

2016, DAY 1: THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

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

WHEN THE EVIDENCE IS NOT YET SEEN

THESE ARE SOME AMONG THE MANY THINGS WHICH DEFINE OUR FAITH

1. Your belief, your confidence and your trust in God: THAT GOD IS ABLE TO DO WHAT HE SAID HE WILL DO.
2. 2 Timothy 1:12, “*That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, **because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.***”
3. Our faith is best tested in patience. Through faith and patience we inherit the promise. Hebrews 6:12, “*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them **who through faith and patience inherit the promises.***”
4. Our faith is tested when in times that God seems to be silent. 1 Kings 18:1, “*After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.”*”

WHEN GOD IS SILENT, GOD IS WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES

5. When God is silent, it does not mean that we are ignored or abandoned.

6. I have learnt many times that God speaks the loudest when God is silent.
 7. When the evidence shows up, faith is no longer needed.
 8. Mental consent is not faith. If an idea or thought is received in your mind; i.e. you receive knowledge, it does not necessarily mean you have received it in your heart to believe and act on it. E.g. many know that the Bible says we can be healed, but do not have faith in their hearts that healing can be appropriated for personal benefit.
 9. Faith to believe will at times challenge our reasoning.
 10. Real faith gets tested when nobody agrees, when no evidence shows up and when God is silent.
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FINAL THOUGHTS

1. For 2016, the message is strong: “**THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH AND OVERFLOW WILL FOLLOW!**”
2. What are the things you believe God for?
3. Is there somebody to stand in agreement with you?
4. The very first step into the faith-zone is to ASK, ASK and ASK BIG.
5. Let your faith arise.

“Reach for the top, the bottom is overcrowded!” – JEROME LIBERTY