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The second aspect of this life of righteousness being lived out by us is Faith. We must be a people of faith if we are truly going to live out this divine demonstration of wisdom.

John said in 1 John 2:6 that we are to walk in the same manner in which Christ walked, and Matthew 11:19 and Luke 7:35 say that wisdom is vindicated or proven right by her children. This means children of wisdom (children of Jesus Christ), demonstrate wisdom.

So the question then beckons what is faith?

Hebrews 11:1 clearly explains what faith is from Gods perspective.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

This must be the faith we have, are growing in and living from, if we want to be able to live out a divine demonstration of Christ upon the earth. Peter talks about having the same kind of faith as his and the other disciples he was walking with in 2 Peter 1:1. He is fully aware that it is a faith, "as it is written" (Hebrews 11:1) and not our version or anyone else's version of what faith is.

We need a faith that knows, that sees, that has an absolute conviction of the unseen realm. What many call faith isn't faith at all. It's wishful thinking or blind faith, but it's not faith, which the men of old gained their approval by.

Hebrews 11:2 For by it (faith) the men of old gained approval.

At best, what many profess as faith might be trust, but a faith that doesn't see and isn't seeing, is not faith at all. What we see in the natural can overwhelm what God says, and this is the reason why we need a faith that knows because of what it is looking at.

Faith is the absolute conviction one has of the unseen seen realm. It's the knowing or the knowledge of what sits in the unseen that doesn't waver.

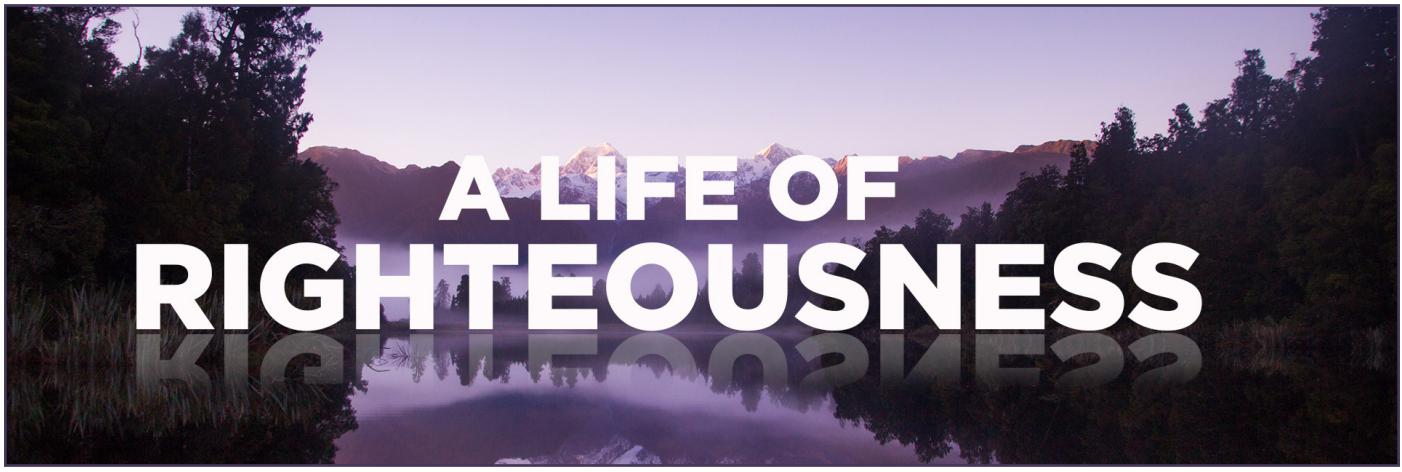
Romans 4:19-22 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore it was also credited to him as righteousness.

How does one receive this conviction? Through revelation.

As one has revelation one is now able to see this unseen seen realm and carry an absolute conviction. The more one is revealed what's in the unseen the more one sees, the more one knows and has an unwavering conviction of faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight

This kind of faith is essential, because it is by this kind of faith that all the works for God are accomplished. This is



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what James was talking about when he said “you see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected”. This passage of scripture below is the perfect example of what I am referring to.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

QUESTIONS

1. How did Peter come into the faith he writes about in his letters, as there was a time in his life where Jesus told him he had little to no faith?
2. What is the difference between blind faith or wishful thinking, and true Christ like faith?
3. Why is it a non negotiable that our lives are built on this kind of faith alone?
4. How much of our lives and the choices we make are defined by Hebrews 11:1 faith?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight and apply to our lives?