

Maximizing Your Faith Walk

Luke 22:32 Mark 5:25-34

Objective

This series of teachings will address how to get the most success from your faith walk.

Uncovering The Variables In The Faith Process *1 Timothy 6:12*

Introduction

We have thoroughly studied the various components of faith and we are now ready to put them all together. As previously stated, systematic faith is the strategic application of the process of faith as taught by Jesus Himself. When the application of the principle is fully understood, there is a lesser possibility of there being faith failure along the way. This lesson will highlight the day to day application of faith to bring the covenant promises of God to pass. There are certain facets that can negatively affect the faith process that must be understood and countered. If not faith failure will occur!

I. The Revelation of the Variables of Faith *Proverbs 20:5*

**Unfortunately, most faith failures occur because of a lack of understanding and not the lack of sincerity. Staying focused and being fundamentally sound in your approach to possessing the promises of God through faith is critical.*

A. Understanding the Various Degrees of Faith. *Luke 17:5*

The degrees of faith have more to do with the development state of the person's faith and not in the endowment of the measure of faith. **Romans 12:3*

1. Little Faith. *Luke 12:28*..... The state of flawed priorities
2. No Faith. *Mark 4:40*..... The state of faith postponement
3. Strong Faith. *Romans 4:20*..... The state of full persuasion

B. Understanding the Variables That Diminish Faith

**Variables in the context of this lesson are those things that have the potential to influence the expected outcome of the faith process.*

1. Besetting Sins – sin kills the benefits of righteousness. *Jer. 5:25*

Repentance is the key to overcoming this variable. **1 John 1:9*

2. The Will of Man – God does not impose His will on others (key in the intercession)

The will of man is the most dominate factor controlling Earth's affairs because God created man with a free will and does respect man's willful choices. **2 Peter 3:9*

3. The Word of God – faith is limited by what is promised in the Word. **Romans 10:17**
**Biblical faith starts where the Will of God is known through His revealed Word whether that revealed Word is rhema or logos! We are limited to release faith for what is established in the Word of God!*

4. The Condition of the Heart – much of the faith process involves the heart.
The heart when referenced in Scripture is referring to the center of man; man at his center is a spirit being. **1 Thess. 5: 23*

a. Believing is a heart matter **Romans 10:10**

b. Timing is a heart matter. **Mark 4:28**.....The Earth represents the heart. **Matthew 13:19**

5. Obedience in Giving – our access to the all sufficiency of God is in giving. **Isaiah 1: 19**

In **2 Cor. 9:7-8 the giving order of the Kingdom is clear and cannot be circumvented.*

a. Tithing is a Kingdom priority. **Malachi 3:8-10**

b. Offerings access “grace” for living. **Phil. 4:19**

c. First Fruit Offerings honor God as Our Source and Sustainer. **Proverbs 3:9**

The order of God is that if I will take a prized representation of a group, as a sacrifice, as being set aside for God, a type of firstfruit, that He (God) will do supernatural things for the rest of the group! **Rom. 11:16 Paul uses this to explain God’s dealing with humanity!*

1. Discriminately Selected **Ex. 34:26, Lev. 23:9, Ez. 44:30**

2. It becomes Holy once it is set aside. **Ez. 48: 14**

3. The Worship Component is essential. **Deut. 26:1-10**

4. Vowing demonstrates to God you can be trusted. **Job 22:27-28**

6. The Order of Things – we must respect the natural order. **2 Kings 4: 16**

7. Satanic Hindrances – spiritual attacks launched to undermine your faith. **Ephesians 6:16**

a. Satanic Existence is not a myth but is documented. **1 Peter 5:8**

b. Satanic attacks on mankind are clearly seen physical, emotional, and financial. **Job 1:1**

c. Satanic strategy to diminish man’s faith walk is most dynamic.

1. Fear – he sense of overwhelm by a greater. **Job 3:25 I John 4:4**

2. Frustration – the inability to trust the process that causes one to give up and have hopelessness.

3. False Doctrine and Information – deception and confusion. **1 Timothy 4:1**

4. Fatigue – wears down your physical resistance and stamina to fight. **Gal. 6:9**

Conclusion

Believers are instructed to successfully engage satan and demon forces. No weapon formed against us will prosper! *Isaiah 54:17* We fight the good fight of faith until we win!

Discussion Questions

1. Why do some Believers settle for little or no faith, when strong faith is available?
2. Why is your heart condition an important factor in the faith walk?
3. What truth about First Fruit Offerings are you most excited about?
4. How do you overcome spiritual attacks to undermine your faith?