

Faith that Stays the Course

Overview: Jesus asked this question, “Will I find faith when I return?” What is your answer? Will He find faith, overcoming faith, in you? As the days get worse, as the darkness increases that which will cause us to be the “light getting brighter” is our faith. He is looking for a body of people which have unwavering trust in Him and which are not swayed by what is experienced by the five senses, feelings or thoughts.

A. The Foundation of Faith is God’s Love

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| 1. God is Love, know and believe the love of God. | 1 John 4:16 |
| 2. Perfect love casts out all fear. | 1 John 4:18 |
| 3. In Christ God will freely give us all things. | Rom 8:32 |
| 4. Be rooted and grounded in His love. | Eph 3:17-19 |
| 5. A revelation of His love results in obedience to the Word. | 1 John 2:3-5 |
| 6. Faith works (becomes effectual) by love. | Gal 5:6 |

B. The Word Gives Structure to Our Faith

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| 1. His Word which He has spoken will come to pass. | Is 46:11 |
| 2. His Word will not return to Him void. | Is 55:11 |
| 3. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. | Rom 10:17 |
| 4. Study to show yourself approved of God. | 2 Tim 2:15 |
| 5. The renewed mind begins the transformation. | Rom 12:2 |
| 6. Faith requires hope, which comes from the Word. | Heb 11:1 |

C. Overcoming the Hindrances to Our Faith

1. Circumstances

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| a. The unseen (spiritual realm) over-rides the seen (natural) | 2 Cor 4:16-18 |
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2. Fear

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| a. God has not given us a spirit of fear. | 2 Tim 1:7 |
| b. Fear can put you in the wrong place at the wrong time. | Ps 91:5-8 |

3. Sin – rejection, offense, unforgiveness, etc.

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| a. Opens the door for the evil one to attack you. | John 5:14 |
| b. Submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee. | James 4:7 |

4. Thoughts

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| a. Fiery darts blocked by the shield of faith. | Eph 6:16 |
| b. Bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. | 2 Cor 10:5 |

5. Emotions (passions)

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| a. Jesus bore the emotions that bring a lack of peace. | Is 53:4-5 |
| b. Put aside anger, wrath, malice, evil speaking, strife, jealousy. | Eph 4:31-32; Jam 3:16 |

6. Words

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| a. Don’t speak what you have, speak what you want. | Rom 4:17 |
| b. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. | Prov 25:11 |
| c. Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth. | Eph 4:29 |

7. Experience

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| a. Lean not unto your own understanding. | Prov 3:5-6 |
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8. Wrong Teaching

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| a. All Scripture is inspired by God a profitable. | 2 Tim 3:16-17 |
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