

## Living by Faith

### A. What is Faith?

#### 1. Definitions.

- a) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen Heb 11:1
- b) Faith is not doubting in your heart, but believing that those things which you say shall come to pass. Mark 11:23
- c) Faith is the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness. Heb 6:12  
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#### 2. Substitutions.

- a) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, *faith is* the evidence of things not seen.
- b) Now ***not doubting in your heart, but believing that those things which you say shall come to pass*** is the substance of things hoped for; ***not doubting in your heart, but believing that those things which you say shall come to pass*** is the evidence of things not seen. Mark 11:23
- c) Now ***not doubting in your heart, but believing that those things which you say shall come to pass*** is the substance of things hoped for; ***the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.*** is the evidence of things not seen. Heb 6:12

#### 3. Pentachotomy.

- a) You are to love God with your whole heart, soul and mind. Matt 22:37
- b) Faith is really, really, really, believing God (i.e., believing in your heart, soul, and mind).
- c) I know that I know that I know (i.e., I know in my heart, soul and mind).
- d) When you believe/know at that level, you can face any obstacle, any challenge including sickness, disease, threats, demons and even the angel of death.

### B. Walking by Faith.

#### 1. Man was created by God.

- a) God is a God of Faith. He created all things with His Word. Gen 1
- b) Man was created in His image and likeness, so man is created to live by faith. Gen 1:27
- c) The question is in whom will man have faith, in God or other men?
- d) Man walks by faith in other men every time s/he flies, crosses a high bridge, sits on a chair, buys food from a stranger, accepts a check or money, works for wages, etc.

#### 2. We are children of faith.

- a) Our Heavenly Father is the God of Faith. Ps 138:2
- b) Mammon is the system of man and relies on science; medicine is a byproduct.
  - Science is the study of that which can be measured. It is sense based.
  - Science and non-Bible education train us to live by our senses.
  - Because we are trained to live by the senses, we are blind to the unseen.
- c) Jesus came to preach recovery of sight to the blind (i.e., through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we begin to use the eye of faith instead of relying on natural eyes). Luke 4:18  
John 1:33
- d) As we learn to use our eye of faith, we grow in the ability to walk by faith.

#### 3. Walking by faith (WBF).

- a) WBF is making your decisions by the Word of God (WOG) or by hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit. Heb 5:14  
Rom 8:14
- b) WBF is seeing through the eyes of faith.
- c) WBF is living physically through spiritual eyes.

C. Not walking by sight.

1. Know your enemy.
  - a) The devil has no power so by deceit he has to use your power against you. Col 2:15
  - b) He goes around seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet 5:8
  - c) He can devour them if they are deceived and accept, as current reality, Eph 6:16  
either facts from the physical realm or fiery darts, which contradict the WOG.
    - The devil's power is primarily from the past through trauma or sin, which weakens us for his attack in the present. 2 Tim 2:22
    - The devil has some power from the future through fear, which can destroy our faith in the WOG. Luke 8:50
2. Walking by sight.
  - a) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 1 Jn 2:16
  - b) Therefore, the devil wants you to live physically through physical eyes. Pro 27:20
  - c) All that is in the world is perceived through the 5 senses (i.e., by sight).
  - d) Walking by sight is synonymous with walking by the five senses, which is the same as walking carnally.
  - e) To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Rom 8:6
3. Choosing not to walk by sight.
  - a) The enemy uses what you see to get you to fight in the physical because that is where the devil is strong. Pro 27:20
  - b) The devil has been defeated spiritually, so his only source of power is to use yours by deceiving you with physical stimuli to the mind. Rom 8:13
  - c) Since his attacks must be centered on the mind, you need to renew your mind to the WOG. Rom 12:2
  - d) Once your mind has been renewed to a promise, keep it in mind by affirmation, visualization and meditation of the Word. This helps you to see when the devil is trying to get you to believe either a lie of sensory input or a fiery dart.

D. Living by Faith.

1. For we walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Cor 5 :7
  - a) The word "Walk" in Greek is peripateo (Strong G4043).
  - b) Its primary meanings are treading about, walk at large and walk about.
  - c) Though a secondary meaning is "live", the primary meanings imply a **tactical** approach to using your faith to address decisions as they arise.
  - d) The tactical approach tends to denote a more reactive way of living.
2. The just shall live by faith. Rom 1:17
  - a) The word "Live" in Greek is Zao (Strong G2198).
  - b) Its meanings are live, lifetime and alive.
  - c) These meanings support a more **strategic** approach to using your faith by embarking upon life choices, rather than waiting for decision points.
  - d) The strategic approach tends to denote a more proactive way of living.
3. Tactical Living.
  - a) A tactical approach is the prayer, "Deliver us from evil." Matt 6:11b
  - b) A reactive lifestyle is one which addresses problems and challenges as they arise.
  - c) Then, these decisions are made based on the WOG or the leading of the Holy Spirit.
4. Strategic Living. Matt 6:11a
  - a) A strategic approach is the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation."
  - b) A proactive lifestyle is one which avoids problems by being where God wants you to be when He wants you to be there (i.e., being in God's will at all times).
  - c) These decisions are made in advance of embarking upon any actions and are based on the WOG but with a more heavy emphasis on hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.