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Reliable Faith

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Resting Faith

- **Resting Faith Definition: Faith that is confident, assured, centered, and focused in the One that brings about the purpose and plan for our lives.**
 - **Confident: feeling or showing certainty about something**
 - **Assured: protected against discontinuance or change**
 - **Centered: placed or situated in the center**
 - **Focused: directing a great deal of attention, interest, or activity towards a particular aim**

Reliable Faith

- **Reliable Faith Definition: Faith that is centered in action and accountability.**
 - **Action: the fact or process of doing something, typically to achieve an aim**
 - **Accountability: an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions**
 - **In business, accountability is defined as “The obligation of an individual or organization to account for its activities, accept responsibility for them, and to disclose the results in a transparent manner. It also includes the responsibility for money or other entrusted property.”**

What is Faith?

- **Dictionary definition of Faith (noun)**
 - **complete trust or confidence in someone or something**
 - **strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.**
- **Greek *pisteuo* Faith (verb)**
 - **a firm conviction, producing a full acknowledgment of God's revelation or truth, i.e., Christ**
 - **a personal surrender to Him**
 - **a conduct inspired by such surrender**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (New King James Version, NKJV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance.

- **“we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief”...in other words, “faith is acting on what you believe” (Apostle Price)**

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Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

Now **faith is the assurance** (title deed, confirmation) **of things** hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—**faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses**].

- **Our emotions are generally driven by our senses, what we see, taste, touch, feel, and hear.**
- **Reliable Faith is not based on emotion; it is acting on what you believe about God and His promises.**

Our Example: Abraham

- **“The object of Abraham’s faith was not God’s promise (that was the occasion of its exercise), his faith rested on God Himself (Romans 4:17, 20-21).” – Vine’s Concise Dictionary**
- **In order to exercise Reliable Faith, we have to have revelation about two things: a promise (or promises) of God and the character of God. If we say we know that God is worthy of our faith (He is able, loyal, constant, and steadfast – resolutely and dutifully firm and unwavering), but don’t hold in our hearts a promise of God that we take action toward, our faith will be dormant.**
- **And if we only have revelation of a promise of God, but don’t have revelation about the character of God, our faith will only be concerned about acquiring the promise, and we forget who we are accountable to - God.**
- **It’s when we have these combined revelations, that we can take confident actions of faith, accountable to the direction and leading of God.**

How do we get Reliable Faith?

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

So then faith comes by **hearing**, and **hearing** by the word of God.

- **The faith we are willing to exercise comes from what we experience through our senses. We have to feed our senses experiences (the Word of God) to counter what we tend to experience in our day to day living. Though we are called to “walk by faith and not by sight,” typically once we see something, then we believe it. The more we see, the more we believe, the more we act on that belief (faith). But it all begins with us taking action. We have to hear the Word of God. As we hear the Word of God, we become receptive to His promises.**

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2 Corinthians 5:10 (AMP)

10 For we [believers will be called to account and] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad

[that is, each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities].

- **It is Christ's love that compels us (2 Corinthians 5:14-15), not guilt or fear.**

Romans 8:9 (AMP)

9 However, you are not [living] in the flesh [controlled by the sinful nature] but in the Spirit, **if in fact the Spirit of God lives in you [directing and guiding you]**. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him [and is not a child of God].

- **Does the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) direct and guide you?**

God has given us Faith

Romans 12:3 (New International Version, NIV)

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather **think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.**

- **We all have faith; whether or not it's only a noun or also a verb in our lives is what will dictate our results by faith. Is faith a static descriptor of who we say we are – “I'm a Christian, I believe in God” or does our faith motivate our actions and govern our accountability...Reliable Faith.**

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Our world today...

- **Our world is wired to instantaneous results. We want what we want now, our way.**
- **The results God seeks are much deeper than the superficial, mainly tangible, results that we tend to seek. God is after our heart.**

Luke 10:27 (NIV)

“He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

John 13:34 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

- **Jesus is all about LOVE. He's all about helping us to get to a place where our actions, our accountability, our faith, are motivated by LOVE. That's a deep work. It's not superficial. So God's process is going to be more thorough than anything we can devise.**

Why Reliable Faith?

Philippians 1:9-10 (Amplified)

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more [displaying itself in greater depth] in real knowledge and in practical insight, 10 so that you may learn to recognize and treasure what is excellent [identifying the best, and distinguishing moral differences], and that you may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ [actually living lives that lead others away from sin];

- **There is no better way to know the love of God, and display the love of God, than to walk in Reliable Faith.**

Reliable. Faith. Because our God is RELIABLE.