

Faith That Never Quits

Hebrews 13:8

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NLT Hebrews 13:8- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Unlike human leaders, He will never change. Christ has been and will be the same forever. In a changing world we can trust our unchanging Lord.

There are two types of faith people have

- 1. Faith that says I believe, but never acts or does anything with it. They say but don't do!**
- 2. Then there is faith that is persistent a faith that refuses to quit, never giving up. Real Faith is more than just saying you have real faith or you believe. It's acting on God's word regardless of what you see, face or how impossible it looks. This kind of faith gets results, the first kind gets you nothing. Again, your choice!!**

Mark 11:22-25 Then Jesus said to the disciples, have faith in God²³) I tell you the Truth you can say to this mountain, may you be lifted up and thrown into the sea; and it will happen, but you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. 24) I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.25) But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins too.

- 1. Jesus was the example to let us know that God can do the impossible.**
- 2. God will answer your prayers if we meet his conditions.**
 - A. You must be a believer**
 - B. You must not hold a grudge**
 - C. You must not pray with only selfish motives**
 - D. Your request must be to help you advance the kingdom as well as what you desire for God to bless you with**
 - E. To pray effectively, you need to have faith in God. Not faith in the object of your request**
 - F. We focus on God, not what we want**

As we read through the bible, you will discover that there is one consistent message.

- 1. God's great love and compassion toward us**
- 2. He is unchangeable**
- 3. Because of this we can have great confidence that God not only hears our prayers but that He will answer them.**
- 4. There is no greater motivation for faith than knowing this.**
 - A. God is absolutely for us**
 - B. He wants us to succeed**
 - C. That he has called you and ordained you to succeed in life**

Faith- Denotes a force that is forward-directed and aggressive-never passive or backward-reaching, but always reaching forward to obtain or achieve a specific target or goal.

Have God kind of faith = He is faithful, reliable, loyal and steadfast, God is dependable, constant and unwavering.

So, we can believe Go for big and small things for everything, our whole lives.

See, He loves us so much that HE sent Jesus to die in our place, giving us freely His life for out death. Thank you, Lord. He loves us more than we can comprehend and has given us through this Covenant incredible blessing and help.

He even admonishes us to never forget his benefits.

Psalm 103:1-22- Read the whole chapter- Forgetting his benefits.

KJV Psalm 103:2+ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits

We have to choose-We all have to make a choice. NO one can make it for you.

We have to decide if Gods love for us is real.

Man's definition of love is often lip service. God's love is always manifested through action.

That's how they will know we love Him.

NLT John 13:35- Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

I John 3:18-20 Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 19) Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty God is great than our feelings, and He knows everything.