

Objective: to enable every believer to see the ‘bigger picture’ of their lives and believe in the current manifestation of power—restarting the faith-miracle-producing-lifestyle.

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From Faith to Faith in the Last Days – Pt 6

The Harvest of Miracles

Rom. 1:16, 17 NKJV; Heb. 11:6; Luke 18:7,8
James 1:3,4; Jer. 33:3; 1 Tim. 1:5, 6 NLT; 2 Thes. 1:3, 4

Introduction

In these days, we are we so challenged to ‘rediscover’ the power of our faith—the faith that came to us when we believed the ‘gospel’—the good news. Faith is one of those ‘always on,’ truths, that is to be released, in the ‘current moment’ of challenge and opportunity. **Is your faith producing fully like you would like it to?** I have accommodated too many things and allowed them to be the ‘accepted norm’ for my life. God wants to take away the ‘mystery’ that many have concerning *faith*.

The Components of Faith

Gen. 12:1-3. In this simple account of God’s calling of Abram (Abraham) the “Father of All Who Believe,” we see some vital components or parts of *faith*, itself, defined.

- Leave – move from where you are—some stationary, inert, position to a ‘new location’ – you have to make a

decision to “move” from the ‘status quo’ or accepting the current position, **to** the **new** location. If you make no **decision** to **move**, you will never be a ‘faith-person.’ *This faith-move is the decision to change your current **disposition or attitude**, toward a condition or circumstance. The life of faith begins with ‘movement’—moving from one ‘location’ to another...just as Israel’s redemptive journey was a *movement from to...a new place*. For faith to be activated, there must be the internal movement created by the **decision** to respond.*

There is, sometimes, all too often, a tendency to *accommodate*, or learn to ‘live with,’ what you do not like and what was never meant to be your ‘abundant-life living.’ It is as though you must, ‘declare war, on what wars against you.’ If you do not aggressively go against it, you will accommodate it, even if you complain about it. Today, get “unstuck” by making the **decision** to say, “Yes,” to His Word! (make a list today of what you have accommodated.) We must consciously decide to **leave** the following:

- Country – your ‘country’ is where you live and have been living up to now, in terms of your circumstances.
 1. Your history – “yesterday” – many live in the ‘past’ in their minds, rehearsing their negatives as though they were ‘still back there.’ Phil. 3:13. “I have suffered with this for so long.” They suffer often

from self-pity (though they may not say it), singing the 'blues' and the song, 'Nobody knows the trouble I seen.'

2. Science – Matt. 5:26. Man has always sought for solutions. Sometimes, he finds them in 'natural steps,' that God enabled him to discover. Sometimes, he requires supernatural remedies.
3. Experience – Sometimes people are so adamantly married to their experience (largely experiencing failure) in some area, that they will make no commitment to 'trust God' or anyone else. *Failure* is the unwitting god, they serve. They live (uncomfortably) in the contradiction of despair, stubbornness, and hope. Their inner 'mantra' or confession is "I tried that...it didn't work for me." God will not intervene when a person is stubbornly entrenched in that position.
4. Life patterns – habits of your lifestyle are often a blessing, but they can be the 'chains that hold you back,' when it comes to starting afresh with faith. Your approach to your life is rooted, in 'what you have been doing,' that has brought you good—just not enough great and awesome good! When **serious** trouble comes, you need to move from *faith* **to greater faith!** You need to move to a new level of

faith-harvest! Examine yourself to see if you are 'in a faith-growing mode.' 2 Cor. 13:5.

What are your first steps when trouble, sickness, loss, threat, or fear arrive in your life? The Bible charts three levels: no faith, little faith, great faith. See Mk.4:40; Mt. 6:30; Mt. 17:20; Mt. 8:10; Mt. 15:28. God always expects us to have 'great faith.' This is why, He rebuked His disciples...Mk. 16:14.

- Your People – the people that you most care about— that is, their opinions of what you might consider. 2 Kings 5:1-15. It is God's view of your situation and how it is to be remedied, not others that matters. Num. 21:6-9. This isn't 'relationally-leaving' those that you care about—it is simply taking the risk of disappointing them, by choosing the 'way of faith in God,' rather than the self-protection of fear. We have to live a life of faith, 'in front of those who don't understand or who may not understand.'

1. Opinions – John 7:13; John 12:42; John 20:19 What will others think? I will be viewed as a 'weird, born-again, fundamentalist, nut.'

2. Criticism – Judg. 8:1; Acts 11:2,3. I don't want to be ostracised, shamed, or looked down upon. I cant bear criticism...of any kind.

3. Speculation – 1 Tim. 1:4 NLT “...unanointed predictions that characterise our time and our world” “...this could happen...that will happen...” our world of is full of the ‘words of the secular prophets,’ who are governed by fear, engendering fear.
 4. ‘So-called wisdom’ – some say, “You should believe God, of course, but use wisdom as well.” Some present wisdom as something to be placed alongside faith, as faith itself, may not be enough, by itself...(so they say). 1 Cor. 2:4-7, 13; 1 Cor. 3:19, 20; Col. 2:23. They buttress this idea by referring to others who have died, or suffered needlessly, because they ‘didn’t use common sense.’
- Father’s House – from sentimental (feeling orientation) to spiritual – from a connection to a relationship they think they might lose...some won’t attend church services because they may disappoint, upset their spouse or someone else living in the home – their faith-life doesn’t take them beyond the potential of upsetting the ‘current peace,’ that might disappear, if they ‘go all out after God.’

“I would really like to believe for some great things, but I am afraid what friends and family might think.”

“Go to the land...”

Faith is a movement that starts with a departure decision. God speaks, you say, “Yes!” and then you begin an internal and

sometimes external process of movement. It is not continual *consideration, meditation, reflection, wishing or 'camping out' in the place of desire and longing.*

Often God's people would like to 'live somewhere' different but they don't listen until they hear and then decide to 'leave the perpetual mountain' and **go** to where God is taking them. They haven't said to themselves or anyone else, "I'm on the move!" Say it aloud, today, regarding anything that you need to leave, "I'm on the move..." Now you have both stated, "I have left...and I am on the move!" This isn't self-persuasion, this is the obedience of faith. Ex. 24:3, 4. They heard, they said, "yes," and Moses **wrote it down**, and then he 'got up early' and set out... Gen. 12:4, 5. Abram left...and he arrived!

-“to the land...” a place where you are not. The Promised Land is the land of promises...where you haven't been, before you go there. It is a specific place of **blessing, provision, change, deliverance, favour, health and supply.** Joshua 3:3, 4.

-“the land I will show you....” Go...and I will show, God says. God doesn't tell you a lot in this walk of faith. He often leaves out the 'how' and the 'why' and requires us to simply take some 'first steps.' He refuses to answer all the 'what-ifs' that we like answered normally.

The Blessings of Faith-Obedience -- Gen. 12:2,3

- Make you vs being a 'self-made' person
- Bless you – empowered to prosper!

- Establish your reputation – He will cause others to esteem you (something the world is chasing after) Sometimes parents foolishly encourage their children to ‘go after’ what will make them famous. Let God make them famous because of their faith-obedience. Then He will give them the grace and humility to stand under its considerable weight.
- Enable your fruitfulness – God is the One who makes you fruit-bearing when you hear and do what He says.
- Bless those that bless you...(consider this...there are some blessings that come to others simply because they give or bless you! So be a ‘blessor’!
- Curse those that curse you – Wendell’s mother-in-law
- Extend the blessings of your life beyond you

The Law of Faith vs the Law of works – Rom. 3:27 NKJV

- What God will do vs. what man attempts to accomplish
- What is supernatural vs. what is human effort
- What is of the spirit vs. what is of human willpower
- What takes you into God’s realm vs. what ties you into the earth realm and its influences
- The promises vs. the precepts
- Faith-power vs. will-power
- God-centred vs. man-focused Heb. 12:2 “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and the perfecter of our faith....”

The law of faith vs works

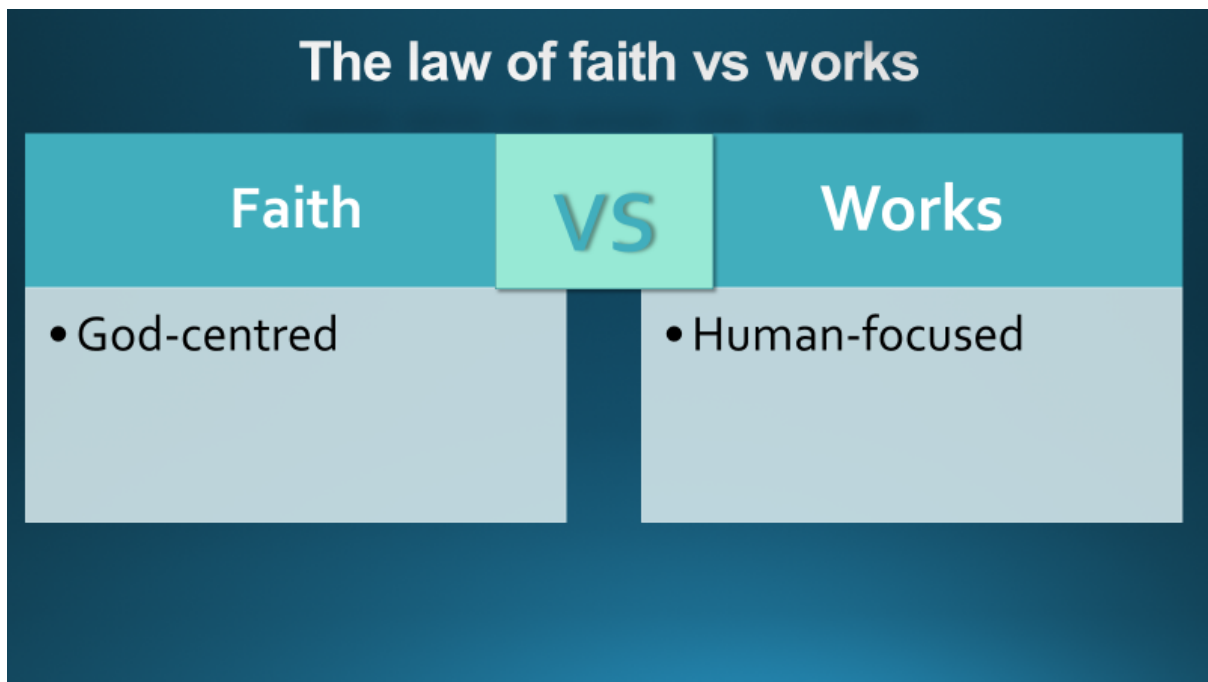
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Characteristics of Living By the Law of Works, Human Effort

Fear is a choice, for which we are held accountable, as it is the 'sin of unbelief.' Rom. 14:23; Rev. 21:8 KJV.

- Fear – only science and facts to live by
- Worry – not believing good is coming to you – Ps. 23:6
- Loss unrecoverable – no restorer, no redeemer, no saviour, present in loss
- Déjà vu – the future will be as bad or worse than the present or the past...it will repeat over and over
- Despair – not in control of anything and not able to bring about any better outcome, I sink into the hopelessness of despair and depression
- No new initiatives leading to no new outcomes – the 'doctrine of once bitten, twice shy.'

- Exhausted living, as the strength for living, on the inside, is depleted, yet effort and responsibility are still maintained – Heb. 4:1-16
- Greater vulnerability to temptation when exhausted – Heb. 4:15, 16; Gen. 25:28-34.

What is a law?

Law defined: statement of a relation or sequence of phenomena invariable under the same conditions; a commandment or a revelation from God; **cause and effect that always applies under the same conditions.**

The Law of Faith – Rom. 3:27 NKJV

Rom. 3:27-28 NKJV says, “Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by **the law of faith.**”

Gal. 3:2-3 says, “I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit **by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?** Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to **attain your goal by human effort?**” We tend to like the laws that work for us and we tend to dislike the laws that we think work against us. (illustrate the ‘law of faith’ like the ‘law of gravity’). According to Heb. 11:1, faith has to do with ‘**certainty.**’

How Do I Operate the Law of Faith -- Rom. 3:27 NKJV

The Law of Faith defined:

Just like gravity, the law of faith is the established and consistent rule, that whenever a promise is met with faith, it releases the supernatural power within it. When The Promise

came to earth and died upon the Cross, and that Promise and His work were met with faith, salvation occurs every time. John 3:16; 1 John 1:9. Whenever the promise for healing, provision, intervention or deliverance is met with faith, those things consistently occur. There may be some time between the promise and the fulfilment, the seed-sowing and the harvest, but nevertheless as faith endures, the promise will be realised or manifested. God is faithful. 1 Cor. 1:9.

The Produce of Faith – Sowing For Your Harvest of Miracles

You can only, have a harvest, if you plant a seed. We all want to have a ‘harvest of miracles.’ *However, no seed-planting, no harvest.* This is the law that God set up, in both Creation and Redemption. Gen. 8:22; Matt. 9:29; Mk.11:23, 24; Hosea 10:12; 1 Cor. 15:36, 37.

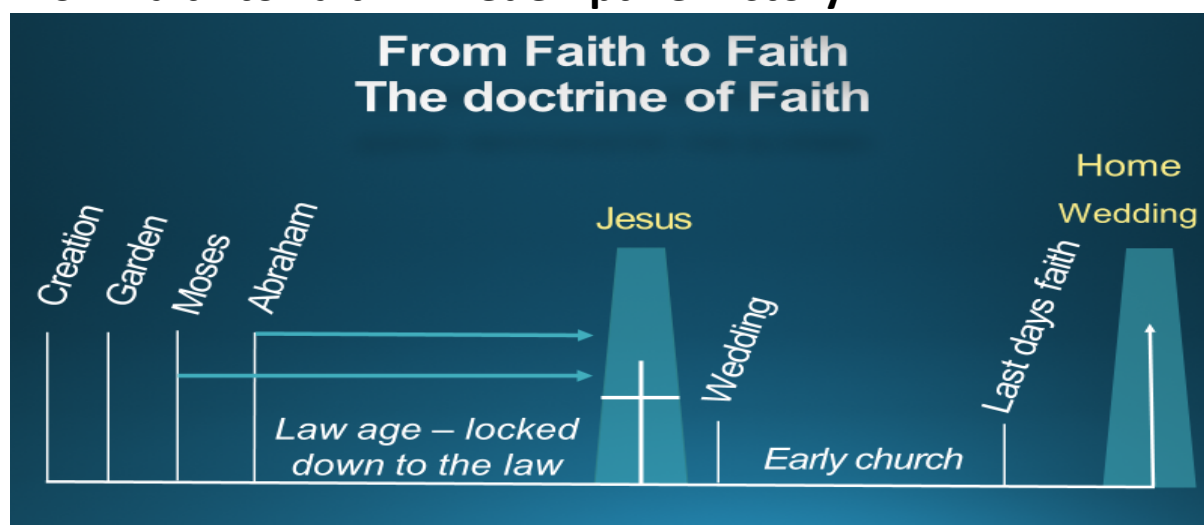
Three Phases of Faith-Seed Planting:



The Progression of Faith – From Faith to Faith

Heb. 11:1 “Now faith is **being sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” A life of *establishing certainty in a world of uncertainty*. Has God said it?

From Faith to Faith in Redemptive History



Gal. 3:23 – locked down under the Law.

John 1:17 – Grace came by faith with Jesus. Rom. 5:1,2; Acts 2:22; **We live off of the promises of God. We cannot live off of the commands of God—they hold no power to enable us. They reveal God’s holy character to us. Grace, or enablement flows from the promises of God. Most people are: **commandment-oriented**, not **promise-oriented**. **What promises are you living by?** Promises require faith. Commands are acts of human will-power. Faith-power vs. will-power.*

John 2:11 – the first disciples at a wedding miracle. The last disciples, will also attend The Wedding Miracle of Resurrection and Ascension. It was faith that saved a wedding celebration at the beginning of Christ’s ministry. It is the ‘salvation

revealed in the last time,' by faith, that saves the final Wedding of the Bride and the Bridegroom.

Acts 2:43 – Early Church began with signs, wonders, and miracles—the Gospel of Power...Rom. 1:16

1 Pet. 1:5-8 – Last Days Church, exercising great faith to persevere in the great 'trial of faith' circumstances, coming on the earth.

**The doctrine of faith begins, as far a man is concerned, with what God has said. He said, 'Let there be....' And so, it was! He said, "do not eat..." (Gen. 2:17) and the doctrine of unbelief, began with Satan, saying, "Did God really say...?" Gen. 3:1. The Doctrine of Fear begins with what Satan says...."

- We came into Christ, on the basis of faith—**saving faith**. Rom. 13:11 says, "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we **first believed**."

This 'saving faith,' is our **foundation of believing**, as it established our lifelong *ability and capacity* for believing and receiving, all that God is and has promised us.

- We **continue in faith** as we meet every challenge of living on this planet—whether it is physical, financial, relational, business or circumstantial. Our faith-life is a progressive 'faith-life,' growing and increasing as we walk on with Jesus. Philippians 1:25 says, "Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you **for your progress and joy in the faith**..."

Col. 1:23 says, "if **you continue in your faith**, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel."

1 Tim. 2:15 says, "if they **continue in faith**, love and holiness with propriety."

Each faith step enables us to move to the **next level** and take on what seems to be, greater challenges.

Has God said something in His Word and/or spoken by the Holy Spirit to you? If He has, establish it within yourself as a 'sure-and-certain-word,' that will truly come to pass. Has God said it? **Yes, He has! (say it aloud now!)**

How Does the Believer Establish the Certain Word as Certain?

Heb. 11:1 says, “Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.”

- Faith is a ‘product’ of the Spirit.’ The Spirit speaks and we respond. Gal. 5:22 KJV; Matt. 4:4 “...the proceeding word out of the mouth of God,” is a Spirit-spoken word, into our hearts that never is contrary to the Bible—the written Word. Faith, is an operation of the Spirit, as its spiritual activation in the person of each believer, is by ‘hearing the Spirit’s voice.’ This is why worship, meditation, listening/hearing and speaking in tongues are so vital. Gal. 5:22 KJV tells us that **faith** is a ‘fruit or a work or a production, **of the Spirit.**’ Rom. 10:17 tells us that faith **comes** by hearing...the voice of God, the Holy Spirit.
- Insert Chart -- Two Kinds of Faith
- Establishing our faith, means deepening our relationship to the Holy Spirit. You only trust, deeply, those with whom, you have the deepest relationship.

Rom. 5:5 Loving God via the Spirit and loving others via the Spirit. 2 Cor. 13:14 says, “May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love** of God, and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you all.”

Grace, or favour flows out of the love and fellowship we have with God through Holy Spirit interaction. Phil. 2:1; Jude 20, 21 NASU says, “But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit**, keep yourselves in the love of God....”

**We all need to invest more time with the Holy Spirit...to deepen our relationship to Him and to trust Him, more deeply, establishing our ‘faith-link,’ to all that He says and thus seeing the manifestation of that God-given faith.

Practising listening to the Holy Spirit, in a ‘busy’ world...that tends to crowd out the voice, that brings the ‘word of faith,’ and its results, can be a challenge. Nevertheless, it is the salvation of our times and our world. *People die because they don’t hear. People are destitute because they don’t hear. People live in the paralysis and torment of fear, because they don’t hear the ‘other’ voice...the Holy Spirit.*

**Confidence, assurance, and a strong sense of certainty are developed by 1) repetition 2) success, over and over again, in hearing and seeing it come to pass. See practical steps.

Application

We want to develop and sustain our faith and give it to our next generation.

Faith is taught and ‘caught’ from the Scriptures in six ways:

1. Hear it – Rom. 10:17; Acts 19:4,5; Gal. 3:2, 5 NKJV
2. See it – Isa. 51:6; Gen. 13:14; Gen. 15:5, 6; Ps.123:1-2; Heb. 12:2

3. Read it – Matt. 4:4; Deut. 17:19; Deut. 31:1; 1 Thes. 5:27,28
4. Say it – Rom.10:8-10 Your ‘confession of faith’ is vital as your ‘mouth and your spirit’ are inseparably connected. When Israel did not speak right (words of faith), they died outside of Canaan. Num. 13:32; Num. 14:37; Deut. 1:35, 36; Rom. 4:17 “...calls those things that are not as though they were.”
5. Record it – Deut. is the Book of Remembrance...a book ‘written.’ Israel was commanded to record the history of God’s works for their own continuity of faith and the next generation of faith. Deut. 6:6-9, 20-24; Judg. 8:34; Ps. 106:7; Ps. 78:42; The Bible is a ‘record-book’ of the miracle works of God. Where is your book?
6. Do it – John 2:5; James 2:16-18; Col. 4:17; Judg. 7:17; 2 Sam.7:3; Gen. 12:4 “...so Abram left...”

Be who you are: A man/woman/child of faith – Gal.3:29; Rom. 4:16, 17.

Returning To your Heritage!

- Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, cleanse the lepers – Matt. 10, 7,8 Start today in your home.
- Forget Yesterday – Philipians 3:13
- Start today and do what needs to be done! Attack with authority, power, your faith, the Word and your **commanding words**, conditions to change in Jesus Name! Return to your heritage and begin to move from ‘faith to faith’ and ‘glory to glory.’

- If no one in your home—speak on the phone and command someone else’s body to be healed! Don’t beg, plead, or ask the Father, when He told **you** to do it, **you do it like He did it!** You **command it now** in Jesus’ Name!

Songs: (These can be found on the Internet for singing along)

- Take Time to Be Holy (older hymn, words below)

<https://youtu.be/rFApbg-wcmE>

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

- Miracle by Tim Godfrey
- Miracle Rain by Frank Edwards
- Abba by Rick Pino

Family Project/Assignment: Make your own ‘Harvest of Miracles’ book, for your family’s record, of His great and marvellous works or your own personal one. Below is a

sample. Get started on the **deliberate, actual, definite, steps** of developing your faith through this means.

HARVEST OF MIRACLES

**“FOR YOU...A
HARVEST
IS APPOINTED....”
HOSEA 6:11**

- Write the date
- Write the word you heard
- Write the Scripture reference that backs it
- Write the date it manifested
- Keep it near to remind and add to...

Anchoring Your Soul In His Word

Read slowly through the following passages taking the time to read the verses that follow each verse.

Ps. 7:6; Ps. 9:8; Ps. 9:16; 11:7; 33:5; 36:6; 37:6; 45:6; 72:1;

Ps.72:2; 89:14; 7:2; 99:4; 101:1; 103:6; 106:3; 112:5; 140:12

1 Pet. 4:7-19