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**Faith #3 – Attributes of Strong Faith**  
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**Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)**

***<sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

Paul taught in the epistles it's important for us to please God, and if we aren't pleasing God we are pleasing man. Paul endeavored to be a God pleaser.

It's very easy for us to become a God pleaser and it is if we learn something about walking in faith and learning what that is in the New Testament. We are exhorted in Mark 11:22.

**Mark 11:22 (KJV)**

***<sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.***

We know that if we are exhorted in the Bible we will be provided with the instructions to carry it out.

**Romans 4:16 (AMP)**

***<sup>16</sup> Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all.***

My prayers if they are prayed according to the Word of God are going to depend on walking in faith and the outcome is going to depend entirely on faith.

Brother Hagin had a phrase that he said was a faith destroying phrase, and sometimes we pray it out of ignorance or it's just a religious spirit, If it be your will, Lord. The bible is the will of God.

**1 John 5:14-15 (KJV)**

***<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:***

***<sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.***

**John 15:7**

**King James Version (KJV)**

***<sup>7</sup> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.***

God's plan is that our prayers be answered, but the outcome is going to depend entirely on faith. What was promised to Abraham is also promised to whom? You and I.

**Galatians 3:29** (KJV)

***<sup>29</sup> And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

Everything that was promised to Abraham is also promised to you and I through Jesus Christ and being born again.

**Galatians 3:7** (KJV)

***<sup>7</sup> Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.***

**Galatians 3:9** (KJV)

***<sup>9</sup> So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.***

Those scriptures verify that it's God's plan that we be blessed and our prayers be answered and it's God's will that we develop the God kind of faith in our lives.

Strong faith continues to believe what God has spoken in the midst of adversity.

If we are ever going to develop strong faith in our lives sooner or later and hopefully sooner we will have to become convinced of the integrity and the reality of the Word of God and it must be elevated above any adversity or circumstances. We must have that simple childlike faith.

Can we have the strong faith that Abraham had? Paul exhorts us to in 2 Corinthians.

**2 Corinthians 4:13** (KJV)

***<sup>13</sup> We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;***

**Romans 12:3** (KJV)

***<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.***

When we accepted Jesus as our personal savior a measure of the God-kind of faith was dropped into our spirit. We have a measure of the God-kind of faith.

We may question our own or others faith.

**Romans 10:17** (KJV)

***<sup>17</sup> So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

The God kind of faith comes by hearing the word of God. Our faith comes alive when we hear the word of God. Somewhere along the line we are going to have to decide if we are going to pay the price to hear the Word of God so we can grow our faith. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

**2 Thessalonians 1:3** (KJV)

***<sup>3</sup> We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;***

**Matthew 17:20 (KJV)**

***<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

If we have growing faith nothing will be impossible to us and it will have a voice.

**Joshua 1:8 (KJV)**

***<sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.***

If we don't meditate on the word of God we will not be able to be a doer of it.. We will have head or sense knowledge of it but no revelation of it.

In order to grow strong faith we are going to have to be strong and courageous.

Father, I thank you for The Word of God. I thank you for what The Word says I am, and I can do what this Bible says I can do. And I am more than a conqueror. I can't fail because God is in me and the Bible says He can't fail therefore I can't fail. I am going over because of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor prayed for those that feel like they are in the snare of busyness. The Bible says He will deliver us from the snare of the fowler, so through Jesus we are delivered.

Father right now in Jesus name, I break the snare of the fowler. The snare is broken and God's people are gone free. Hallelujah! We declare your goodness.