

THE HALL OF FAITH

Lesson One: "Untapped Faith"



LESSON OBJECTIVE:

You should be able to move towards an *idea*, without any *tangible proof* and without *fear*.

INTRODUCTION: The goal for you is to progress. People like progression and people need to progress. It's good to show improvement. It shows that you are doing something with your time, energy, gifts, and your talents.

Examples of 2022 ideas:

1. Pastor: desires to see every member of MS be a part of a SMG
2. Bro. Baker: more speaking opportunities in the midst of COVID
3. Sis. Myles: to help students pass the math end of grade test

What is one idea you wish to fulfill this year?



QUESTION: Do you have the faith to move towards that idea?

You Are Being Called to Have Faith --

1. To have faith means a strong belief in God, knowing that God is greater than any circumstance, situation, problem, trial.
2. Life will always seem like a struggle if your view of God is not strong. How can you say you have faith with a less than mentality about God?

Think about what you desire: Joy, Peace, Fruit, Prosperity, Health, and Success. It all starts with a greater view of God, because it's all promised to you already. God is a God of promise and truth.



QUESTION: Do you believe you have all that you need to fulfill or accomplish your idea?

If you say yes, then you must have faith.



Scripture Lesson: Read Hebrews 11:1-2

I. Faith Determines How You Live

The importance of faith dictates how you live.

A. Live a Righteous Life, Romans 1:17

You can't expect to live any kind of way and say you have faith.

1. To be righteous is to live by faith. If you are righteous, desiring to do the right thing, it means you have faith.
2. Righteousness belongs to God.

B. Two examples of Righteousness

- Genesis 6:9 - Noah was a righteous man
- Job 1:1 - Most righteous man in all the land

NOTE: Righteous living means you live by truth and accept truth, as if God is telling the truth

II. Faith Defined, vs. 1

Hebrews 11:1 tells you exactly what faith is and how God views faith

A. Faith is a substance that is hoped for

- The substance is Jesus Christ
- Identification with Jesus, Matthew 16:16 Peter's Confession
 - a. The Christ – The Messiah
 - b. Son – Jesus said I and the Father are one
 - c. Living God – source of being, of life, possesses energy, and power

B. Based in the Word of God – II Timothy 3:16-17

The Word is filled with Promises

- This faith in Hebrews 11 is a Bible Scriptural faith. Bible faith is that which you accept in your heart.
- Bible faith is where inspiration and ideas stem out of God's truth and Word and you act on it as if you believe, knowing it will come to pass.

C. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Faith is the proof, even though it's not a reality.

- Faith says: The website is up, even though it's not
- Faith says: The speaking opportunities will increase, even though the call hasn't come in yet.
- Faith says: The students have passed the test, even though it's the beginning of the semester
- Faith says: My health will be better, even though I haven't lost the weight yet.

The Key to Faith:

1. If you have little significant faith in the substance (Jesus Christ) equals Great Results
2. But if you have a lot of insufficient faith in the substance that equals no results

III. How Do You Get Faith? vs. 1-2

Read: Romans 10:17, Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Faith cometh – Laying hold of the truth and fact that faith cometh. Which means, if I did not or do not have faith, I am able to get faith.

If you are a believer, the source of faith is already the Word of God, it's in your hands, and your possession.

A. John 1:1 Jesus is the Word, Jesus is the utterance of God

- The Word is where the believer comes in contact with God
- The Word is what empowers you to think and reason
- How is faith heard? Read Proverbs 4:20-22
 1. Attention to the Word
 2. Incline your ear to the Word
 3. Keep your eyes on the Word
 4. Keep your heart in tune to the word

The result is healing for your flesh and your body

B. Two-fold Understanding of the Word

1. The Word is "logos" – the divine revelation of God, it's His will
2. The Word is "Rhema" – The Holy Spirit gives specifics of your circumstances and situation
3. The Word is what you need to fulfill ideas, purpose and mission

Research a scripture for your idea:

My 2022 idea is to write. My scripture focus is Jeremiah 30:1-2

What is the scripture for your 2022 idea? _____

III. Feed Your Faith, vs. 2-3

- Vs. 2 lets us know that we have some witnesses that can testify about the efficacy of faith. The chapter is a list of people who had faith. However, not all were righteous people, they had some mess in their lives.
- The encouragement for you and I is to feed our faith and starve our fears. People of faith are not people of fear and people of fear are not people of faith.

Scriptures pertaining to faith:

1. I Peter 1:9 - Resist the devil
2. Romans 10:8 – We preach faith
3. Romans 12:3 - Measure of faith
4. Romans 5:1 - Justified by faith
5. Romans 14:23 – Faith does not doubt
6. Ephesians 6:16 – Shield of faith

What does not work well with faith is carnality. If you are carnal, you will not develop strong faith.

Scriptural Example of Feeding your faith:

1. Mathew 4:4
2. Matthew 11:12 - You cannot be timid about feeding your faith.

CONCLUSION

You cannot run a marathon or get in shape by eating Oreo cookies. You need to eat some spinach-- something that will fuel your body.

When you have faith, you act on it. The failure of Christians is they do not act on what they believe.

So, let's grow in the Word! (I Peter 2:2)