

LIVING BY FAITH – 3
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2 THES. 1:11-12

INTRODUCTION: Paul revealed God's work to be a work of faith with power. God's power can be present but inactive. Faith can be present but lie dormant. It's when faith and power connect with each other that amazing things happen.

SOME EXAMPLES

- Joshua commanded the sun to stand still and Israel defeated the Amorites.
JOSHUA 10:12-14
- Caleb at 85 by faith defeated the giants and inherited his mountain.
JOSHUA 14:10-13
- David released his faith and defeated Goliath.
1 SAM. 17:45-47
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego overcame a fiery furnace by faith.
DAN. 3:16-17

JESUS WAS A MASTER AT CONNECTING THE TWO

LUKE 5:17-25

- The power was present, but he was still paralyzed. **V17**
- Faith was present, but he was still paralyzed. **V20**
- Jesus addressed what kept the two from connecting. **V23-25**
- Once the hindrance was removed, faith and power produced healing.

FAITH IN GOD IS FAITH IN HIS:

- Person. **1 PET. 5:7 (AMPC)** - He deeply cares about our every need.
- Promises. **HEB. 10:22-23** – He is faithful that promised.
- Power. **JER. 32:17** – He has the power to back up His promises.
- Purposes. **IS. 46:9-10** – He purposed us to become His children and conform to the image of Jesus.

FAITH MAKES PRAYER WORK – JAMES 1:5-8

PS. 33:12-22 (NIV) – God's promise to a nation.