

## THE REAL FAITH

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The Bible says, “**The just shall live by faith**”, *Rom 1:17*. This verse occurs four times in God’s Word, *Hab 2:4*, *Gal 3:11*, *Heb 10:38*, and means that those who are right with God through believing in Jesus Christ, **will receive life from God through their faith**.

Jesus said, “Man shall **not live** by bread alone, but **by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God**.” *Mat 4:4*.

Combining these two verses we can see that **FAITH** is how we receive **LIFE FROM GOD**, by the **WORDS** that God gives to us. This is **REAL FAITH**.

In *Rom 10:17* it says, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” God gives **HIS FAITH**, into our heart, as the **HOLY SPIRIT** makes the **WORD** alive for us. We are reading the Scriptures, and suddenly a particular verse or phrase becomes revealed into our spirit. In this way God is putting **His faith** into us, *Eph 2:8*, *Rom 12:3*.

**The Parable of the Sower** is recorded in *Mat 13*, *Mk 4*, and *Lk 8*.

When God chooses to impart His life and work to us, He does so by sowing His Word in our hearts. The Sower sows the **seed** which is God’s Word, *Mk 4:14*, *Lk 8:11*, into our heart. Big or tiny, that seed contains the life force of God, and a programme of development. Think of a minute lettuce seed – a small speck. Yet in that seed is a life force able to produce a fully grown lettuce, and also a genetic encoding that directs each stage of growth and development, into a lettuce. The Holy Spirit sows God’s Word into our heart, or spirit. When this happens, faith is released or given into our heart. As we retain this faith, (seed), believe, confess and act on it, as good ground, the Word is fulfilled and the life and work of God brings forth much fruit in us. **This is the real faith.**

God is pleased when we live by the faith He has given to us, *Heb 11:6*. Faith that **He is!** i.e. Faith in what He has said about Himself. Faith that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, i.e. Faith that He will do what He has said He will do. *2Cor 1:20*, *2Pet 1:4*.

Jesus said that “the words I speak unto you, are Spirit and they are life.” *Jn 6:63*, i.e. the words that He gives into our heart, are means and channels, by which we receive His Spirit and His life. God gives to us His Words, which produce faith in us, that result in life, as we believe them.

The angel said to Mary, “**no word from God shall be without power**”. *Lk 1:37*(See AMPV, RV, Derek Prince’s book, A Faith to Live By, p87, also Interlinear GKNT.)

“Blessed is she that believed, for **there shall be a performance** of those things which were told her from the Lord.” *Lk 1:45*.

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| <b>Faith is:</b> | step 1. | God sends His Word into our heart.  |
|                  | step 2. | We receive, believe, confess and act on that Word.  |
|                  | step 3  | God’s life and power work in and through His Word in us, and our faith, and produce fruit that God intended, by giving us His Word. |

God is the **FOUNTAIN** and the **SOURCE** of life and faith. *Jer 2:13*, *Jer 17:13*, *Ps 36:9*, *Ps 16:5*.

As we **SEEK GOD** He gives us life. “Seek me and you shall live.” *Amos 5:4,6, Ps 24:6, Ps 34:4,5,6,8,10,17, Is 55:6.*

The **RIVER OF GOD** is the continuous flow of the Holy Spirit into our lives and the church. *Ps 46:4, Ps 65:9, Jn 7:37-39, Rev 22:1.*

*Ezk 47:1-12.* This is the river of God’s Spirit. God’s Spirit and God’ Word work together as one.  
*Ps 1:1-3* As we delight and meditate in God’s Law (or Word), day and night, we are like trees planted by the rivers of water, we bring forth our fruit in our season, our leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever we do shall prosper.

The life of faith is a life of **seeking after God** through His Word. It is a life of living by the words God gives into our spirit. It is a **life of relationship with God**, through His Word and through the **Person of the Holy Spirit**.

Jesus said, “One thing is necessary, and Mary has chosen that good part.” *Lk 10:42.* i.e. waiting, seeking, listening at Jesus feet. “Mary sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to His Word.” *Lk 10:39.*

David said, “One thing have I desired of the Lord and that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.” *Ps 27:4.*

Faith is not generated by man’s desire, need, will, visualisation and soul, but faith comes from God as we seek Him as Lord. **Faith is imparted to us by God.** *1Cor 12:9, Gal 5:22, Eph 2:8, Gal 2:20, Rom 12:3, Mk 11:22.*

The life of faith is a life of **SEEKING GOD** in His Word, by His Spirit, in peace, trust and surrender. It is hearing what He says to us; holding and grasping it; believing, confessing it, *Heb 10:23*, and acting on it, *Jam 2:26*. As we do, His Word is fulfilled in our lives.