

Sermon: Release Your Faith

Faith is the essence of Christian living.

- 1) "By grace through faith" we are saved and forgiven.
- 2) "The just shall live by faith."
- 3) "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

The message this morning is **Release Your Faith**.
The key word is **Release**.

5 WAYS WE RECEIVE FAITH

1. Measure Of Faith

Romans 12:3 (NKJ)

*For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, **as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.***

This is given to everyone.

This is the faith to repent, change, believe and trust in Jesus.

2. Spirit Of Faith

This kind of faith is given to every believer. It comes to each one of us the moment we act upon our measure of faith to believe in Jesus.

Spirit of faith is also known as the mindset of the Kingdom of God

3. Word of faith

The Word is deposited in the heart of every believer by the Holy Spirit. It comes from reading the Bible daily.

4. Gift Of Faith

A gift of faith is given by the Holy Spirit as a divine assistance to operate great faith.

This supernatural gift opens the door for the believer to believe for other gifts as well.

5. Special Faith

Example: God granted special grace to Paul for miracles to be done through Paul in Acts 19 when pieces of cloth were sent from him to the sick resulting in healing and deliverance.

II. KEY POINTS TO A LIFE-STYLE OF FAITH

Faith is activated through daily consecration to Christ through -

*Meditating on His Word day and night.

*Maintaining divine perspective – seeing as God sees.

*Walking in the Spirit. Our faith is exercise on a daily basis through obedience to the Holy Spirit. Faith grows from strength to strength through obedience

III. RELEASE YOUR FAITH

Faith is the conductor through which the power of God travels.

Unbelief is the **stopper or blockage** to the power of God.

Lessons taken from:

In Mark 5:21-43 we see the power of God touches two people both required their release of faith that was in their heart and spirit.

Mark 5:21-43 NIV

v21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.

v22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet.

v23 He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.”

v24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

v25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.

v26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

v27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

v28 because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.”

v29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

v30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

v31 “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

v32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.

v33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

v34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

v35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

- v36 *Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."*
- v37 *He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James.*
- v38 *When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.*
- v39 *He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."*
- v40 *But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was.*
- v41 *He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").*
- v42 *Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.*

***The woman with an issue of blood** (PICTURE ILLUSTRATION)

***The healing of Jairus daughter.** (PICTURE ILLUSTRATION)

3 kinds of faith-stealers.

- a) **Messengers of hopelessness**
- b) **the 'weepers and wailers'.**
- c) **the mockers and cynics**

CONCLUSION

Revival flows through the **release of faith** and within the **atmosphere of faith**.
Circumstances change when faith is released.

Impossible made possible as Jesus declared, "Only believer." **Mark 5:36**