

FAITH IN THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

The shyest person who lacks self-confidence can become the most confident through faith in God!

To have faith is to believe, to trust, to have confidence in, or to rely on something or someone. Faithfulness describes the quality of someone with an unswerving focus, an allegiance to an oath or a promise. Faith is a strong belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny God, who has kept and is in the process of keeping every promise contained in the Scriptures, is our true example of faithfulness. We are not simply requested, but we are commanded, to “*have faith in God.*” This then enables us to keep promises we have made to others; our faith in God helps us remain faithful to people.

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. I Corinthians 16:13

For we walk by faith, not by sight. ~2 Corinthians 5:7

I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me. ~Galatians 2:20

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. ~Colossians 2:6-7

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called. ~I Timothy 6:12

These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of His return. ~I Peter 1:7 (TLB)

For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. ~Psalm 37:28

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

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. ~Romans 15:1 (The Message), Holy Bible

The door of faith is open to those who seek and are not afraid to step through, for the just shall live by his faith.

The righteous person in (or by) his faithfulness (firmness, consistency, belief, faith, steadfastness) shall live!

Many times we are in situations that have driven us to our knees, and we know that we have nowhere else to go but to Almighty God!

I once read a statement by A. W. Tozer who said, "Faith is not in itself a meritorious act; the merit is in *the One toward whom it is directed. Faith is a redirecting of our sight, a getting out of the focus of our own vision and getting God into focus.*" It spoke volumes to my heart.

BE THANKFUL

In Psalm 100:3, David says, "*Know that the Lord is God.*" He is the God of grace and love who fills our minds and hearts to overflowing. All glory is given to Him.

In verse 4, David says, "*Come into the Lord's city with songs of thanks. Come into His temple with songs of praise.*" This means that every day we are to come into God's presence with thanks. Let your faith soar and refuse to entertain negative thoughts, but rather keep your heart and mind stayed upon the positive promises of the ONE who love you—God will never lead you astray.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

A story is told of a little girl who prayed for her friend until she also found the Lord Jesus as her Savior. Together, they began to pray for a third friend. Then the three of them prayed for a fourth and the four of them for a fifth—this chain reaction in the hearts of little children comes by intercession.

As Christians, we should lift one another to the throne room of grace daily. One writer said it well, "More believers on their knees praying will result in more Christians on their feet evangelizing.

God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself...There is no such thing. ~Charles Haddon Spurgeon

PRAYER

Father, we thank You, for Your Love. Your steadfast faithfulness to Your people touches our lives every day. Thank You that in the big and the little things You bless and meet our needs and our faith continues to grow as does our love for You.

Thank You, Father, that You not only watch over us, but in Your great love You give us pleasures and heart's desires that enrich our lives. This adds to and strengthens our faith. We will rejoice as we remember that Jesus is as near as the mention of His name; as we call out to Him, we tap into the source of our faith.

We are a blessed people for You are our steadfastness and the security of our faith. Our faith increases with use and we can face the trials, knowing that as You walk us through them, we will mature in You; character is formed in us. Truly our faith thrives when we stay focused on Jesus, rather than on ourselves. Amen.