

## 13. Walk By Faith

WHAT IS FAITH? In the simplest manner in which I am able to express it, I answer: Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true, and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, this confidence is FAITH.

NO IMPRESSIONS ARE TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH FAITH. Impressions have neither one thing nor the other to do with faith. Faith has to do with the Word of God. It is not impressions, strong or weak, which will make any difference. We have to do with the written Word and not ourselves or our impressions.

PROBABILITIES ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. Many people are willing to believe regarding those things that seem probable to them. Faith has nothing to do with probabilities. The province of FAITH begins where probabilities cease and sight and sense fail. A great many of God's children are cast down and lament their want of Faith. They write to me and say that they have no impressions, no feeling, they see no probability that the thing they wish will come to pass. APPEARANCES ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. The question is - whether God has spoken it in His Word.

And now, beloved Christian friends, you are in great need to ask yourselves whether you are in the habit of thus confiding, in your inmost soul, in what God has said, and whether you are in earnest in seeking to find whether the thing you want is in accordance with what He has said in His Word.

- *George Mueller*

### Walk By Faith Daily Quiet Times

| Date   | Week 13             |
|--------|---------------------|
| 13-Aug | 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 |
| 14-Aug | Hebrews 11:1-2      |
| 15-Aug | James 2:17-18       |
| 16-Aug | Hebrews 11:6        |
| 17-Aug | Matthew 17:20-21    |
| 18-Aug | Luke 22:32          |
| 19-Aug | Romans 4:19-21      |

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## PART 1

### Passage(s) to Study

Hebrews chapter 11 pays tribute to many Old Testament heroes of faith such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, and Moses. These men and women walked by faith, and out of their faith came strength to obey God's commands, to endure suffering, to hope in a coming Messiah, and patience for a heavenly country. "These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." (Hebrews 11:13).

**Read:** Hebrews 11 and write down 5-10 observations on how they trusted God and walked by faith and what the fruit of their walk of faith was.

## PART 2

### Questions to Ponder

**[Q]** The Bible has a great deal to teach us about faith. According to the following verses what role does faith play in our lives? What are the thoughts that stick out to you from these verses? Why is it important to understand the role of faith in our relationship with God?

**Read:** Acts 26:18; Romans 1:17, 4:7-8, 5:1, 10:17; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8, 6:16, 1 Timothy 6:12; Hebrews 11:1,6; 1 John 5:4-5

**[Q]** Charles Kingsley states "I do not want merely to possess a faith, I want a faith that possesses me." Taking an honest look at your own life, are you able to say that you have a faith that possesses you, grips you, and dictates everything you do in life? Do you struggle with "walking by faith" at times? Why or why not?

**[Q]** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 instructs us where we need to focus in order to walk by faith. Summarize in your own words. What does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight in v. 7?

**For further study:** Chose one of the men or women listed in Hebrews chapter 11 and then go to where they are on display in the Word of God. Was there anything peculiar about their life or their walk with God? How is their walk of faith described to us? What were they putting their faith in?

## PART 3

### Making it Stick

**Write out 1-2 of the main things that God impressed upon you this week from your time reading the daily devotions on walking by faith.**

**Write out in your own words a prayer to God asking him for a heart that walks by faith for a lifetime. A sample has been provided below:**

**Prayer:** "Father, open my heart to hear your Word and to walk by faith in light of its truth. Help me trust you so deeply that I would be willing to make whatever sacrifice You ask of me, knowing that You love me and want what's best for me. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

### Recommended resources:

'Living Faith' by Samuel Ward

'George Mueller: Man of Faith and Miracles' by Basil Miller