

# Receiving By Faith

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**Hebrews 4:1-2** – <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since **the promise** of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have **fallen short** of it. <sup>2</sup> For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of **no value** to them, because those who heard did not **combine it with faith**.

**You can know the Word of God and yet be unchanged if you don't mix faith with the Word.**

### **Levels or Types of Faith Listed in the New Testament:**

little faith, words of faith, weak faith, fight of faith, no faith, law of faith, shipwrecked faith, unfeigned or pure faith, faith made void or powerless, faith to follow, great faith, grounded and settled faith, strong faith, faith that speaks, ever increasing faith, faith that stands, full of faith, faith that gives glory to God, precious faith, the measure of faith, most holy faith, faith that receives blessings, abundant faith, the life of faith, sound in faith, shield of faith, faith that doesn't waiver, faith to be healed, rich in faith, the fight of faith, assurance of faith, prayer of faith, good report of faith, joy of faith

### **Example of Great Faith:**

**Matthew 8:5-9,13** – <sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just speak the word only, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

<sup>13</sup> And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and **as you have believed**, so be it done unto you. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

### **GREAT FAITH DEFINED:**

#### **1. Speak the Word only**

Great faith is expressed when all you need to stand and trust God is His Word.

**Luke 4:38-39** - <sup>38</sup> Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. <sup>39</sup> So He stood over her and **rebuked the fever**, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

- **Jesus spoke to the fever.**
- **Can a fever hear?**
- **It departed immediately from her.**
- **If fevers can hear, so can any other circumstance that is contrary to the finished work of Calvary.**
- **We shouldn't think this to be a strange thing, as everything you see or feel came into being via the Words of God.**

**Hebrews 11:3** - By 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.

**If the Words of God created all matter, then all matter is still subject to the authority and power of God's Word.**

## **2. Great faith understands authority - how to use it and how to yield to it.**

- Great faith acts like Jesus won the victory.
- Great faith accepts as true that redemption purchased our victory and acts like it.

**Matthew 28:18-19** - <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power or authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** <sup>19</sup> **Go you** therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Hebrews 10:38** - Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

The opposite of **drawing back** is to take a posture of **aggression** and move boldly based upon the promises and faithfulness of God.