

Lesson 1-5 Faith - How do we get it?

1. Would you rather be rich in money or rich in faith?

2. We have heard it said that when you die, you can't take your money with you, but can you take your faith?

3. Read (2 Co 4:18) In your own words, what does this mean?

2 Corinthians 4:17 These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing.

2 Corinthians 4:18 Things that are seen don't last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. That's why we keep our minds on the things that cannot be seen.

4. How much time do you spend gaining money and how much time to you spend gaining faith?

5. Do you know how to build your faith? Read Romans 10:17, Romans 12:3 and Hebrews 12:2. Summarize these three scriptures in your own words.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (ESV)

Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (ESV)

Hebrews 12:2 Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (ESV)

6. Let's look at these three ways of getting faith. Number one: God gives each of us a "measure of faith" (Romans 12:3). Did You get one?

7. Faith is a very precious substance in the universe (See Lesson 1-4). This is one of the most important and precious gifts that God has given us. Have you ever thanked God for giving you such a wonderful gift?

8. Since you have been given this gift, you need to decide what you will do with it. Here are some choices:

- a. Put it away, hoping it will be there if you need it.
- b. Put your faith in what the world says is important.
- c. Put you faith in God, his word, and his Spirit.

Do you fit into a, b, or c?

9. The second source of faith is from "hearing" (Romans 10:17). How do we do this?

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How do we do this?

10. Read Exodus chapter 33:7-11

Exodus 33:7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.

Exodus 33:8 Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.

Exodus 33:9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses.

Exodus 33:10 And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door.

Exodus 33:11 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

11. why, in your opinion, did Moses pitch the tent of meeting outside the camp?

12. what did Moses do while he was in the tent of meeting?

13. what did the children of Israel do while Moses was in the tent of meeting?

14. when Moses left the tent, what did the children of Israel do?

15. what did Joshua do?

16. Read Joshua 1:1. Why did God pick Joshua to be Moses' successor?

Joshua 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,
Joshua 1:2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. (ESV)

17. In your opinion, did Joshua have faith in God, and if so how did he get it?

Joshua 10:12 At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."

Joshua 10:13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

18. why do you think God chooses those who have faith in Him?

19. The third source of faith is found in Hebrews 12:2: ...looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith,...

Hebrews 12:2 Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

20. Are you willing to let Jesus take your life and build you in faith?

21. Now we know how to get and build our faith. However, can you think of things that can impair our faith? Try to list 5 items:

22. One item that may be on your list is sin; sin will be discussed in lesson 1-6. Has sin affected your walk with God? Read Isaiah 59:2

Isaiah 59:2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

23. Note: It appears that to get faith, you must have faith. This is why God gave us a measure of faith. We can take this measure of faith and use it to gain more, and more until we have great faith. When we have great faith, the keys to heaven and earth are before us.

24. **Conclusion:** If we fix our eyes on the word of God (Jesus), our faith will grow.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12:2

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