



Part 3: The Function of Faith

Matthew 9:28-31

FAITH THAT HONORS GOD IS . . .

1. A faith that _____ when it doesn't _____.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

1 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP) Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

❖ Hope is a _____. Faith is a _____.

2. A faith that _____ when nothing _____.

Colossians 4:2 (GNT) Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God.

Mark 11:23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

James 1:6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

3. A faith that _____ even when it doesn't make _____.

James 2:14-22

2 Corinthians 4:13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

TALK IT OVER WITH A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

- Reflect over recent challenges or experiences and discuss if you responded with fear, hope or faith?
- What is your greatest challenge to putting complete trust in God and having blind faith in Him?
- What are some faith steps you can take today to validate your belief that God is able?
- If an angel appeared to you and told you the answer to your prayer would take place this Friday how would you act between now and then? How could you have that same confidence and assurance without an angel showing up?