



## An Active Faith

**HOW TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH** The humanity of Christ encountered two persons with great faith. The first was a woman (Matthew 15:28), and a centurion (Luke 7:9). In several occasions He scolded His disciples for their little faith or lack of faith (Matthew 14:31, 16:8, 17:20, 21:21 and Luke 12:28).

**GREAT FAITH** is not an excellent measure of faith but the capacity to believe the Truth they heard. Believer, like Stephen who was described as a man FULL OF FAITH refers to Bible doctrine stored in his soul available for utilization at any situations may require. Great faith is not mystical and exclusive to few (like the TV preachers around us) who claimed to have special anointing from God.

**LITTLE FAITH** refers to gnosis that failed conversion and transfer into epignosis in the right lobe of the soul. It is academic faith that will soon fade away lacking capacity for recall and application. Christians with weak faith are doctrinally ignorant and unable to resist temptation and open to any compromise (Romans 4:19).

**TO GROW STRONG IN FAITH** requires the positive volition to leave behind the weak faith of carnality and concentrate in studying Bible doctrine diligently, systematically, and progressively avoiding every intermission and barrier that diverts the focus of the soul from Christ. That decision to grow spiritually and reach spiritual maturity begins with an act of positive volition (Romans 4:20).

**TO INCREASE OUR FAITH** is to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ by means of continuous and progressive learning of Bible doctrine. No amount of prayer and fasting can increase our faith (2 Peter 3:18). Like the lowly mustard seed, our faith must germinate, grow its roots downward before it can bear fruits upward (Luke 17:5-6). No amount of prayer and fasting, miracles, healing, tongues, and exorcism can add a millimeter to our faith. The people surrounding the life of Christ and the apostles had enough miracles and yet remained unconverted. **THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH** is a statement that describes the normal lifestyle of the Christians inside the plan, purpose and will of God. The Word of God possesses such believers and whose principles and viewpoint are dominantly from the Bible doctrine (Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11). Only the genuine and accurate Bible doctrine in the souls can produce changes in the believers and historical impact in the world.

**RIGHTEOUS MEN** (believers with positive volition) became strong in their faith gradually being energized by the Holy Spirit as they move slowly toward spiritual maturity by the grace of God. They utilize the power of the divine dynasphere. They refused to leave the divine dynasphere and refusing Satan's enticement to leave even for a while (Ephesians 3:16, 19).

The righteous are concerned about having the fullness of God which comes by knowing God not by working for God. We come to know God by living within the system in which Jesus Christ lived while on earth. That power system is the divine dynasphere of blessedness (John 1:16).

Only inside the divine dynassphere we can think His thoughts and develop the same mental attitude that govern His life (1 Corinthians 2:16, Philippians 2:5). His inner dynamics becomes our inner dynamic. His virtues become our virtues. His capacity for life becomes our capacity for life. His happiness becomes our happiness. His integrity becomes our integrity (John 15:11, 16:13-15).

**FAITH** does not believe without proof of God's essence. To believe God is to know Him, His purpose, His plan, operation and systems. Faith that is ignorant of God's essence is presumptuous faith. Faith is not trusting a creature or putting your confidence on man. True confidence is based on God's essence. A misdirected faith toward man, is not faith but compromise with evil schemes.

Faith is not claiming biblical promise and urging God to fulfill it, without knowing His plan and purpose. It is easy to say, I believe that God will do it without the confidence on God. Faith is not human capacity coated with our selfishness and arrogance in demanding His divine intervention for something entirely impossible to settle or resolved. Faith is the divine action of His righteousness and justice. It is not demanding something for our needs and problems.

Faith is not what you make to believe or what you like to believe but what is believed (Hebrews 12:2c). Your faith has no reality without Bible doctrine in your souls. It is not possible to have faith without Bible doctrine. This distinguishes the genuine Christian faith from the faith of other religious groups. The justice of God provided all Church Age believers with equal privileges and equal opportunity to reach spiritual maturity. The measure of faith is the results of individualized volition to use or not to use divine resources.

**THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH** (1 Timothy 6:12) refers to the battle the Church Age believers have to face while advancing toward spiritual maturity. The battle is about volitional responsibility to study or not to study Bible doctrine not fighting demons. Our presumptuous faith is powerless against Satan and his demons.

Only faith (Bible Doctrine) can establish the spiritual life of the believer individually and collectively (Acts 16:5). No amount of spiritual messages or spiritual music, tongues, and others can make you grow and move toward spiritual maturity. Your faith can grow exceedingly or remain stagnant depending on your study of the Word (2 Thessalonians 1:3, James 2:18-17).

**TO DEPART FROM FAITH** (1 Timothy 4:1b) is to reject Bible doctrine and to accept the doctrines of demons. To ere from the faith or to wander from the faith is to fill your mind with human viewpoint or satanic viewpoint (1 Timothy 6:10b). The spiritual battlefield where each one of us is assigned to fight is the soul, not the planet earth, for this reason our soul must be possessed with the maximum Bible doctrine or epignosis.

The spiritual warfare that we have to win is right within our soul- not in some ghostly houses or temple of demons. There is no command for the believers to expel demons from this planet. We cannot bully Satan with gnosis doctrine in our nous. Memorized Scriptural text has no effect on Satan-he has memorized it better than any creatures. The truth we learned will establish real convictions and belief. The principles we gained will guide our conduct in the world. The truth will set us free from human viewpoint and demonic doctrines.

Epignosis are permanently stored in the soul, preserved for eternity. If however, remain unused- the Holy Spirit will ask for refresher course that may include preventive suffering. There is no spiritual maturity without the application of epignosis to life.

Faith-rest relies on the infinite power, energy and resources of God. It is God's gracious, matchless, endless provision for believers in time. It is a moment-by-moment Sabbath. Without rest, there is no spiritual power, strength and spiritual capacity to serve God. There is absolutely nothing in the spiritual life without this moment-by-moment rest. It will be a spiritual life without the wonderful shower of blessings and manifestation of His power.

The faith-rest life is characterized by continuous, perpetual faith that believes the promises of God (Hebrews 4:10). It is signified by diligence in seeking life that is not operating by the energy of the flesh (Hebrews 4:11).

The faith-rest life is characterized by knowing the Word of God, the will of God for man. The believer who is applying faith rest is allowing the Word of God to inspect his mind, heart and soul. He is willing to take constant examination (testing) by giving the Word of God freedom to

judge his thought and life (Hebrews 4:12-13). The faith-rest life is characterized by being a witness to the world regarding the wonderful grace of God. It is becoming a showcase of divine grace in the world of chasm and chaos (Hebrews 4:12).

It is characterized by series of testing of undeserved suffering, which demands continual trust or confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is life that is learning to depend on God in every area of his life. It is a life that trusts on nobody except God. It is a life that is totally independent from men and totally dependent on God alone (Hebrews 4:15-16).