

Waging War To Get Results

How To Avoid Faith Failure – The Mechanics

(Part 5)

Luke 22:32 Mark 5:25-34

Objective

This series of teachings will address the various aspects of the faith walk. It will equip the Believer to accurately function according to Biblical faith. Avoiding faith failure will only occur to the degree that one has been taught and properly coached in the faith process.

Review

Faith gives us access to the supernatural life Jesus died to give us!!!

**Def. Supernatural – The supernatural refers to the extraordinary often miraculous interventions of God and influence of righteous principles into Earth’s affairs, though these interventions and influences are not always spectacular they are supernatural, because of their divine origin.*

1. The just shall live by faith **Rom. 1:17**
2. Without Faith it is impossible to please God **Heb. 11:6**
3. Faith is necessary to overcome the challenges of life **1 John 5:4**
4. We have thoroughly taught the principle of releasing faith through faith filled words
 - a. Make It A First Person Statement – make it personal...I thank you...I believe...
 - b. Make it Present Tense – Faith is now!! Faith is not future Heb. 11:1
 - c. It Must Agree with the Word – since faith is based on the Word, the confession must be
 - d. Make It simple – it does not have to be doctrinally complex... keep it simple!

Understanding the “Demonstration” Element of Faith *James 2:17*

Introduction

For every promise, principle, and prophecy, there is a faith process to bring it to pass! A simple definition of faith is acting on the Word of God. As Jesus instructed the disciples in faith it is plain to see that faith involves some kind of action. So then faith goes beyond a

mental exercise but expresses itself in bold determined action in agreement with what is believed.

I. *The Perspective On Courageous Actions in Scripture James 2:26*

**This analogy of faith without works being compared to a body without life is so appropriate. The key to faith results is in the corresponding action in agreement with what you believe. Without putting forth the corresponding action looking for results is a deception therefore it is to our benefit to understand the scope of corresponding action with an expectation of God to move in any way He chooses to move.*

A. The Faith Of Old Testament Saints Revealed In Their Action

1. **2 Kings 4:4-7** – the widow acted on the word she was given
2. **Joshua 6:1-7** – Joshua acted on the plan of God he was given

B. The Faith Of New Testament Saints Revealed In Their Action

1. **Mark 5:25-34** – woman with the issue of blood had determined action
2. **Luke 17:12-19** – ten lepers were healed because of their action

II. *The Principle Of Corresponding Action in Scripture Prov. 20:5*

**Obedience to principle or divine directive gives us an entitlement to the promised blessing but it is the faith effort that brings us into the possession of the blessing.*

A. Maintaining Corresponding Thoughts 2 Cor. 10:3-5

**The management and control of the thought life is critical to faith, because attacks on the thought life can undermine your faith and willingness to take action.*

1. Peter walking on the water illustrates this point **Matt 14:27-31**
2. Abraham had strong faith because he considered not **Rom. 4:18-19**
3. Guard your heart and mind to avoid sinful traps and pitfalls **Mark 11:25**
 - a. Unforgiveness and strife
 - b. Competition and Envy

B. Maintaining Corresponding Talking Mark 11:23

**The corresponding action of the faith confession is critical to effective faith. Releasing faith through continuous actions of faith command and faith confession is a type of corresponding action that must not be overlooked.*

1. Speaking in agreement with what you believe on a regular basis
 2. This is not a state of denial but on purpose faith action
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C. Maintaining Corresponding Tasks *James 2:17-22 1 Cor. 15:46*

*When we take action it should not be presumptuous or foolish but based on a Scriptural faith strategy! We start out in the natural expecting the supernatural to intervene... the natural is first!!!

1. Actions should not compromise integrity or Christian witness
2. Actions should respect the natural order of acquisition of the thing
3. Actions should be relative to manifested faith results... do what you can do
4. Actions should be with diligence and persistence ***Heb. 11:6***
5. Actions should be in agreement with godliness and holiness
6. Actions should be modeled after the testimonies of others ***Heb. 6:12***
7. Actions should be tempered with the Word to insure righteous motives

III. The Prompting For Corresponding Action In Scripture *Is. 1:19*

**There is a human expectation that can hinder bold corresponding action that must be addressed. Therefore, we must not attempt to limit God to a certain way to manifest the promised blessing but we must be moved by our confidence in the Word of God alone!*

A. The Devastation of Flawed Expectation *Heb. 11:1* Placing Limits on God !!!

*Our flawed expectations are the result of human logic, normal process and experiences of others! Thinking this way causes a hesitation and opens the door for satan to talk you out of acting in faith!

1. Naaman had flawed expectations... he thought his healing would come a certain way
2. Peter had flawed expectations... he thought fish could only be caught at a certain time
3. Man at the pool of Bethesda... he thought his healing would come through the water

B. The Daring Faith's Exploits *Heb. 4:2*

1. We must be persuaded that God is waiting for appropriate corresponding action
 2. We must believe like the 10 Lepers... act on the Word expecting to see results
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**We must keep walking in faith until we see the promise come to pass!!!! Hold fast as you Go!*

Discussion Questions

1. How do you help someone who claims to believe the Word, but acts like he doesn't believe the Word when he is under pressure?
 2. Have you ever had to overcome attacks on your thought life, to win a faith fight? If yes, share.
 3. How can you be sure that you're in faith and not acting presumptuously or foolishly?
 4. How has the life of someone outside of yourself, been impacted through your understanding of the faith process?
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