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# What Faith Needs! - Part II

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#### **Got Faith?**

## Romans 12:3 (New Living Translation, NLT)

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by **the faith God has given us**.

You have what it takes!

## Whatever you do...don't lose your faith!

### 1 Timothy 1:18-20 (Living Bible, TLB)

18 Now, Timothy, my son, here is my command to you: Fight well in the Lord's battles, just as the Lord told us through his prophets that you would. 19 **Cling tightly to your faith in Christ** and always keep your conscience clear, doing what you know is right. For some people have disobeyed their consciences and have deliberately done what they knew was wrong. It isn't surprising that soon **they lost their faith in Christ after defying God** like that. 20 Hymenaeus and Alexander are two examples of this. I had to give them over to Satan to punish them until they could learn not to bring shame to the name of Christ.

You risk losing your faith when you purposefully go against the Word of God you understand. Your faith is activated and validated when you exercise God's Word against your carnal desires.

#### What Faith Needs!

Your faith has needs!!! When we supply our faith with what it needs we secure our future (immediate and distant) with the assurance of God's plan at work, power in operation, and presence in the midst of our lives.

Remember God never responds to your need, He only responds to your faith; so it stands to reason that we must stop trying to take care of our needs and start taking care of our FAITH. It is through FAITH that our needs will be fulfilled.

## **What Your Faith Needs**

#### A Believer

## Matthew 9:28-30 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

28 When He went into the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe [with a deep, abiding trust] that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith [your trust and confidence in My power and My ability to heal] it will be done to you."

## Matthew 14:22-31 (NLT)

22 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. 23 After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. 24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" 28 Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." 29 "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. 31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

## Consistency

## Habakkuk 2:4 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, AMPC)

Look at the proud; his soul is not straight or right within him, but the [rigidly] just and the [uncompromisingly] righteous man shall live by his faith and in his faithfulness.

## Romans 1:16-17 (New King James Version, NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it **the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith**; as it is written, "**The just shall live by faith**."

# > Ability to Hear

## **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)**

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

- people that don't hear must always repeat tasks
- people that don't listen must always repeat unnecessary tasks

#### > Order

## Luke 9:10-17 (NLT)

10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. 11 But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick. 12 Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place." 13 But Jesus said, "You feed them." "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?" 14 For there were about 5,000 men there. Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each." 15 So the people all sat down. 16 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. 17 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!

## 1 Corinthians 14:40 (NLT)

But be sure that everything is done properly and in order.

#### What Your Faith Needs - The Word of God

## Romans 10:8 (NKJV)

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

> The workings of God in your life are not proportionate to your need of Him; But to your knowledge of Him.

#### What Your Faith Needs

#### Patience

## James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Patience is the weapon that forces deception to reveal itself.

## > A Problem / Assignment

#### Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

7 It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

- Your assignment on earth is simply the problem God created you to solve.
- Your problem on earth is simply your assignment God has given you grace to complete.

## > Holy Spirit

## John 14:16-17 (AMP)

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another [a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.

The presence of God is the only place where your weakness will die!

# > Agreement

## Matthew 18:18-20 (Contemporary English Version, CEV)

18 I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don't allow. 19 I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. 20 Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.

 Those who understand your pain will understand your passion; those who understand your passion can effectively come in agreement.