

**The Faith of God**  
**Part 6**  
**“Faith Is Like a Rope”**

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**“Faith is to get to know God, not just to get things from Him”**  
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*“You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong and sound as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn't you then first discover how much you really trusted it?” — C.S. Lewis,*

**REF - 2 Cor 4:13** We having the **same spirit of faith**, according as it is written, ***I believed***, and therefore ***have I spoken***; we also ***believe***, and ***therefore speak***;     **Spirit of Faith = 1. Believing. 2. Speaking**

**Basics we have talked about so far**

*Faith pleases God*

*Faith is rooted in truth- “If you are a liar faith won't work”*

*Faith comes by hearing – “comes from God” Everyman!*

*Faith is of the **heart** and **mouth** – Rom 10:9 “for with the heart”*

*True faith **speaks**- “confession” “Same - word”*

*Faith “**receives**” – Receives means to- “take” to seize, to possess to oneself. – “You are not waiting on God – He is waiting on you!”*

*How to know if you have real faith – or are you “full of faith”*

**TODAY Mark 11:22-24** <sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.** <sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, **Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.** <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye \*desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

The memory of a potato won't feed anybody! **Rom 10:17** Get it in your system! **Prov 4:20-23 – GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD!**

## **Natural Laws:**

Do you believe in natural laws? WOULD IT MATTER IF YOU DIDN'T?  
Flying an airplane – Could have flown in 1776  
Gravity Alert- Changes all the time...

## **Spiritual Laws: Created Natural Laws**

*“Law of Sin and Death” – Guilty conscious comes from!*

**Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Romans 8:1-2** *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.  
² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

Law of Righteousness – Peace, Courage boldness- no fear!  
**Faith is a Spiritual law!**

**St:** *“Faith is the spiritual law that brings unseen realities into the natural”*  
– PT

## **LAW OF FAITH**

**Romans 3:27** *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*

**St:** *“The Law of faith makes you righteous by grace not the keeping of the law!”* - **PT**

## **Two “Tenses to Faith”**

*²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye **desire**, when ye pray, {1} believe that ye receive them, {2} and ye shall have them.*

**“Faith Like Rope!”**

**Illustration:** Amanda – Rope (How long is the rope?)

**Hebrews 11:1** – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith, is Spiritual Substance:

**Romans 4:17-25 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “**I have made you** a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and **calls into being things that were not.**

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

**How long of a rope did Abraham have? God promised him a child at age 60. Isaac came when he was 85 = 25 years.**

<sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.

**See Verse 17 again....**

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“Calls into being things that were not”

Speaks into existence what previously did not exist!

Speaks what he wants not what he has!

“things” “That were not”

Light be – Not darkness go!

He wanted Light – Light Came when He spoke it into existence

Look at this **Genesis 1: 1-5, Vs 14-16**

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<sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and **gave glory to God**, <sup>21</sup> being **fully persuaded** that God had power to do what He had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**Matthew 7:7-12** <sup>7</sup> Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: <sup>8</sup> For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. <sup>9</sup> Or what man is there of you, whom if **his son** ask bread, will he give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If ye then, being evil, **know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye **desire**, when ye pray, {1} believe that ye receive them, {2} and ye shall have them.

**Amanda – Song “For The One”**