



The Power of Faith!

A lot of us believers don't understand the power that comes along with being a Christian. Some of us just can't grasp the total gift of God upon our lives. Faith encompasses the entire scope and the realm of Christianity. There are untold benefits that belong to the believer. These benefits are locked away from us by our inability to trust God to provide.

The moment that we can trust God for who He is, is the very moment that faith unlocks the power in our lives. Having been a Pastor for quite a few years now, I have seen the tremendous lack of faith in the body of Christ and even in the church that I pastor.

Although there are a lot of people in the land today claiming a relationship with God, faith is still at an all-time low. Though there are many people in the church who are religious, a lot of them are not Christians. They do not operate in faith. In many cases, it seems like they are attempting to bridge the world and the church into some kind of unholy marriage.

In 2 Timothy 3:5, the Apostle Paul describes this behavior when he wrote these words, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Many of us know all the rituals of religion. But, for a lot of us, we have failed to take the time to know our Heavenly Father by faith. We have this form of godliness/the look of relationship, but we have no power of God in our lives.



If Christians want to experience the power of God, they must receive it by faith. Through their own lack of faith, they have denied the power of God to change their lives. If we are going to THRIVE in '25, we have to operate in FAITH and NOTHING else! Because anything short of faith denies the power of God to operate through the Holy Spirit in the life and heart of the believer.

When we, as children of God, release our faith in Christ, there is power in our faith. When faith is exercised in Jesus, it releases all the promises of God into an individual's life. The problem is we have too few people exercising **real** faith. Faith is not just lip service. **Real** faith is life service. Faith is not talking about your walk. Faith is walking in that which you talk. Faith is trusting in God when all else fails. Faith in God is that relationship that causes us to commit, submit, and yield ourselves to God in spite of the circumstances.

We see it in Mark 9:23, when Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." If we embrace this scripture and can believe, then the power of faith will be certified. The results of faith will be realized. Jesus is telling us in this scripture that, in whatever we do, it must be accompanied by faith.

THIS WEEK:

thrive *verb*

(of a child, animal, or plant) grow or develop well or vigorously.
"the new baby thrived"

prosper; flourish.
"education groups thrive on organization"

FOCUS ON:

FAITH

As we begin our dedication of this month, I am asking all of you that are walking with me in this to ask God for an increase of faith in your life.

We will be in prayer on this Friday, January 3rd, at 7PM via Zoom and then Monday, January 6th @ 7PM via Zoom.

We will begin Consecration on January 2, 2025 by having one meal a day.