

THE LIFE OF FAITH – 2
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REVIEW:

- Gospel – power that saves, delivers, heals, preserves, makes whole.
- Gospel – benefits those who mix faith with it.
- Without Faith – all Jesus lived, suffered, died for, won't benefit us.

CONTINUE – MT. 9:29 KJV, MSG

The Word of Faith – ROM. 10:8-10

My three older children are alive today because of a teaching that's been highly criticized by many in the faith community. The reason it's highly criticized is because it's highly misunderstood. It's been called the health and wealth gospel; name it, claim it; and blab it, grab it. What we must understand is there's a ditch on both sides of the straight and narrow road, and the devil will push us to get us off the proper course into a ditch.

The Importance of Faith

Lisa was pushed off a railing and fell 10 feet, landing headfirst on wooden steps when she was three years old. Because of the word of faith message, she was supernaturally healed without the aid of medical assistance. When she was around eight years old, she would have been run over by a truck traveling at a high rate of speed if it were not for the word of faith message. My two boys would not have been born if I didn't believe the message of faith.

- 1.) It's impossible to please God without faith (**HEB. 11:6**).
 - A.) We must believe God exists. We can't see Him under a microscope or fit Him in a test tube, so faith is required to have a relationship with God.
 - B.) We must believe He rewards those who diligently seek Him. God wants to be sought, believed, and obeyed.
- 2.) Faith is required for salvation (**JOHN 3:36**).
 - A.) Good works, religion, baptism, living in a Christian home, helping the poor, etc., can't save us.
 - B.) How important is it to us where we will spend our eternal living?
- 3.) Faith is required for answers to prayer (**JAMES 1:6-8**).
 - A.) Jesus taught James this truth (**MT. 21:22, MK. 11:24**).
 - B.) **PS. 128:1-4** Faith comes by hearing God's word. Faith is based on God's word. Testimony of B.J. and Jason.

Conclusion: Why is faith important? Because faith always honors God, and God always honors faith.

