THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

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INTRODUCTION

- They profess to believe in Jesus' ability to take them across difficult, tempestuous areas, but they fail to really commit themselves into his hands.
- That foundation in Jesus Christ, the firm foundation in Jesus Christ, involves the foundation of faith.

1 What Is Faith?

1 Corinthians 2:5; Jude 3; Romans 5:1–2

- W. E. Vine says it primarily means a firm persuasion, a conviction based upon hearing.
- Faith is taking God at His word.
- No, there's no continuing revelation. There is the faith that was once delivered for all the saints.
- We understand that the foundation of our faith is on the gospel, the faith.

2 Faith Sees the Unseen

Hebrews 11:1

- Faith is the ability to see the unseen.
- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- We're willing to trust God, that we're willing to take him at his word, that we have the ability to see what is unseen.
- The faith is not jumping to conclusions, it's concluding to jump.

3 Faith Is the Foundation of Our Hope

Hebrews 11:1

- Our faith is not founded upon fables or fiction or feelings. It is founded upon facts.
- The fact that God is. That Jesus Christ is the Son of God. That the Bible is the Word of God.
- A belief is something that you may argue about, but a conviction is something you're willing to die for.

4 Faith Is the Key to God's Approval

Hebrews 11:6

- Without faith, it is impossible to please him, for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
- Sometimes we get ourselves in a tough spot. And the Lord tells us to let go.
- We need to have the kind of faith to trust God and to seek God's approval that we just let go.
- If you're going to doubt anything, doubt your doubts. Don't doubt your faith.

5 Faith Is the Product of Your Thoughts

Numbers 13:30; Numbers 14:6–9

- If you're thinking the wrong kind of thoughts, you're going to have the wrong kind of feelings.
- One approach is having positive faith thoughts. The second approach is having negative doubting thoughts.
- The positive faith attitude of Caleb and Joshua was one of courage and faith and thankfulness and confidence and surrendered obedience.
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

6 Faith Triggers Action

Hebrews 11; James 2:18; James 2:26

- We read that Abel offered, and that Enoch walked, and Noah prepared, and Abraham went, and Isaac blessed, and Moses refused.
- They accepted his word, they embraced his calling, they diligently obeyed what God said, and that's what real faith is, and what real faith does.
- For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.
- We must have the faith to build upon that foundation and take him at his word.

THE CHALLENGE

Like the little girl, we need to say and believe, our Father's taking us home. I'm not afraid. My faith is on the solid foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MY NOTES