith to get where God wanted to take them.

- It happened to Joshua when He was told to circle Jericho for seven days.
- It happened to Elijah when he challenged the prophets of Baal.
- It happens to you and me at various times in our lives as well.

II. Major Keys To Great Faith.

In this message today I want to continue giving you seven keys to great faith. These are keys to faith these people all had working in their lives that enabled them to go from faith to faith when the natural circumstances of their lives seemed hopeless or totally contrary.

In the previous message we took a comprehensive look at Key #1 and saw how important it is to be under authority to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit using Moses as an example when he was told to stretch the Rod out over the Red Sea and Joshua when he was given instructions on how to take Jericho.

Faith Key #2 - We Must Worship The Lord With Reverence.

Matthew 8:1-3 *When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

The word worship here means to prostrate oneself in homage -- to reverence and adore. We see this again in the example of Joshua meeting the Commander of the Lord's Army.

Joshua 5:13-15 *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.*

Again, the word worship is to bow down, to prostrate in homage to royalty or God. Do reverence. Before God can speak the word of faith into our ears, we must have an attitude of worship and reverence towards Him. This puts us in a place of seriousness so that we can hear clearly what He wants to say to us.

Holy Ground - When you come to God, remove the carnal clutter, repent and get serious.

Faith Key #3 - Be Convinced Of Jesus' Ability And What You Believe.

Matthew 9:28 *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."*

We must be fully convinced that God is able to do what He has promised through Jesus Christ. Abraham was convinced of what God had spoken to him, so much so that he never wavered at the promise, but was fully convinced.

Romans 4:20-22 *He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that*

what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Genesis 22:4-5 *Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."*

Genesis 22:8 *And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." And the two of them went together.*

God had spoken to Abraham through covenant that Isaac would be his heir. Abraham believed in the power of the covenant that God had established with him and was convinced of this and as a result great faith came forth. He is called the father of our faith. Are you convinced that God is able to perform on behalf of the New Covenant that was established through Jesus Christ?

Faith Key #4 - Press In spite Of The Obstacles.

- **The example of the Woman with a flow of blood - Luke 8:43-48.**

Luke 8:45-46 *And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng You and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."*

This woman had to press into Jesus in spite of the obstacles she faced. The crowds were thronging or surrounding him so that it was nearly impossible to get to him, yet she pressed in in spite of the obstacle of the crowd. She did not lose heart.

There are many obstacles such as disillusionment, disappointments, worldly cares and distractions, and trials and tribulations that will try to cause us to lose heart and not press in.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 *We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...*

2 Corinthians 4:16 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

III. Concluding Remarks.

I am convinced that God is calling all of us at various times to new levels of faith, some of these levels require great faith other require a normal amount of faith. Where are you at now? Have you been at the same place for a long period of time? If so, God may be calling you to take a greater step of faith to experience a new freshness in your walk with Him.

Submit to His authority in a spirit of worship and adoration and be fully convinced of what He wants to do in your life and press in in spite of all obstacles and you shall experience the results of great faith.

Other keys that will be covered in the next message are as follows: Be willing to exhibit boldness in the midst of unbelief and mockery, be persistent with humility and confess and act on what you believe.