Faith In Scripture

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INTRODUCTION

- And each step we take, if God is with us, if we're walking by faith, we can get through those uncertain and dark times of life.
- And there is nothing more foundational to our relationship to God, to our response to God, than faith.
- Faith is the very foundation, the bedrock of our response and our relationship to God.

1 The Faith: That in Which We Have Faith

Jude 3; Galatians 3:23

- The faith is the basis, it's the object of our faith.
- Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.
- He's talking about the Word of God, that in which we have faith in.
- The contrast between the law, that old system, and the faith, the system of faith, which is this new system.

2 Our Belief and Trust in God

Romans 3:27–28

- But the most common usage of the word faith has to do with not the object in which we have our trust, our faith, but our response to it, our belief and trust in something.
- Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.
- You're justified under this new system by your faith, your belief and your trust in God.

3 Our Belief and Trust in Just Something

Romans 14:5; Romans 14:21–23

- Because sometimes the word faith isn't talking about necessarily our belief and trust in God, but our belief and trust in just something.
- Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind.
- So we're talking about the idea of your conscience, your personal belief.
- Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God.

4 Faith Is the Acceptance of Certain Facts

Hebrews 11:6; James 2:19

- Without faith, it's impossible to be well pleasing unto God.
- The first thing it is, it's just the acceptance of certain facts. It's just believing.
- You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble.
- So that's really the most basic elementary part of faith.

5 Faith Becomes Trust in the Person

Hebrews 11:8–10; Hebrews 11:17–19

- The step beyond that is that it becomes trust. Trust not in the promise itself, but trust in the person.
- By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called out to go to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- By faith, Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac.
- But he wants us to have so much trust in him, that even when he tells us to do the unthinkable, and even when I cannot understand why and where and how, that I'll still go.

6 If We Really Trust, Then We're Going to Obey

James 2:14–17; James 2:21–24

- That if we really trust, then we're going to obey. That we're going to act upon that trust and do what we've been told.
- Thus faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- You see then that a man is justified by works and not by faith only.
- Abraham was not justified by the actions that he performed. But what they did is that they demonstrated his faith, his trust in God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But faith in a person, not a thing, not a promise, but faith in God will be the only thing that gets you through. Do you have that faith? Will you act upon that faith this morning?**

MY NOTES