

## **Dear Friend, Please Think About This...**

- A walk of faith is easy to understand. You do nothing but believe what God says. Whether you have been a believer for years or were saved a few minutes ago, God desires you to know He loves you. He even put His Spirit in you the moment you believed, in order for you to understand the Scriptures. He really wants you to grow and mature in His Word, so He can continue to help you.
- God can work through other believers; they can teach and help you. Find a willing Christian who knows the Bible to help, or even mentor you. It takes time and diligence to understand all that God has done within you and what He has provided. A teacher-mentor can help you on your journey of faith to learn how to apply His Word.
- If you are unable to find someone to assist you, feel free to call us at Christian Life Coach Support Services: (804) 519-1210. We would joy to talk with you and help connect you with the resources you need.



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## **What Does It Mean To Walk By Faith?**

Faith simply means to take God at His Word: the LORD God says something and you believe it. For example, in Genesis God promised Abraham that he and his wife would have a child, though they were very, very old.

"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: " (Romans 4:19)

Abraham responded by believing what God said, 'not being weak in faith.' Everything he knew and experienced in life told him that at their age they could not have children, but he believed God's Word anyway. This is faith.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." (Romans 4:20)

God's promise included that Abraham's seed would multiply as the stars of heaven. He responded to God's Word by being 'strong in faith,' giving Him the glory. Only God, the powerful Creator, could do this great thing. Abraham did not really understand how, yet he walked by faith.

"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:6)

Abraham learned a valuable lesson: God is trustworthy and his perfect Provider. The LORD alone created all things and **HE IS ABLE** to do exactly what He says.



Because Abraham had faith, God counted it as righteousness to him. That is, in God's eyes, Abraham was just.

To 'walk by faith' means that when God says something, you believe and choose to do what He says, even if you do not fully understand. A decision to walk by faith is based on trusting God. He is always faithful and loves you, desiring good things for you. There is nothing too hard for God!

"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, **he was able** also to perform." (Romans 4:21)

## What would walking by faith look like?

See yourself as God does: Everyone sins, and on your own you are not able to live a righteous life. God created you and greatly longs for you to believe Him. He wants to help and He IS ABLE; He perfectly solved this sin problem.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

**Become a believer:** Walk by faith and trust that God can save you from His judgment of sin. In love, God the Father sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and shed His blood to pay for sin. All you do is believe this.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

"...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15: 3-4)

When Christ died and raised up from the dead, it proved all sin was paid for; death had no control over Him.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:57) Believe this wonderful news and read the Scriptures to grow: Continue to trust God; He says you obtain faith by His Word, that is, really hearing what Scripture is saying.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

God's Word works mightily as you slowly read it and believe. This process takes time, so keep reading and trust.

"...the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." (I Thessalonians 2:13) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (II Timothy 3:16)

You can believe what God says to you, even though you don't grasp it all right away. Trust is relying on what He says. Just like Abraham, become 'fully persuaded' that God is **fully able**, both in power and wisdom, to make a way for you not only to be saved from judgment, but to mature as a Christian and live with Jesus Christ forever.

Now continue to walk by faith: As you learn by reading directly in God's Word, decide in your heart 'to do' what it teaches. Start reading in Romans, Chapters 1-5. This book in the Bible is designed to establish you in your faith. Look to God for help; simply read and believe. So then, to walk by faith is simply trusting God and His ways. He uses the Word to grow you up in the faith.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

