

LIVING BY FAITH

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1. Faith is required in order to experience the blessings of the Gospel. **HEBREWS 3:19 – 4:2**
 - A. Unbelief kept the first-generation Israelites from experiencing the blessings of the promised land.
 - B. Faith enabled the second-generation to experience the blessings.
 - C. We've been warned. If we don't mix faith with the gospel, we won't experience the blessings that are ours in Christ.
2. What we hear is what we'll have faith in.
 - A. **NUMBERS 13:31-33** – Focusing on the problem produces unbelief.
 - B. **NUMBERS 13:30** – Focusing on the promise produces faith.
 - C. **NUMBERS 14:28** – God gave them what they believed and said.
3. Evaluating the reasoning of the first-generation Israelites.
 - A. They had no army or military knowledge. They had no weapons of mass destruction. They fought no battles. God fought for them, defended them, provided for them, and brought them to the promised land.
 - B. What were the “ites” compared to Pharaoh's army? All they had to do was look at what God already did, not what the “ites” could do. Why didn't they say what Joshua and Caleb said. They weren't looking at their military capabilities, they were looking at God's.
 - C. Remember David before Saul? He will deliver me!
1 SAMUEL 17:37
4. Evaluating the gospel message. **ROMANS 1:16-17**
 - A. Salvation is soteria (gr) meaning to save, deliver, heal, preserve and rescue.
 - B. Everyone agrees faith is necessary to be saved,
EPHESIANS 2:8,
but not everyone knows saved also means to deliver, heal,

preserve and rescue.

5. To live by faith means to live by faith in the finished work of Christ. **GALATIANS 2:20**
 - A. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:13** – Faith involves speaking what we believe.
6. “I did not create you”
 - A. To live for yourselves, but to deny yourselves and follow me.
 - B. Follow your own plans, but the plans I have for you.
 - C. For death, but for life.
 - D. For poverty and sickness, but to prosper and be in health.
 - E. For fear, but power, love and a sound mind.
 - F. Sorrow, but unspeakable joy.
 - G. For defeat, but victory.
 - H. To be filled with yourself, but with my Spirit and glory.
 - I. To be stopped by every mountain of adversity, but to speak to mountains and remove them.
 - J. To be dominated by demons, but to cast them out.
 - K. To be confused, but have the mind of Christ.
 - L. For mediocrity, but for greatness through humility and service.
 - M. To be overcome, but overcomers.
 - N. For impartation alone, but for intimacy with me.
 - O. To fear my presence, but to enter in by the Blood.
 - P. To be timid and shy, but to be bold.
 - Q. For sin consciousness and condemnation, but righteousness consciousness.
 - R. To be bitter and unforgiving, but merciful and forgiving.

CONCLUSION:

Living by faith is believing and saying what God told us to believe and say.