

IS MY BELIEVER BROKE?

Have I replace faith with unbelief, doubt or fear?

Luk 18:7 *And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? :8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?** 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*

To trust in ourselves is to stop faith and deny its operation.

THE DAILY WALK!

Do we walk in faith, or do we walk under the intimidating roar of the devil or under a greater enemy, the one within, **ourselves?** Do we walk life steps by fear, unbelief and doubt, or do we TRUST God, and live by faith? Faith requires trust in God, **Do we really trust God or do we simply believe that He can, He might, but will He???**

Quick review on trust:

to expect, (a sure thing is coming, no question mark as might, not if, when), and to be able to confide in.

When trouble or difficult situations come what do we do? **WHAT ARE OUR FIRST FRUITS**

- What is our first response or our first reaction?
- What is the first thing that comes out of our mouth?
- Do we go to God first or do we try to find someone to agree with our condition.
- Do we seek agreement in prayer or agreement in our “victimized mindset”
- How do we handle the daily aggravations, with complaining, murmuring or with love?

FRUIT: - The proof is in the pudding –

Mat 7:20 *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

Is our faith stronger now than when we began. If 2008 is the year of new beginnings, when did we begin? Or are we doing right now the same thing we did last year, or maybe less?

Are we really expecting a change, do we really want a change, will we pay the price for the change?

Some in the body of Christ have stopped expecting change and have accepted and are satisfied with the current situation and are comfortable (or have come to tolerate) in their mess.

Joh 15:4 *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

IN THE FAITH -

In the Bible we find these statements:

In faith, by faith, through faith, of faith, from faith, - Faith has a lot to do with us and God, Amen.

2Co 13:5 *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

2Co 13:5 *Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper **fruits** of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an **ever-increasing experience**] that Jesus Christ is in you--unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?*

IF YOU ARE NOT IN FAITH, CAN WE CHANGE – YES, YES, YES! - HOW, BY DOING WHAT God SAYS, BY FAITH!

Heb 11:3 *Through faith **we understand** that the worlds were **framed** by the word of God, so that*

things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

FRAMED – Framed: to complete perfectly, thoroughly, make perfect joined together, to seal
Our world in God starts, maintains, moves forward and finishes by the force of faith.

NO FAITH, NO MOVEMENT, NO FAITH, NO PROGRESS

We understand by faith. Faith is the key to the applying what we know, or has been revealed to us from God.

*Php 2:12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, **work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete)** your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, **tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ**).*

- Faith is anchored in the unseen.
- Faith activates what it realizes. Faith provides eyes for the heart.
- Faith is not in the mind, but the mind is involved --- it must be renewed -
- Faith is based in hearing the Word of God, hearing the voice of God, and doing what we hear.
- Faith lives in the revealed will of God.

Faith offends the stationary, the comfortable

People of great faith are hard to live with, their reasoning is other-worldly - We become like them or avoid them.

Faith is active – Faith is aggressive by nature – it brings the supernatural into a collision course with the natural
Faith is violent in the spiritual realm – Faith empowers us to greater heights in God.

Hearing and not doing –brings self deception – (Jam. 1:22)

The Holy Spirit through faith brings the Word of God to us to **know** the Will of God.

Bringing interpretation, application and empowerment

To try to live our lives and not listen to His voice, acknowledge, accept, or adhere, is dangerous.

Obedience is the expression of faith!

UNBELIEF -

Unbelief is anchored in the visible, a hard heart does not see, a hard heart does not believe.

The invisible is superior to the visible; unbelief reverses this and puts the visible in the superior position.

Unbelief is faith in something other than God.

When we submit the things of God to the mind of man, unbelief and religion are the results.

People think unbelief is safe; it takes no risk and usually gets what it expects.

Unbelief is belief gone wrong, mis-directed, confused, and wrongly focused. Unbelief breeds everything that is not of God, every attacks, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, physically.

FEAR -

Fear attracts the devil and demons like flies to rotten meat, fear gives off a scent that attracts them.

The only power the devil has is what we give him by agreement.

Our acceptance to his intimidating suggestions brings agreement

Fullness is measured by overflow.

God's supernatural gift of faith to us and God's gifting in us dissipate when:

1. They are taught or reasoned away by tradition, religion or false teaching
2. They are not experienced, no encounter with God
3. They are buried under disappointment after disappointment and faith and trust ceases