

Sermon Notes: “Let’s Talk About Faith”

Introduction

Faith is a much deeper subject than merely belief in Jesus Christ for salvation. It is the key to unlocking God’s supernatural power and victory in the life of every Christian. Without faith we cannot be born again, and without dynamic, living faith we will not grow or realize our full potential.

Faith Defined

- **Greek Word (New Testament), Strong’s 4102: *pistis* (pronounced *pis’-tis*):**
 - Persuasion
 - Moral conviction of, assurance and belief in the truthfulness of God and His word, especially reliance upon Christ for salvation;
 - A conviction or belief respecting man’s relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervor.
- **Hebrews 11:1-3**

¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Old Covenant (Old Testament) vs. New Covenant (New Testament)

- Overview
 - Old Testament: Justification obtained through strict adherence to the law, observance of religious rituals and offerings of animal sacrifice as a substitute for sin
 - New Testament: Salvation received by faith in Jesus Christ as the ultimate and final sacrifice for all sin (past, present & future)
 - Thorough breakdown of Old vs. New Covenant:
<http://www.biblestudy.org/beginner/brief-comparison-of-old-and-new-covenant.html>
- The Old Testament has value but it must be considered in light of the new covenant
- To gain a full understanding of faith we must examine **all** of scripture.
II Timothy 3:16
All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
- Context: Understanding the Old Testament in light of the new
 - The Old Testament used the law to display man’s need for a savior:
 - God’s standard of righteousness is absolute moral perfection.
 - Man in his fallen, sinful state could never be “good enough” to earn salvation.
 - Animal sacrifices **covered** sin but didn’t permanently fix the root issue.
 - The New Testament is an account of:
 - Jesus fulfilling the scriptures and being the mediator between a holy God and fallen, sinful race.
 - The dispensation and ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.
 - The birth of the Christian church and spreading the Gospel to the whole world.

- The new covenant – available to those who put their faith in Jesus – is infinitely better.
Hebrews 8:6-10
⁶But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. ⁷For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--⁹not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. ¹⁰For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Transition

We are truly blessed to be partakers of the new covenant through faith in Jesus Christ. Now let's examine the subject of faith and flesh out truths about it from God's word.

Truths about Faith from God's Word

(All scripture passages are taken from the New King James Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted)

- **"Faith" appears in the Bible 239 times, so it's obviously a very important subject to God.**
- **God's response to faith is protection, provision and mercy.**
 - *2 Samuel 22:31*
As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
 - *Psalms 5:11-12*
¹¹But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. ¹²For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.
 - *Psalms 32:10*
Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.
- **Faith produces joy and is manifested through praise.**
 - *Psalms 34:1-8*
¹I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. ⁴I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. ⁵They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed. ⁶This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!
 - *Psalms 64:10*
The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and trust in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.

- **Faith can be described as trust and results in blessing and prosperity.**

- *Psalm 36:7*
How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.
- *Psalm 40:4*
Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- *Psalm 112:5-7*
⁵A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion. ⁶Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. ⁷He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- *Psalm 118:8-9*
⁸It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man. ⁹It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in princes.
- *Psalm 125:1*
Those who trust in the Lord Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the Lord surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.
- *Proverbs 3:5*
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
- *Proverbs 14:26*
In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.
- *Proverbs 28:25*
He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.
- *Proverbs 29:25*
The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.
- *Proverbs 30:5*
Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
- *Jeremiah 17:7-8*
⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. ⁸For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.
- *Jeremiah 39:18*
You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.
- *Nahum 1:7*
The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.

- **When we put our faith in God we put our trust in His ability to do the supernatural through and for us... It's not OUR ability, but His; it's not OUR strength, but His at work on our behalf.**
 - *Matthew 9:20-22*
²⁰And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." ²²But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.
 - *Acts 3:11-16*
¹¹Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. ¹²So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
 - *I Corinthians 2:1-5*
¹And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
 - *Ephesians 2:8*
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **Faith produces steadfastness, perseverance, resolute determination; unwavering confidence.**
 - *Colossians 1:21-23*
²¹And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²²in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight — ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.
 - *I Timothy 6:12*
Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- **Faith in God through Jesus Christ produces perfect peace.**
 - *Psalm 119:165*
Great peace have those who love your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.
 - *Isaiah 26:3*
You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.
 - *Ephesians 2:14-16*
¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.
- **God rewards faith and He is displeased by a lack of it.**
 - *Psalm 9:10*
And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.
 - *Hebrews 10:38*
Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.
 - *Hebrews 11:6*
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- **Faith – without doubt – makes the impossible not only possible but easy.**
 - *Matthew 8:5-10, 13*
⁵Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." ⁷And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this [one], 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does [it]." ¹⁰When Jesus heard [it], He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" ¹³Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, [so] let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.
 - *Mark 11:12-15, 19-24*
¹²Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard [it]. ¹⁵So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹⁹When evening had come, He went out of the city. ²⁰Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." ²²So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. ²³For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be

- removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive [them], and you will have [them]."
- **A lack of faith literally limits God.**
 - *Matthew 13:54-58*
⁵⁴When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this [Man] get this wisdom and [these] mighty works? ⁵⁵Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this [Man] get all these things?" ⁵⁷So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." ⁵⁸Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.
 - *Mark 6:5-6*
⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed [them]. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.
 - *Luke 8:49-56*
⁴⁹While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's [house], saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." ⁵⁰But when Jesus heard [it], He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." ⁵¹When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. ⁵²Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." ⁵³And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." ⁵⁵Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given [something] to eat. ⁵⁶And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.
 - **Faith makes justification possible.**
 - *Romans 3:28*
Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.
 - *Romans 4:1-3*
¹What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."
 - *Romans 5:1-2*
¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God ²through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
 - *Romans 5:8-9*
⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

- **Words of faith are salvation and spiritual nourishment to your soul and we should SPEAK the Word**
 - *Matthew 10:32*
Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
 - *Luke 4:4*
But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"
 - *Romans 10:9-10*
⁹If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
 - *Hebrews 4:14*
Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] confession.
 - *Hebrews 10:23*
Let us hold fast the confession of [our] hope without wavering, for He who promised [is] faithful.
- **Faith is active, aggressive – not passive.**
 - *Luke 8:43-48*
⁴³Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. ⁴⁵And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ⁴⁶But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." ⁴⁷Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."
 - *Ephesians 6:10-16*
¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

- **We must pursue faith.**

- *Acts 20:24*

- But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

- *Philippians 3:14*

- I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- *Hebrews 12:1-2*

- ¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **There is no room in a believer's life for doubt... Doubt and unbelief cannot coexist with faith if we want to be successful in our walk with the Lord & experience His best.**

- *Matthew 14:22-32*

- ²²Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw that the wind [was] boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" ³¹And immediately Jesus stretched out [His] hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

- *Romans 11:33*

- Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable [are] His judgments and His ways past finding out!

- *James 1:5-8*

- ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

- **Faith without works that bless others is lifeless, ineffective and pointless. Faith MUST be accompanied by actions which are motivated by the love of God and demonstrated with a servant's heart. Faith is perfected by works which have eternal value and reward.**
 - *Matthew 16:27*
For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
 - *Matthew 25:31-40*
³¹"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides [his] sheep from the goats. ³³And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶I [was] naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ³⁷"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed [You], or thirsty and give [You] drink? ³⁸When did we see You a stranger and take [You] in, or naked and clothe [You]? ³⁹Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did [it] to one of the least of these My brethren, you did [it] to Me.'"
 - *Mark 9:41*
For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.
 - *I Corinthians 3:10-15*
¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
 - *James 2:17-26*
¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! ²⁰But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar ²²Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent [them] out another way? ²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

- **Faith is of immeasurable value.**
 - *Hebrews 10:35*
Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.
 - *I Peter 1:6-9*
⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.
- **Faith is victory and the power to overcome the world.**
 - *Romans 8:31-37*
³¹If God [is] for us, who [can be] against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? [It is] God who justifies. ³⁴Who [is] he who condemns? [It is] Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
 - *John 16:33*
These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
 - *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. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- **Faith is not merely crying out to God to get us out of difficult situations. It should compel us to take action against our hardship while trusting in His ability to deliver us.**
 - *Exodus 14:15-18*
¹⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry [ground] through the midst of the sea. ¹⁷And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸Then the Egyptians shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."
 - *II Kings 6:15-17*
¹⁵And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who [are] with us [are] more than those who [are] with them." ¹⁷And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

- *Acts 16:25-34*

²⁵But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. ²⁷And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." ²⁹Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.
- **Faith should be a lifestyle and be applied to every area of our life**
 - *Habakkuk 2:4*
Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.
 - *Romans 1:17*
For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."
 - *Galatians 2:20*
I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me.
 - *Galatians 3:11*
But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God [is] evident, for "the just shall live by faith."
 - *Hebrews 10:38*
Now the just shall live by faith; But if [anyone] draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."