Faith
Session 6: Examples of Faith

Basics of Faith:

A. Faith comes by hearing

Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.")

B. Faith believes

Romans 10:9-10 "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

C. Faith speaks

Romans 10:9-10

D. Faith receives

Mark 11:23-24 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Faith in Action:

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

When faith is present, there is evidence. The evidence is a fruit of faith, it does not produce faith.

Hebrews 11:7-11, 17-31

Revelation knowledge of God and His word activates the faith that dwells within our spirit. Faith gives us access to everything God's grace has already provided. God's grace is His supernatural ability for our every need.

1) Revelation of Covenant: David

1 Samuel 17:4-11 NKJV "And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and

the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him. Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid."

Fear is opposed to faith. It is a confidence in a negative outcome as opposed to a God outcome. Fear produces unbelief.

1 Samuel 17:20-24, 26 NKJV "So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle. For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.…Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

1 Samuel 17:32-37 NKJV "Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." Moreover David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

Put the faith you have to work!

1 Samuel 17:45-47 "Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

A. Faith talk declares the end from the beginning.
B. A person operating in faith is certain of the outcome.
C. The results do not come as a surprise because they were already expected.

2) Revelation of Authority: Roman Centurion

Matthew 8:5-10 NKJV "Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, ***He marveled****, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you,* ***I have not found such great faith****, not even in Israel!"*

This man had a revelation of authority, which produced faith in him that Jesus had been given authority and that whatever He spoke would surely come to pass. Just as he, being a man in authority over others, could give commands and fully expect them to be carried out, he understood that Jesus' words carried that same authority.

Matthew 8:13 NKJV "Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go your way. And as you have believed, so let it be done for you.' And his servant was healed that very moment."

We have now inherited this same authority!
Luke 9:1-2 NKJV "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Luke 10:1, 17, 19 NKJV "After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go…Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name…Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Mark 16:17-18 NKJV "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

3) Revelation of the Power of God: Woman with the issue of blood

Mark 5:25-34 NKJV "Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

We can see the basics of faith in her story.

1. Verse 27**:** She heard.

2. Verse 28: She believed what she had heard, so she spoke what she believed, then she acted based on it.

   Faith always has corresponding action. When faith is at work in our lives, it is always observable because there will always be corresponding behavior.

   James 2:17 "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

3. Verse 29: She received.

She received because she put the Law of faith to work for her. She had a strong, active faith that reached out and took what God had already made available. Genuine faith works every single time because it is with genuine faith the power of God is activated in our lives.

Faith is the requirement to received what God has provided freely to us by grace!