



Built for This - Part 1

TITLE

Faith

WORD

Series Text: Mathew 7:24-27 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”
NIV

I. Overcoming Faith

A. Hebrews 11: 32-35 “And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. *NIV*

1. Live by faith – Everyone lives by something (e.g., public opinion, people’s approval, cultural expediency, feelings, emotions, philosophies of man etc.)
2. “For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” *Romans 1:17 NIV*
3. “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” *Galatians 2:20 NIV*
 - a. Faith is not denial - it does not act like facts aren’t there
 - b. Faith is not presumptuous - it does not test God
 - c. Faith is not foolishness- it does not act without the leading of God

- d. Faith is not hope - Hope is expectation. Hope is the seed of faith
- 4. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:1-3 *NKJV*
 - a. You can have hope without faith but you can't have faith without hope.
- 5. "But 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 diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 *NKJV*
 - a. It is impossible to please God without faith
 - b. Rewards don't come to the passive, but to those who go after it

II. Things that Can Overcome/Hinder Your Faith

- 1. **Fear of Man** - "The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe." Proverbs 29:25 *NKJV* Ex. Peter walking on water
- 2. **Desiring Man's Approval above God's Approval** - "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?" John 5:44 *NKJV*
- 3. **Pragmatism** - "For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 *NKJV* Ex. Lazarus' sisters
- 4. **Not Sitting Under Anointed Preaching and Leadership** - And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked." Acts 14:8-10 *NKJV*
- 5. **Hanging out with Pessimistic People** - "Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go away; Even strife and dishonor will cease." Proverbs 22:10 *AMP*

III. How To Build Your Faith

- A. *Bosworth said, "Most Christians feed their body three hot meals a day and their spirit one cold snack a week. And they wonder why they're so weak in faith."*
 - 1. **Listen** - "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 *NKJV*
 - 2. **Ask** - "Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:23-24 *NKJV*
 - 3. **Speak** - "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak." 2_Corinthians 4:13 *NKJV*

4. **Act** - "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26 *NKJV*

IV. Jesus Is Praying for Your Faith!

- A. **Luke 22:31-32** "And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." *NKJV*