



"Living by Faith"

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Introduction

✳️ Guiding principles

- 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is **the victory that has overcome the world--our faith**. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? [1Jo 5:4-5 NASB95]
- 17 For in it [the] righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: "**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH.**" [Rom 1:17 NASB20]
- 20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I **live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. [Gal 2:20 NASB20]
- 7 For we **walk by faith**, not by sight. [2Co 5:7 CSB]
- 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your **faith grows exceedingly**, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, [2Th 1:3 NKJV]

Principles learned... I will live by faith because...

1. ...God has an ordained purpose for **such a time as this**.

- 13 Then Mordecai told [them] to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. 14 "For if you remain silent at this time, **relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place** and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty **for such a time as this**?" [Est 4:13-14 NASB95]

2. ...faith **pleases** God.

- 6 And **without faith it is impossible to please [Him]**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. [Heb 11:6 NASB95]

3. ...faith **sets** our heart to seek the Lord.

- 3 "But there is [some] good in you [Jehoshaphat], for you have removed the Asheroth from the land and **you have set your heart to seek God.**" [2Ch 19:1-4]

4. ...faith tests our belief in God's **word**.

- Until the time that his word came to pass, **The word of the LORD tested him [Joseph]**. [Psa 105:19]

5. ...faith fights and overcomes our **fears**.

- 9 "Have I not commanded you [Joshua]? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for **the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**" [Jos 1:9 NASB95]

6. ...faith is willing to stand **alone** if necessary.

15 "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**" [Jos 24:15 NASB95]

7. ...faith **honors** God.

30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me--for **those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.**' [1Sa 2:30]

8. ...faith **connects** us to the miraculous and **impossible**.

26 And looking at [them] Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**" [Mat 19:26 NASB95]

9. ...faith is **contagious**.

20 There was war at Gath again, where there was a man of [great] stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born to the giant. 21 When he defied Israel, **Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother**, struck him down. 22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants. [2Sa 21:20-22 NASB95]

10....faith is based upon the **word** of God.

26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will 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 taunt the armies of the living God?" [1Sa 17:26 NASB95]

11....faith rests in God's **omnipotent** power.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that **the surpassing greatness of the power** will be of God and not from ourselves; [2Co 4:7 NASB95]
29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me. [Col 1:29 NASB95]

12....faith lasts beyond our **lifetime**.

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, **according to that which was spoken**, So shall thy seed be. [Rom 4:18 KJV]

13....faith provides the enjoyment of God's **presence**.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and **God Himself will be among them**," [Rev 21:3 NASB95]

14....faith flows out of a heart **devoted** to God.

14 He [Rehoboam] did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD. [2Ch 12:14 NASB95]
3 He [Abijam] walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David. [1Ki 15:3 NASB95]
14 But the high places were not taken away; nevertheless **the heart of Asa was wholly devoted to the LORD all his days.** [1Ki 15:14 NASB95]

- 15....faith captures the eyes of the Lord and He **strongly supports** the true heart.**
 9 *"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."* 10 *Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time. [2Ch 16:9-10]*
- 16....faith seeks the Lord and fasts when we are **afraid**.**
 3 *Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.. [2Ch 20:3]*
 4 *So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD. [2Ch 20:4]*
- 17....faith recognizes God's power is not restrained by lack of **numbers**.**
 6 *Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few." [1Sa 14:6 NASB95]*
- 18....faith prays for those in **authority**.**
 1 *First of all, then, I urge that entreaties [and] prayers, petitions [and] thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [1Ti 2:1-3]*
- 19....faith may invoke national repentance and **delay** judgment.**
 10 *For godly sorrow produces repentance [leading] to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. [2Co 7:10 NKJV]*
 7 *"At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy [it;] 8 if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. [Jer 18:7-8 NASB95]*
- 20....faith that grows strong conquers our **unbelief**.**
 20 *yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. 22 Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. [Rom 4:16-22]*
- 21....faith against hope in natural law or human capacity believes in God's **word**.**
 18 *In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." [Rom 4:18 NASB95]*

Every promise of God is a certainty for those who believe!!!

God has planned an eternal weight of glory for those who by faith fulfill His calling in such a time as this.

17 *For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. [2Co 4:17-18 NASB95]*