

**GENUINE FAITH – 2**  
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**REVIEW:**

**1 TIMOTHY 1:4-6 (NLT)**

- The goal is love, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.
- The importance of faith - 20 verses.
- Faith has an author - Jesus.
- Imitation faith is dangerous.
- Logos and rhema.

**CONTINUE:**

**ROMANS 10:17**

To have faith, we must hear what God is saying to us, or telling us to do. He can speak to us by His Spirit, through His Word, through His ministers or even by an angel. Regardless of how He speaks to us, what He says to do is our basis for faith.

- **EXODUS 15:23-25** – Moses was given a rhema.
- **JOSHUA 6:3-5** – Joshua was given a rhema.
- **2 KINGS 4:3-4** – The widow was given a rhema. **V7**
- **2 KINGS 5:10** – Naaman was given a rhema.

**DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH AND PRESUMPTION**

**EXODUS 23:20-23 (NLT)** – Their rhema was their basis for faith. God instructed them what to do, and revealed what He would do. They refused to do what God said, and judgment was pronounced upon them.

**NUMBERS 14:39-45 (NLT)** – Their rhema was not to go because they wouldn't have God's help. They again refused to do what God said, and they were defeated.

- They repented and made the right confession, but their confession of faith wasn't based on what God said. They acted in presumption. **NUMBERS 14:44 (KJV)**
- Presumption – Behavior perceived as arrogant, disrespectful, and transgressing the limits of what is permitted or appropriate.
- We can confess **PSALM 91** for protection. If God says don't walk down that street alone and we do, and get robbed and beaten, does it mean confession or faith doesn't work? No, it means we acted presumptuously.

**FAITH VS UNBELIEF**

**1. The ten unbelieving spies.**

- A. NUMBERS 13:26-33** – Ten of the twelve spies ignored what God said. Their faith was in what they saw, not in what God said.
- B. NUMBERS 14:11-12** – Their unbelief angered God. They saw His signs and had every reason to believe.
- C. NUMBERS 14:22-23** – Judgment was pronounced. **V26-29** Their very words judged them. Worms ate out their tongues, jaws and navels. **V36-37**

**2. The two believing spies.**

- A. NUMBERS 13:30, 14:6-9** – Their confession was based on what God said.
- B. NUMBERS 14:24, 30** – "I swear" God lifted His hand and swore by Himself. **GENESIS 22:15-16, LUKE 1:72-73, HEBREWS 6:13-19**
- C. NUMBERS 14:30** – They lived while the ten other leaders died.
- D. Signs and miracles brought them to the promised land, but faith in God's Word got them in under Joshua.**
  - **HEBREWS 3:7-19**

**CONCLUSION:** Genuine faith is not presumption or imitating someone else's faith. It's doing what God tells us to do in our situation. **PSALMS 19:13**