

# FAITH

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### **PART 3 - THE RIGHTEOUS LIVE BY FAITH**

I hope even after the first 2 faith resources, we are starting to grab the magnitude and importance of just how essential it is we are living from true kingdom faith. This resource will be no different and will bring to light just how critical it is we have and are growing in a faith that empowers us to possess all that is in Christ.

Let's look at Hebrews 10:36-39 as our main scripture for this resource.

***Hebrews 10:36-39 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.***

This is a very confronting passage of scripture, because it clearly defines the reality that God is looking for from His people of faith. Faith and a growing faith is what empowers a follower of Jesus to go from strength to strength, and be in and live from a life that is continuously progressing and moving forward, never retreating or being defensive, but only knowing what it is to be on the offensive.

Faith and endurance go hand in hand, and we are in absolute need of both if we are to accomplish the will of God and receive the reward we are promised. We know Jesus is coming and is not delaying and He is returning with His reward for all those who are faithful. He is returning to collect His bride and His bride will have lived her life from faith in the Son, just as Paul taught. This also aligns itself with Jesus' saying, "when I return will I find faith on the earth?"

***Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.***

***Luke 18:8 I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"***

God says those who shrink back from living the life He is calling us to, God's soul has no pleasure in this person. The reason God's soul has no pleasure in this person is because this person is living beneath the standard to which Jesus died and rose again for us to live by, the standard of faith.

God says My righteous one, the one I have made righteous by My son's blood is to live by faith, and not shrink back. The reason followers shrink back is because we are not living by faith. This is where it is

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essential we actually have kingdom faith, because kingdom faith is full of life and hope. Fear is present where there is a lack of faith, and anything not done by faith is a sin.

***Romans 14:23 ... and whatever is not from faith is sin.***

Sin means to miss the mark. To live beneath the standard to which we have been called to live, is what it means to sin. When we live like this we shrink back from God's will and what He has predestined for us as His sons, and it is for this reason that His soul has no pleasure in us. His soul has no pleasure in this because He sees us sabotaging our own eternal life which we can know and walk in, while at the same time this brings no glory to His name.

The author of Hebrews then says this, and it is verse 39 which we are to come into and live from.

***But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.***

Don't you just love these words? We are not these people who shrink back but we are these people who have a faith which preserves our mind, will and emotions. This is the people group which the Father desires us all to be in, while this position is not automatic just because we say we believe in Jesus.

I pray we are a people who live by a continuous deepening of faith in Jesus Christ. A people who are progressively moving forward and laying hold of all He has for us.

### QUESTIONS

1. Explain how faith and the knowing and accomplishing of God's will go hand in hand?
2. Why does the righteous one live by faith and not fear?
3. What is endurance in the kingdom and why is it so vital to our relationship with Him and the accomplishing of His will?
4. How would you describe what shrinking back is in this context and why is it so destructive?
5. How much of your life is being defined by faith in Jesus can you give testimony to this life?