

## Faith Is

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**Faith is the supernatural conviction of knowing what cannot be discerned by the natural senses: *the spiritual eyes to see Him Who is invisible, the spiritual ears to hear Him Who is inaudible, the spiritual heart and mind to know Him Who is incomprehensible.***

### Hebrews 11:1-3 NASB

1 Now **faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

3 **By faith we understand** that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that **what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.**

*"At the root of the Christian life lies belief in the invisible. The object of the Christian's faith is unseen reality." -- A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, Chapter 4*

### 1 Peter 1:8-9 NASB

8 and **though you have not seen Him, you love Him,** and **though you do not see Him now,** but **believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,**

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

### Ephesians 1:17-19 NASB

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.**

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,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

### 2 Kings 6:15-17 NASB

15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, "**Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**"

17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, **open his eyes that he may see.**" And **the LORD opened the servant's eyes** and **he saw;** and behold, **the mountain was full of horses** and **chariots of fire all around Elisha.**

### Luke 24:13-32 NASB

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them.

16 **But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.**

17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

27 **Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.**

28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.

29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.

30 **When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.**

31 **Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.**

32 They said to one another, "**Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?**"

*"A spiritual kingdom lies all about us, enclosing us, embracing us, altogether within reach of our inner selves, waiting for us to recognize it. God Himself is here waiting our response to His Presence. This eternal world will come alive to us the moment we begin to reckon upon its reality." -- A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, Chapter 4*

*"A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul." -- Charles Spurgeon*

## **Faith is a supernatural gift from God, birthed in us by the Word and Spirit of God.**

### **Ephesians 2:8-9 NASB**

8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;**

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### **Romans 10:14-18 NASB**

14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!*"

16 **However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"**

17 **So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**

18 But I say, **surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;** "*Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.*"

### **John 16:13-15 NASB**

13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He **will disclose** (*anaggellō - make known, rehearse, show, announce*) **to you** what is to come.

14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and **will disclose** (*anaggellō - make known, rehearse, show, announce*) **it to you.**

15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and **will disclose** (*anaggellō - make known, rehearse, show, announce*) **it to you.**

**Luke 24:31** NASB

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

**Psalm 119:18** NASB

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

**Faith will enable you with God's power, to do impossible things.**

**Mark 11:22-24** NASB

22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God."

23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him."

24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

**Job 19:25-27** NASB

25 As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

26 Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

27 Whom I myself shall behold, And whom my eyes will see and not another. My heart faints within me!

**Hebrews 11:7-11** NASB

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.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

**Hebrews 11:24-27** NASB

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

**SIGHT will always oppose FAITH and FAITH will always oppose SIGHT. It is the same conflict that exists between the spirit and the flesh.**

**To focus on the spiritual (*invisible*) is to overcome the natural (*visible*). To focus on the natural (*visible*) is to be blinded to the spiritual (*invisible*).**

*"The world of sense intrudes upon our attention day and night for the whole of our lifetime. It is clamorous, insistent and self-demonstrating. It does not appeal to our faith; it is here, assaulting our five senses, demanding to be accepted as real and final. But sin has so clouded the lenses of our hearts that we cannot see that other reality, the City of God, shining around us. The world of sense triumphs. The visible becomes the enemy of the invisible; the temporal, of the eternal. That is the curse inherited by every member of Adam's tragic race."*

-- A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, Chapter 4

*"Every man must choose his world."*

-- A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, Chapter 4

**Mark 6:2-6 NASB**

2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"

3 **"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.**

4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."

5 **And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.**

6 **And He wondered at their unbelief.** And He was going around the villages teaching.

**Matthew 14:28-31 NASB**

28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 And He said, "Come!" **And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.**

30 **But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"**

31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NASB**

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

18 **while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-8 NASB**

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord--

7 **for we walk by faith, not by sight--**

8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.