

## THE LAW OF FAITH

### JANUARY 22, 2020

#### INTRODUCTON:

**ROMANS 3:27** – Contained within God’s Word are Spiritual laws. There’s the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and there’s the law of sin and death. Our text speaks of the law of faith. Faith is a spiritual law that enables us to access the grace of God in which we stand. **ROMANS 5:1-2** There are spiritual laws and there are natural laws. There’s the law of gravity and the law of thrust and lift. Both laws are in operation, but when the law of thrust and lift is in operation, it enables an airplane to rise above the law of gravity. The same is true with the law of faith. **2 KINGS 6:5-6** The law of faith caused an axe head to swim, or rise to the surface of the water. That’s not possible naturally speaking. **MATTHEW 14:28-32** As long as Peter was operating in faith, he walked on water. This proves that spiritual laws are greater than natural laws. The fact that Peter began to sink when the law of faith was interrupted, proves that one must remain in faith in order to consummate the miracle.

#### THE LAW OF FAITH – MARK 11:23

Who better to teach us how the law of faith works than Jesus? Jesus modeled the Law of Faith by speaking to a living tree. **MARK 11:12-14** The tree heard the words of Jesus and obeyed His command.

**MARK 11:19-23** The law of faith involves the heart and mouth of “whosoever!” **PSALMS 33:8-9** No one has difficulty believing God’s words are powerful and authoritative. But, when it comes to our words, it’s difficult to believe they have power and authority to change things, remove mountains or uproot trees.

- **MATTHEW 17:19-20** “If ye have faith, ye shall say.”
- **MATTHEW 21:21** “If ye have faith...if ye shall say.”
- **LUKE 17:5-6** “If ye had faith...ye might say.”

Jesus taught that faith is released with words from a believing heart. The two must be in sync, and must embrace the Word of God, not selfish intentions.

#### PAUL’S PERSPECTIVE

Jesus taught Paul faith. **ROMANS 10:8-10** Notice the importance of the heart and mouth working together to release faith for salvation. Jesus said one can honor Him with lip service while the heart is miles away from Him. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:13** Faith is speaking what we believe, not what someone else tells us to believe.

#### JESUS BELIEVED IN HIS WORDS

**MARK 4:39-41** – The wind and the sea obeyed His words.

**MARK 5:8** – Demons obeyed His words.

**LUKE 4:39** – A fever obeyed Him.

**JOHN 11:41-42** – He knew the Father heard His words.

**JOHN 11:43-44** – Even death obeyed His words.

#### OUR FAITH – ROMANS 12:1-3

Our faith is to be in the finished work of Christ. Instead of our waiting for God to do something in the future, we are expected to believe in what Christ has done and activate it by faith through grace.

- **MARK 5:25-34** – This woman didn’t wait for God to do something. She heard the word, believed it, spoke it, acted on it, and received what she needed.
- **ROMANS 10:17** We must know what God said in order to have heart faith.
- **HEBREWS 12:2** – Jesus is the Author and Perfector of our faith.