

# THE LIFE OF FAITH - #3

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## The Importance of Faith

Live (**ROM. 1:17**); Please (**HEB. 11:6**); Gospel Benefits (**HEB. 4:2**); Foundational principle (**HEB. 6:1**); Sin (**ROM. 14:23**); Access Grace (**ROM. 5:2**); Shield (**EPH. 6:16**); Overcome the World (**1 JOHN 5:4**); Walk (**2 COR. 5:7**); Saves the Sick (**JAMES 5:14-15**); Resist (**1 PET. 5:9**); Fight (**1 TIM. 6:12**); Approach the Throne (**HEB. 10:22**); Receive the Spirit (**GAL. 3:2**); Work Miracles (**GAL. 3:5**); Makes Whole (**MK. 5:34**); According to our Faith (**MT. 9:29**); Contend (**JUDE 1:3**); Kept the Faith (**2 TIM. 4:7**); Jesus – Author, Finisher (**HEB. 12:2**); Gives substance to our Hope (**HEB. 11:1**).

## How Faith Comes (**ROM. 10:17**)

Word (Gr. Rhema). Our faith is in God and His word; written or spoken. Peter heard “come” and had faith to get out of the boat. The blood issue woman heard “whoever touches Him is made whole”. Those words brought faith to her heart.

- Faith comes by hearing, not having heard. It’s the same concept of eating, drinking, sleeping, and exercising.
- One can retain knowledge by having heard, but to retain faith requires hearing and hearing.

## What Faith Is

**2 TIM. 1:5 AMPC** - Complete confidence in God’s power, wisdom, goodness.

**HEB. 11:1-3 AMPC** - Gives substance to our hope, perceives as fact what is not revealed to our senses, by it we obtain a good report and discover how things seen were not made of things that appear.

**MARK 11:23** - Faith is a heart and mouth operation (**ROM. 10:8-10; 2 COR. 4:13; MT. 15:8; NUM. 14:28**). It’s not a head and mouth operation. That’s mental assent.

**MARK 11:24** - Faith makes prayer work. Faith believes what we ask for is granted before it materializes.

- We apply for a grant. The call comes stating it was approved. You don’t see the money but respond with excitement and enthusiasm. The next day, do you get doubtful or skeptical?
- **1 JOHN 5:14-15** Faith asks according to God’s will and is confident God heard and has what was asked for.
- Andrew’s creative miracle.

## Conclusion:

We can never over-emphasize the importance of faith.

