

2016, DAY 4

TITLE: FAITH GIVES SUBSTANCE TO THE THINGS HOPED FOR

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: "... faith is the substance of things hoped for, and **the evidence of things not [yet] seen**" (Hebrews 11:1)

SOME FACTS TO CONSIDER

1. Plastic can be the substance of a chair.
2. Wood the substance of furniture.
3. Stone the material houses are built.
4. As these materials are the substance of the product so also "**OUR FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE**" for the very things that we hope for.
5. Faith is one of the most powerful weapon available to Christians today. **Our daily walk is by faith and not by sight.**

WHY DO WE NEED FAITH?

1. Everything that God has in-store for you can only be accessed by faith.
2. You need faith to overcome your past.
3. You need faith to walk in your God-given purpose.

4. Hebrews 11:1, "**NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" Another translation says "**It gives substance to the things that you hoped for.**" One of the most powerful examples of faith is when you drive on a concrete driveway and there is a tiny little crack. Beneath that crack is the tiniest of seed that decided it will not be denied. With a little bit of sunshine and light it will push through concrete and crack it on its way to a breakthrough. If you have mustard seed faith no matter what the resistance is on top of you, you can break through that limitation.
5. Luke 17:6, "**So the Lord said, 'If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.**"
6. Faith that is able to break a limitation is called "**Breakthrough Faith**"
7. Faith is always in the present tense; it is "**NOW**"
8. Faith is not faith until you act on what you believe producing the works of your faith
9. Though faith is not hope, faith is not faith until hope shows up.

THE FOLLOWING ANCHORS ARE FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

- **I believe God says who he says he is.**
 - Believe God is God.
 - There is not a single problem that's bigger than God.
- **I believe God can do what he says he can do.**

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- Heaven and earth will pass away, but not God's Word.
- **I believe I am who God says I am.**
- Not once did God say I am a failure, I'm cursed, keep our mistakes before us, disqualify us, condemn us.
- He wakes me up in the morning with new mercies.
- **I can do all things through Christ.**
- Believe and know that "you can".
- Change your address from "I can't" to "**I CAN**".
- **God's Word is alive and active in me.**
- When God's Word starts to come alive and active in me.
- **Romans 12:3 "... as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith..."**
- You might not have great faith, but know that you have a measure of faith. An example is when we sit on a chair. We did not test the stability of the chair; we just sat down. We have faith in a chair. We have faith in a doctor when he gives us medication. In most cases we don't even know the name of the medicine. We however have faith in the doctor. It therefore means that we have a measure of faith.
You will ultimately move **from "shipwreck faith" to "breakthrough faith."**

TRUTHS ABOUT FAITH

1. It is impossible to please God without faith.
2. The just shall live by faith.
3. Faith cometh by hearing.
4. Faith gives substance to the very things that we hope for.

5. Him that walks in faith, knows how to hold on until his faith is perfected.
6. When you abandon your faith, you abandon everything that God has in store for you.
7. KEEP /HOLD ONTO YOUR CONFESSION AS YOUR level of faith INCREASES.
8. You can never cancel the purposes of God for your life.
9. When the righteous lives in the faith zone, the righteousness of God is made known.
10. The righteousness of God is forever hidden from them that lives in carnality, unbelief or doubt.
11. You'll never see the fullness of God come alive in your life, until you live by faith.
12. The righteousness of God is revealed in you when you know your blood bought right.
13. I have a measure of faith.

FINAL THOUGHTS

1. **Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."**
2. **Romans 1:16-17, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "*the just shall live by faith.*"**
3. If you really believe you should act on what you believe. If you do not act, you do not believe that it will be so.

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