

God's Word on Faith

Now more than ever, we must choose to believe God over everyone and everything else – over experiences, circumstances, feelings, family, friends, society, etc.

Many will challenge what God has told us; collectively and individually. But their enticing words will not do, as we must choose His view over anyone else's.

We will take God at His Word **Ps 119:42** *So shall I have an answer for him who [a]reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.*

We will believe God no matter what comes our way. We will trust Him and what He has said over everything else – over our training, our intellect, our situation, our thoughts, and our emotions. Though all of our very being will cry out to the contrary, we will believe God today.

We will please God by faith. **He 11:6a** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is.* Faith pleases God. God cannot be pleased with the person that has no confidence in Him. Who doubts the truth of His declarations and promises. Who does not believe that all His ways are right, or that He is qualified for and deserving of His role as creator and sustainer of all that is, and to be Lord of our lives. **He 11:1** *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

We should glorify God by our faith. Like Abraham, we will be strong in faith, and that faith will bring glory to God. While our focus will be on verse 20, we will read verses 18 – 21. **Ro 4:18 – 21** *18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.* Abraham's words, actions, and attitude made evident his firm conviction that God was worthy of his implicit confidence and trust.

We choose to hear God's Words for they are the source of faith. **Ro 10:17** *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* God's Word is the only source guaranteed to be trustworthy. We can allow faith to enter our hearts by hearing God's Word. And we won't just

read them; we will have an ear to hear what He has to say. **Deut 6:4 - 9** *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.* Through prayer, study, devotions, meditation, etc.

Re 2:7 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says...”* **1 Co 2:11 – 14** *For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*