

## Ingredients of Great Faith

### Beware of the characteristics that masquerade as Faith

**Sight- (2 Co 5:7)** (We walk by faith NOT sight)-people allow the "what they see" and "how they see it" to dictate their relationship with God and life, instead of what God says.

**Desire - (Lk 22:42)** – (...Not my will but yours be done...) many are driven by what they want over what God says.

**Fear – (2Ti 1:7)** (not the spirit of fear) - we have allowed our fears (of fleshly safety, missing out, not getting fair share...) to have more of a say than fearing God.

**Centurion had Great Faith** - Luke 7:1-10- When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "**LORD, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found SUCH GREAT FAITH even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. (Matt 8:5-10)**

**Canaanite Woman had Great faith** - Matt 15:21-28 - 21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "**Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me!** My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "**Lord, help me!**" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "**Yes, Lord,**" she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

### Core elements to Great Faith

1. Know and REVERE Christ (based on God) and His authority
2. Bring everything to Christ and trust in him
3. Humbled self and submit to Christ
4. Know and believe in the power of His Word no matter how it may look

**What is faith?** - Heb 11:1- Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.  
(**There is one hope** - Eph 4:4-6)

**It really depends on what your Faith is in** - Mark 11:22 "**Have faith in God,**" Jesus answered.

\* **This means my Faith in God is my proof He exists and I'm convinced of ALL He says**

**Our life purpose is the outcome of one of two outlooks, either faith or sight. We must ask, "who are we trying to please" -** 2 Cor 5:7-9 - 7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

**You MUST have Faith in order to please God** - Heb 11:6 And **without faith it is impossible to please God,** because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**There is only one source of Faith** - Rom 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

**True Christians will live by faith until they die** - Heb 10:35-39 - 35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But **MY RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH.** And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." 39 But we are not of those who **SHRINK BACK AND ARE DESTROYED,** but of those **who BELIEVE and are saved.**

**Belief is Faith displayed** - James 2:20-24 - 20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that **his faith and his actions were working together,** and his **FAITH WAS MADE COMPLETE BY WHAT HE DID.** 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "**ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD,** and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.