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In part 5 we will look at spiritual faith. Spiritual faith is second in heaven's divine pattern for living a life of righteousness. It is imperative we live from a faith that is God's definition, not our own.

We don't have to look any further than the Scriptures to discover what faith is from God's perspective. Hebrews 11 is very clear and specific on what Godly faith is.

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

We are to live our lives on earth being defined by this kind of spiritual faith. This kind of faith carries a conviction within it of what's unseen to the natural eye, but very much seen to the spiritual eye.

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"

This is why we don't walk by natural sight but by faith in Jesus Christ. Now that we are in Christ we are from the eternal realm, and we walk in accordance with the spirit.

Faith is way more than believing God can do things. Faith is the ability to see in the unseen realm and lay hold of everything in that realm now. The measure of faith we carry and live from is a direct outcome of the measure of revelation we have received.

It's the revelation of God that we carry through the Spirit, which acts as the jurisdiction of our faith. We are not to live outside of the jurisdiction of our faith as this very quickly turns into presumption, and presumption is dangerous for ourselves and others. This is why we are to be constantly hearing the Word of Christ so our faith can be constantly growing through revelation.



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Faith is the currency of the kingdom of God. Just like money is the currency in the kingdom of the world that enables us to access goods and services, faith is the currency in God's kingdom which enables us to access every promise and all our inheritance within Jesus Christ.

As we lay hold of all of this through faith, we live in accordance to this reality and live lives which overcome the world, the flesh and the adversary.

1 John 5:4 "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

This kind of faith is informed and built by our fellowship with the Father, Son and Spirit. Once again this is why fellowship of spirit is first in the order of God's heavenly pattern. As we commune with the triune God, the Spirit reveals in us the Word of God and faith is birthed in us.

Faith isn't wishy washy or blind, it is one of the most powerful and life-giving attributes of the Father, along with love and hope.

Without this kind of faith, we will be unable to live a life of righteousness. It's very clear that those who the Father sets free and makes righteous live by this kind of faith.

Romans 1:17 "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith.""

The righteous man can only live by faith if he in fact knows what Godly faith is. Godly faith is not trust and trust is not faith. Faith and trust are two separate attributes, just like love and faith are, while being of the same family. They are like brother and sister and they work and support each other but they are not the same thing.

Trust is what we need when we have no or little faith, while the more faith we have, the less trust we need. It's our trust in God and what He says, which enables us to move forward and into His reality for us, when our faith is in its infancy stages. As we hear the



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word of God through the Spirit, our spiritual faith starts to grow and enlarge, and it is then we can start living more and more from faith as opposed to trust.

Faith is the more superior attribute to live from, in relation to faith and trust.

2 Corinthians 4:13 "But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,"

Notice it doesn't say having the same spirit of trust, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke. It's according to the same spirit of faith I believed and spoke. In other words, in accordance to the conviction of the revelation I received from the Spirit in me I believed and spoke.

This kind of spiritual faith has to have its foundations in something. This kind of spiritual faith has its foundations in God's conclusion. In other words, faith has its foundations in who God is and in what He says, and it is from these conclusions we live and overcome the world.

My prayer for us all, is that it is this kind of spiritual faith which we all know and are growing in.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it essential we have this kind of spiritual faith?
2. What are your thoughts around faith being the currency of God's kingdom?
3. Why does faith overcome the world, the flesh and the adversary?
4. How would you describe the difference between faith and trust?
5. How is faith, believe and speak all connected?

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