

Faith On Trial



James 1:2-4

- The Spiritual Principle of Faith is “God’s plan for us to please Him.”
 - Purpose: this principle will produce internal growth and maturity.
 - Objective: to teach us how to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Goal: to keep us from being barren and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Lesson #1 – What is Faith?
 - “Faith is having confidence in what God said.”
 - A. The way faith operates is – “God speaks, we hear, and we walk in obedience.”
 - B. True biblical faith: substance, evidence, and witness.
 - C. Without faith it is impossible to please God.
 - Lesson #2 – The Four Facts About Faith
 - A. The object of faith is God Himself.
 - B. The second fact to know about faith is its purpose.
 - C. The third fact to know about faith is the way to possess it.
 - D. The fourth fact about faith is the result of faith.
 - Lesson #3 – “The Just Shall Live by Faith” – Hebrews 10:35
 - A. Who are the just?
 - B. How shall the just live?
 - C. By what power does a person live?

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- Throughout the Bible there are people who turned defeat into victory and trial into triumph.
- “Faith without works cannot be called faith.”

○ **Statements About the Life of Faith**

- 1. The journey of life is not an easy journey to travel.**
- 2. Our outlook determines our outcome, and our attitude determines our action.**
- 3. The phrase “fall into” does not suggest a stupid accident.**
- 4. The key word is count.**
- 5. Our values determine our evaluations.**
- 6. Look at trials through the eyes of faith.**
- 7. There is only one way to face trials and temptations with a spirit of joy.**

○ **Things we must know and do when our faith is tested.**

- 1. We must know that faith is always tested (Heb. 11).**
 - A. The call to separate himself from his kinsmen and country (Gen. 12:1).**
 - B. The requirement to trust God for the promise of the covenant without seeing the fulfillment of that promise for twenty-five years (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:6,8; 18:9-14; Heb. 11:8-13).**
 - C. The command that he offer up Isaac, the promised son (Gen. 22).**