

How To Make Your Faith Work

Disclaimer: this is an automatically generated machine transcription - there may be small errors or mistranscriptions. Please refer to the original audio if you are in any doubt.

Date: 12 June 2020

Preacher: David Antwi

[0 : 00] Thank you for choosing to listen to today's message by Rev. Dr. David Etchley. We know you will be blessed as you seek and serve God. We believe that this message will stir up a desire for more of God even as you listen.

Be blessed. We thank God for today and I'm particularly very excited about God's Word and as I'm teaching on faith, you know, I'm talking about action faith, living faith, faith that works, faith that brings results.

Faith is a game changer. Faith is a game changer. It changes everything. It turns situations around. Faith, your faith will definitely speak for you in the name of Jesus Christ and I'm so happy to talk about faith.

Faith that will work. Faith that must work. The working faith. Hallelujah. And as I said, faith is a game changer. In Habakkuk chapter 2 verse 4, the Bible says that the just shall live by his faith.

Habakkuk 2 verse 4. In Romans chapter 1 verse 17, the just shall live by faith. Galatians chapter 3 verse 11, the just shall live by faith.

[1 : 16] Hebrews chapter 10 verse 38, the just shall live by faith. Four times in the scriptures, the Bible tells us that the just shall live by faith. In other words, the just dies without faith.

The just is going down without faith. The just cannot rise without faith. It takes faith to see God at work. And I remember Bishop Oedipo posted this way.

He says that if what it takes is God, then all it takes is faith. If what it takes is God, all it takes is faith.

It's not a matter of time. It's God. It's just a matter of God and it's a matter of faith. So what are your faith will determine your destiny.

In fact, Jesus puts it this way in Matthew chapter 9 verse 29. He said, be it unto you according to not my faith, but your faith.

[2 : 18] Your faith is what sets the pace for your faith. It sets the pace for the outcome of your life, your marriage. Because the just shall live by faith, which means the just shall raise his child by faith.

The just shall raise her child by faith. The just shall succeed in business by faith. The just shall do well in life by faith. The just shall be healed by faith. The just shall come out of death by faith.

The just shall pay his bills by faith. The just shall raise his family by faith. The just shall do well in ministry by faith. The just shall do God's work by faith. The just shall succeed.

The just shall progress by faith. We work by faith. 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 7. We walk by faith and not by sight.

If you have faith in God, faith is a game changer. Jesus said to them when they asked Jesus, how come the fig tree has withered?

[3 : 19] He said, have faith in God. Mark chapter 11 verse 22. Jesus said, have faith in God. Have faith in God.

Have faith in God. Because why? Game. Faith is a game changer. Romans chapter 4. You know, Christianity is based on, if I read Romans chapter 5, I think I'll go to John there.

Christianity is a function of faith. Your belief. Your belief. They were killed for their beliefs. Right?

They were martyred, murdered for their beliefs, not their behavior. The strength of your Christianity is belief-centered.

I'll say it again. The strength of anybody's Christianity is belief-centered, is faith-centered. If your belief or if the strength of your Christianity is behavior-centered, you are missing something.

[4 : 25] You are missing it. You are missing it. You are missing it. Are you trying to say behavior doesn't matter? The behavior that is born by faith or born out of belief is what matters to God.

All right? So, any behavior that is not a baby of belief or a function of belief doesn't secure heaven's attention. So, because in Christianity, it rises and falls.

It hinges the door of salvation, justification, healing. The door of everything in Christianity runs on the hinge of faith.

The hinge of faith. Without faith. Hebrews chapter 11 verse 6 says, Without faith it's impossible to please God. For whoever comes to God must believe.

Your believing is a necessary requirement. It's an unconditional requirement in attempting to pray, attempting to come to God, attempting to receive anything from God.

[5 : 30] Your believing is a cardinal and unnegotiable requirement. He said, For whoever comes to God must believe.

For God so, the most famous scripture quotation in the Bible. John 3.16, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes.

When it comes to what God can do, all the requirements, all that is required is faith. Believing. Whosoever believes.

Isn't this a whosoever behaves? Whosoever believes. Whosoever believes. And then when you believe, that's the message I'm trying to teach today. When you believe, your belief will produce results.

So, this is how the Reformers put it. We are saved by faith alone. Not faith and works. Not faith in what you do. That's not what saves you. It's faith alone.

[6 : 35] Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8. For by grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves, lest any man should vote. It's not of works. Alright, 8 and 9.

Ephesians 2. So, we are saved by grace through faith alone. Faith alone. So, the Reformers call sola fide, only faith. Sola fide. It takes only faith, not faith plus works.

We are saved by sola fide, faith alone. But not faith that is alone. We are saved by faith alone, but not faith that is alone.

Not hellless faith. Not actionless faith. Not dead faith. That's what I'm trying to talk about. Fide viva.

Living faith. Action faith. Faith that has works. I'm talking about the works of faith. How to make your faith work. It must.

[7 : 33] Faith that works must have works. The faith that works must have works. But the point I'm making is that we are saved by faith. Everything rises in godliness and Christianity.

Everything rises and falls on faith. So, Paul said in Titus chapter 1, he said, Paul, a born servant of Jesus Christ, or a servant of Jesus Christ and an apostle of God.

Apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect. All right?

You see, according to the faith of God's elect. In Romans chapter 1, I think verse 5 or somewhere there, it says that we have received apostleship for the obedience of faith.

Something like that. I think I'm already in Romans chapter 1. Let me just read it. Having received apostleship for the obedience. Yeah. Verse 5. By whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith amongst all nations for his name.

[8 : 45] Our apostleship is for obedience of faith. Obedience. So, the behavior, actions that are birthed by faith. So, the apostles' assignment is to teach the word so that we, to build, it says that, I forgot in that text.

It talks about, we are helpers of your faith. So, we are helpers of your faith or builders of your faith. By faith we stand. We are helpers of your faith.

So, he said, the apostle is sent to help your faith. So, that your faith will produce works of obedience. Because faith without works is death.

I'm going to go into that. So, as I said earlier on, you understand that, he says, the just shall live by faith. In Christianity, everything is a function of faith.

Thank you, Jesus. I like this one. Anything that works with God, anything that works in Christianity, anything that works spiritually, on the part of God, is faith-based.

[9 : 52] Belief determined. Belief determined. Is belief determined.

Is your faith and your belief that determines what God is allowed, what God is permitted, and what God is authorized to do in your life. Hallelujah. And so, I want us to understand.

Now, even when you read the Bible, you come across that Christianity is so much based on faith that it is actually called the faith.

Titus, sorry, Jude chapter 1, verse 3, Jude verse 3. It says that, I wanted to write to you, but I feel necessary to write to you to contend for their faith.

That was one delivered. The faith there means Christianity. Christianity is so much based on belief that it is called the faith.

[10 : 51] Christianity is called the faith. Acts chapter 6, verse 7. And many priests became obedient to the faith. Became obedient to the faith. So, Christianity is called the faith.

1 Timothy chapter 1, verse 19. It said they have erred from the faith. Erred from the faith. Because erred, that's what I'm talking about. Erred from Christianity.

So, Christianity is called the faith. In 1 Timothy chapter 4, verse 1. It says that in the last times, perilous times, people will depart from the faith.

They will depart the faith. Talking about departing from Christianity. Bible calls Christianity the faith. In 1 Timothy chapter 3, verse 9. It's called the faith. In 1 Timothy chapter 5, verse 8.

It says that anyone who doesn't take care of his own is worse than an infidel and has denied the faith. I've denied Christianity. So, Christianity is so much based on belief.

[11 : 52] So much based on faith. It is called the faith. So, anytime you hear the word, the faith, it's talking about, that's the objective faith. Look, Christianity, as Christianity and its doctrine, they continue in the apostles' doctrine.

So, it's the faith. And then when you talk about, then we have faith as action. So, we have the faith, which stands for Christianity. So, it says, contending for the faith. That means contending for Christianity.

How do you contend? Hmm, this is an interesting point I'm about to make. How do you contend for Christianity? It's not necessarily through demonstration. Right? It's not joining the picket line necessarily.

Is that wrong? I'm not saying that is wrong. But that's not how to. To contend for the faith, we have to hold forth the word of truth. So, anything that is contrary to what course word is saying, you have to take it serious because it's an attack on the faith.

It's an attack. You can't attack the Christianity until you attack what we believe. You can't attack Christianity until you attack the word of God. When someone tells you the word is not necessary, people, this Bible, some people wrote it.

[13 : 02] The person is sounding very clearly, succinctly like the devil. That's how the devil talks. All right. I'm not saying the person is the devil.

No. The person might have good intentions, might be a genuine person, but now he's echoing the voice of the devil. That's the devil's language. That the Bible. How can you believe in the Bible?

The Bible is a white man's religion. Some people use the Bible to subjugate. I told you the other time, people use the Bible to achieve their own aim in a negative way. It's twisted. That's why we need the sound doctrine.

We need the word of truth. So, when someone twists, we can catch the person. Christianity is weakened by the twisting of the scriptures. So, you either twist the scriptures or disbelieve the scriptures, you have weakened Christianity.

There can never be Christianity without the Bible. So, those people who think, oh, the Bible is just a book. I read the stories. I like the stories. Wonderful moral teachings. Drop it. Drop it. It's not about the stories.

[14 : 00] It's about the nourishment. It's about the faith. The faith is built. Let me show you something. In John chapter 21 verse 25. John 20. That's the last verse in John.

It says that, and there are also many other things which Jesus did. The which, if they should be written, everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

Amen. It's finished the book of John. He said, Jesus did so many things that even if they're written. So, listen. The Bible is not a history book to record events that has happened in the past. No, no, no, no.

It's not a history book. It's a record of the redemption plan of God. It is only content. Anything that is not necessary for redemption. It's not necessary for God's economy.

It's not necessary for the producing of the church. And preparing us as a bride. It will be found in the scriptures. That means that everything written in the scriptures is necessary for our redemption. Everything written in scriptures.

[15 : 03] I'm talking about the Bible. It's necessary for our redemption. Not a word is unimportant. I think Matthew chapter 5 verse 8. It says that heaven and earth shall pass away. Not even a dot.

A dot or a title. So, you know, it's like the dot on the I. Okay. So, let's say it. I-T. It. I-T. It. The I.

Dot on the I. Bible says that even that one in the Bible matters. It won't pass away. Heaven and earth shall pass away. But not a dot or a title shall pass from the word.

So, that means that every word, every letter in the Bible is important. It's sensitive for redemption. That's what I'm trying to say. So, when they tell you the Bible is just a book written by man.

And somebody says, I've read the Bible and I don't believe everything. He says, huh? You have an exaggerated opinion of yourself. You mean you have read the whole Bible and understand it so well now.

[15 : 58] He says, you are not being smart, man. This Bible that has produced major civilizations.

Banked civilizations. Stop that. You have an exaggerated opinion of yourself to just dismiss the Bible. You have to take your time. Do a thorough research. Personal research.

Read it. Read it. Don't let someone program them. Read it and read it. You'll find out that the Bible is rather reading you. You can't read the Bible. The Bible will be reading you. It has feet.

It will run after you. It has hands. It will lay hold on you. It has mouth. It will speak to you. It will run after you. It will lay hold on you. It will speak to you. It has eyes. It will be watching you.

It is that no one is seeing. It will be talking to you about it because it sees you. Someone put it this way. He said, when I read the Bible, I found out that I'm not actually, the Bible is reading me. I'm not reading the Bible.

[16:52] So, back to the point. He says that, so, everything, there's so much that has been written that was not written because it's not necessary for redemption. But it says that, watch this. So, if they are written books, the world will not even be able to contain the books that will be written.

That's a very interesting one. Chapter 20, verse 30. John 20, 30 says that, and many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

Watch this. So, why is this one written? Verse 31, but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that believing, your story will change.

Believing might have life through the... Believing is the key. The Bible is for believing. The Bible, that's why it ends, the last word in the Bible is amen. Amen. Amen.

It means I believe that. In him I hear all the promises of God. 2 Corinthians chapter 1, verse 20. All the promises of God.

[18:00] In him I hear and in him amen. To the glory of the Father. So, the point here is that the word of God is for believing. It's to produce believing. Or it's to produce belief.

So, that tells you how central, how cardinal, how key your belief or your faith is. Faith or belief is in the heart. Belief in Romans chapter 10, verse 9.

It says that with the heart, for with the heart man believes and with the... Romans chapter 10. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Verse, verse, verse. All right. I want to read verse 10 instead. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The heart believes. So, you can believe in your heart. Believing has to do with your heart. But for it to be a complete faith, there must be corresponding action. So, faith and belief are kind of the same.

[19:11] But faith is the full cycle of belief. So, you have to believe to be saved. But if you believe, there will be corresponding works.

That... So, it's your works. You can believe in your heart. No one sees it. For in... Verse 10. For with the heart man believes. I can't tell what is in your heart.

That's why walk with God is in your heart. With the heart man believes. But guess what? But with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. But in fact, he's talking about we are saved by faith.

Okay? And verse 8. It says that... Verse... Verse 8. But what says it? The word is in your mouth. Is in your heart.

That is the word of faith which we preach. So, the word of faith. That is in your mouth and your heart. So, the thing starts with your heart. But it ends up with your mouth. Then it becomes a complete cycle of faith.

[20 : 11] So, when people believe, you can't see belief. But you can't see faith. So, in other words, faith is belief in action. You can't have faith without believing.

You have to believe. So, faith... Believing is always a function of the heart. So, faith is born from the heart. I see your faith growing.

That is why it takes the word. Because the only organ in the human body. Or the only... Yeah. The only organ in the... Organ in the human body.

That receives the word of God. Is the heart. And when I say heart, I don't mean the heart that is pumping natural blood. Okay. Yeah. That's an organ. But I mean... It's the spirit. The heart of a man.

You see. Which is in your spirit. Your heart. Or which is part of your spirit. Or your spirit is part of your heart. That heart. That's where the word of God said. Thy word have I hid in my heart.

[21 : 08] Psalm 119 verse 11. In my heart. The word is meant for the heart. Not for the head. For mental exercise. It's heart exercise. Then it enters your head.

And then you begin to understand. So you can't understand properly the way it should be. Without your heart first receiving Christ. So the word of God.

Is that this... The word of God is actually written or given. So we can believe. Because you can't work with God without believing. And when I was preparing. I just wrote down some acronyms for believing.

So believing as is B-E-L-I-E-V-E. Okay. And I said the B. Believing is a game changer. If you believe it changes your story. Once you believe.

Your story changes. Hallelujah. And I see somebody's story changing right now. Once you believe your story changes. So belief is a game changer. And from... Look at John chapter...

[22 : 09] Look... John chapter 6. John chapter 6 quickly. I want to show you something. So I'm just trying to define belief. Give you belief. The acronym of belief.

Which I have written down. So B. The B stands for what? What does the B stand for? The B stands for build. Without faith.

Or without believing. You cannot build for God. And how does it mean to build for God? Work with God. God is always building. God is a builder. Alright. God the builder. And he has called us to build with us.

He is building co-laborers. With us. According to 1 Corinthians chapter 3. Verse 9 and 10. So watch this. John chapter 6.

Did I say chapter 2? Sorry please. It's John chapter 6. Verse 29. John chapter 6. Verse 29. It says that... Jesus answered and said unto them.

[23 : 07] This is the work of God. Uh-oh. That ye believe in him whom he has sent. What's the work of God? Don't say I want to do this. Start with the faith. Believe. Believe in him.

Believe in Jesus. You can't work for God if you don't believe in Jesus. You are working for yourself. Or you are working for something else. But he said the work of God is to believe.

So number one. The B in the belief. I said it stands for build. Okay. You can't build without belief. It's a game changer. Once you believe you can build. Number two.

It's esteem. So God will... It brings... It esteems you. Or elevates you. He is for elevation.

Or esteem. To be esteemed. To be elevated. The opposite of being elevated is to be put to shame. And so in Romans chapter 10 verse 11.

[23 : 59] It says that... For whoever shall call on... It says that... Whoever believes shall not be put to shame. Romans 10 verse 11 says... For the scripture said... Whosoever believes on him shall not be put to shame. You shall be esteemed.

You won't be put to shame if you believe God. If you believe on him... You shall not be put to shame. So if you believe on him... You shall be elevated. If you believe on him... You shall be esteemed. How can someone be esteemed and shamed at the same time?

No. So believing... Puts you on the road for elevation. So... Number one. Is... Is... Build. You believe to build. Number two. You believe to be elevated or to be esteemed.

Number three. You believe to... To... To see impossibilities turn around. Jesus said that... In Mark... Jesus said... In the book of Mark chapter 9 verse 23...

Mark 9 verse 23 says that... For... With... He said... That all things are possible... Kaya tashinibasar... The thing is coming. All things are possible to him who believes.

[24 : 58] What is it that is facing you, my brother? What is it that is... You are beset with? Can you... Can you believe? Get the word of God. Load yourself with the word of God.

You are sick in hospital. Your leg is lifted. And you are watching EastEnders and watching movies. I don't even know the name of some of the actors. What are the actors? Yeah.

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. We are watching Nicolas Cage. I'm not saying... It's not that... Oh, no, no. It's not a scene. Sometimes you need encouragement to... Yeah.

Keep encouraging yourself. You need gospel to come in. You need preaching. And you need reading. Read and hear preaching. Read and let the word of God come in. Because it takes the word of God for you, your faith to come alive.

And when you believe, Bible says that all things are possible to him who believes. So, the I is impossibilities are taken care of.

[25 : 55] So, build, believe, esteem, impossibilities. Become possible. Hallelujah. And then the... I left the...

I'm sorry. I left the L. Please forgive me. I'm getting... The L is salvation. The L. You will be saved. In Acts chapter 16 verse 31, it says that believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.

In Mark 16, 16, I want to remember. Mark 16, 16. It says that those who believe shall be saved. Whoever believes will be saved and baptized will be saved. Okay. So, believe will save you.

What does that mean? The L is... Salvation there is to be saved. It's to be liberated. You are set free. You are liberated. So, I put the L there. Liberation. So, B is build.

E, esteem or elevate. L, liberated. I, impossibilities turn possible. And then E.

[26 : 53] The next E is empowerment. Romans chapter 1 verse 16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. For it is the power of God unto salvation.

Let me read it. Oh. So, this seems like I'm a bit more in Romans. Romans chapter 1 verse 16. For I am not ashamed... For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Why?

For it is the power of God unto salvation. Is that the end? That's not the end. Unto everyone who believes. It's the power. It remains powerless until you believe.

You are not empowered until you are walking in belief. So, it is the power of God to him who believes. Once you believe, the power comes towards you.

Look at Ephesians. Ephesians chapter 1 verse. All right. You will like this. Hallelujah. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 19 says that.

[27 : 49] And what is the exceeding power... Sorry. Exceeding greatness of his power to us who believe. The power of God is towards us. To us. That's King James. All right. To us. Towards us who believe. I think New King James will say towards us. Do you mind? Let me just read from New King James. Power comes towards you once you believe. Power is on its way into your life.

Ephesians chapter 1 verse 19. Excuse me. It says, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power towards us who believe.

You see that? So, the power of God is towards us. It's as soon as you... The power is there. The power is there. But as soon as you believe, the power begins to come towards you. I see power happening.

Coming towards you. I'm talking about the exceeding greatness of his power. It exceeds any kind of limitation. You can't limit the power because it's an exceeding... The power exceeds in greatness.

[28 : 46] Okay. It exceeds in greatness. So, he said, And the exceeding greatness of his power towards us who believe. Not towards everybody. People ask him. Where is God?

If God is there, why am I going through this? Why is it? Don't ask that question if you have not exercised your faith, if you have not believed first. So, when you believe.

As soon as you believe, power begins to come. So, believing entitles you for empowerment. Kadabashi, kadabaya. I see somebody receiving empowerment.

As the word is coming, you're connecting your heart. I see somebody receiving empowerment. Receive it in the name of Jesus. Receive empowerment in the name of Jesus. Receive empowerment in the name of Jesus.

So, believe. The B is building. You need to believe to be able to build. You need to believe E to be able to be elevated. You need to believe to be liberated.

[29 : 41] You need to believe to see impossibilities turn around. You need to believe to be empowered. And then the next one. I like this scripture so much. I will read it. I'm telling you.

Brothers and sisters, please. Please, allow me. I will read this thing. It's so nice. Acts chapter 24. I will read it before I tell you what it is. Acts 24, verse 4.

Thank you, Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord. Acts chapter 24, verse 4. It says that, verse 14, I'm sorry.

It says that, but this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, I worship, worship I the God of my fathers.

They are calling this thing, the way we are worshipping God that is heretic, is heresy, is nonsense. After the way which they call heresy, I worship God.

[30 : 40] Okay. I worship, so worship I the God of our fathers, believing all things. How can you worship without believing? Your worship is compromised when your belief begins to go down.

When people backslide, it's first a faith. Backsliding is a faith, function of faith. So, he says that, I worship God, believing all things, spoken by the prophets.

Believing all things. So, now what's the V? V is venerate to worship. You can't venerate God. You can't worship God without believing. So, V is venerate.

So, B is build. E is elevate. L is liberate. I is impossibilities being turned around.

E is empowerment. V is venerate. And then the last E is, let me tell you what it is, is encouragement. You need courage.

[31 : 42] Encouragement to be able not to, in the face of fear. So, in Luke chapter 8, verse 50, Jesus said, fear not, only believe. And in Mark chapter 5, verse 36, when Jairus was told the story, Jesus heard it.

He turned to Jairus and he said, fear not, only believe. Believing is what you need to be able to paralyze that fear. It's like an encouragement. In the face of discouragement, in the face of fear, you receive encouragement to keep going.

Believing. Believing. Or paralyze that fear. So, believing is encouragement to paralyze. So, the last E is encouragement.

Let me summarize it again. So, B is to build. You can't build without believing. You can't be elevated by God without believing. You can't be liberated by God, saved without believing.

You cannot see impossibilities turn around without believing. You believe to be empowered. You believe in order to venerate God and worship God. You believe in order to be encouraged and keep going.

[32 : 55] And keep going, not to fear. Fear not, only believe. Fear not, only believe. In fact, in Mark, in luxury, in Mark chapter 4, chapter 4, verse 40, when they saw the storm and they were scared, Jesus said, why are you so fearful?

Why is your faith? Why is your faith? Why are you so fearful? I think I'm talking to somebody. Why are you so much afraid? That something will happen to you.

Nothing will happen to you. What will happen to you? I profess that nothing negative will happen to your marriage. Nothing will happen to your child. Nothing will happen to your father. Nothing will happen to your mother.

Nothing will happen to that husband or that wife. Nothing will happen to your job. Nothing will happen to your house. Nothing will happen to your situation. Satan will not rain. Satan will not win. Don't be afraid.

He's just using fear to intimidate you. But I came to tell somebody, you are not going to go down. The corona is still around, but it can't come near you. Believe God, it won't come near you.

[33 : 55] Believe God. Believing will never make you a victim. He says that those who believe shall not be put to shame. You can't believe in the end of being put to shame or disgrace.

No, you can't be disgraced in belief. No. No, nobody goes down believing. And believing rise for that matter.

No one goes down. No one goes down believing. Because he says that for you cannot. He said he who believes, Romans 10, 11. He who believes will not be put to shame.

He who believes will not be put to shame. So even if it looks like you are down, you are not down. Because your belief doesn't keep you down. Jesus asked Peter, why did you doubt?

Once he started to take his eyes and focus his attention on the storm, he began to sink. But when his focus was on the word of God, he was walking on the water.

[34 : 56] You can't sink. Holding on to God's word. You can't sink. You can't. That's what I'm talking about. That's the belief thing. The word is coming full. You can have something to hold on to in order not to sink.

I see you soaring. I see you floating above the thing that is sinking others. Others are sinking by it. You will not sink. Why? Because you are a believer.

The believers, the Christians in the Bible are more referred to as believers. Why? Because they believe God's word. They believe in Christ. I believe. The apostles, Christians, it starts with I believe.

You can't be a Christian without belief. Because believing is a game changer. It moves you from one level to the other. John 3.15, John 3.16, John 3.18, John 3.20.

It all talks about believing. Once you believe, your story changes. Once you believe, you are moving from one level to the other. Jesus kept talking, believe, believe, believe.

[35 : 52] And I see your story changing. And when I read the Bible, I then came across, Pastor, okay, I want to believe. I believe in my heart. Oh, oh, oh, oh. Let me tell you why your faith is not working.

If your faith is not working, there's a reason why. Why? Because I'm talking about the faith that works. It must work. So if you have faith, it must work.

Faith works. Now, Pastor, my own is not working. I'll show you why it's not working. The faith that does not work. I'm talking about the faith that works.

Making your faith work. How to make your faith work. Because faith works. How to make your faith work. Because faith works. If faith works, then your faith must work.

It must deliver for you. Hallelujah. Glory to Jesus. Glory to God. I see somebody's story changing because this message has come at the right time in this year to change your story.

[36 : 53] Hallelujah. This message is coming at the right time. You are not listening to this message by accident. I know God has sent this message particularly to somebody. I might not be speaking to everybody, but there's somebody in particular.

You know how God is talking to you. Because you have so many questions. But what is lacking is your faith is drowning. Come alive in faith. Build your faith.

You have, why is it not working? I'm showing you why. Why it work. Why your faith will work. This is why your faith will work. James chapter 2, verse 17, verse 19, verse 20.

Thank you, Lord Jesus. Let me read from this. Let me read this, verse 17.

Even so, faith, if it has no works, is dead, being alone. Oh, so faith is not supposed to be alone. I believe, I believe.

[37 : 56] No, that's not enough. Faith that is alone is dead faith. It can produce. If you put a dead seed in the ground, forget it.

You are not going to get any plants germinating. Because it's a dead seed. It's a dead seed. Faith that is alone is dead.

And faith that is dead cannot produce. It cannot bring any. So, watch this. He said, but even so, if, sorry, even so, if it has no works, if, sorry, even so, faith, if it has no works, is dead, being alone.

The problem is, it is alone. Because it's supposed to work with works. He said, if it has no works, it's alone. Look at verse 20. Thou believe that there is one God.

That's good. That's good. That's good. Thou do as well. He said, that's a good belief. The devil also believes, and as for him, he even shakes. So, saying, I believe there is God.

[39 : 01] I believe Jesus is good. I believe the Bible is the word of God. It's good. But that is not enough. That is not good enough to produce the godly results that faith can produce.

So, just saying that I believe is not enough. So, what should you do? Watch this. Verse 20. Right? Verse 20 says that, but will thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is death?

Like I said earlier on. Faith without works is death? And then, look at the verse 22. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works faith was made perfect.

When he says faith was made perfect, it's like the cycle was complete. All the requirements were ticked. The requirement to make faith works was ticked.

To make faith. So, now, this is what I'm talking about. It's called the action faith. So, faith that has not got action is a dead faith. It's not a living faith.

[40 : 08] Fide viva. That's faith that has life. Living faith. Fide viva. Fide viva. That's the Latin. Fide viva. Fide viva. Fide viva.

It's the faith that is alive. And faith that has not got works is a dead faith. Okay? It's a dead faith. It's the faith that has not got action.

Faith only works with actions. If you don't back your belief with actions, it's not faith because it's a dead faith. It's a dead faith. Watch this. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing of the word of God. Faith works by speaking the word of God. Faith lives by acting. Faith comes by hearing.

Faith lives. Faith works by speaking. Faith lives by acting. Actions. So, action faith. Faith lives by acting.

[41 : 07] What makes your faith work is your actions born by the faith that makes. So, when I was studying the scriptures, in the time of Jesus, he did quite a few miracles.

But I realized that most of the miracles he did were the function of the faith of the people. So, there are times he could tell somebody, your faith has made you whole. Can you imagine? In Matthew chapter 8, from verse 7, a man came to him and he says that, my child or my servant lies sick.

Can you heal him? And I know what Jesus said. Let me take this Bible. I've opened it here already. He said, Matthew chapter 8, verse 8. Yeah, verse 6.

Lord, my servant lies at home, sick of palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus said, I will come and heal him. The man said, no, no, no, no. I'm not worthy that you should come under my roof. But I'm a man under authority.

I say to this girl and the girl and the girl. So, I understand authority. So, you don't need to be there in person. A word would be enough. A word. The word of your man of God, working with God, walking with God is enough.

[42 : 16] It changes the story. I speak a word into your life that your story is changing. Your address is changing. Your circumstance is changing. Your situation is changing. By the power of God, as you believe the power is coming to you.

As you believe the power is coming to your family. As you believe the power is being made real for you. In the name of Jesus, I curse that sickness that has ravaged your body, that has attacked your body. I curse that sickness to live now.

I command that sickness to live now. I command it to be paralyzed in your body and fleshed out. In the name of Jesus, I speak the word of healing. I speak the word of liberty.

I speak the word of empowerment. I speak the word of liberation into your life. In the name of Jesus, anything that has held you captivity, it can be an addiction.

It can be a situation. Whatever is holding you captive, I break its power. By the word of God, I speak now in the name of Jesus and I speak peace.

[43 : 13] He said, don't come to my house. Just speak the word. Pastor, a word from you is enough. Jesus, a word from you, the word is enough. And then Jesus told the disciples, whoa, I've not seen any faith like this.

And when Jesus heard it, verse 10, he marveled and said to them that followed him. Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith. No, not in Israel. What has the man done?

He actually came to ask Jesus to come. That's belief. Jesus was coming. He said, no, just speak the word. I know your word. This man's action constituted his faith. So, and look at verse 13.

It says that, and Jesus said unto the centurion, go thy way and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. Your belief is what determined it. And the servant was healed in that same self-same hour.

It's the guy's faith. The guy's belief. It says your belief. As your belief, so shall it be for you. Because he demonstrated it by speaking. The faith came alive and he delivered.

[44 : 13] Your faith will deliver. I see your faith delivering in the name of Jesus Christ. And in Matthew chapter 9 verse 2, and talking about Matthew 9, 2. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, laying on the bed.

And Jesus seen their faith. What is in your heart cannot be seen, but your actions can be seen. So, Jesus saw some moves. Jesus saw their faith.

Jesus seen their faith. He said, son, be of good cheer. Thy sins be forgiven. He saw their faith. And then when you read it down, the man was healed. I'm talking about Matthew chapter 9.

He saw the faith, the man was healed. Matthew chapter 9 again, verse 22. I like that one. That is a good one. Matthew 9, 22. Jesus said to the woman, daughter, be of good cheer, for thy faith has made you.

But Jesus turned him about, and Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, daughter, be of good comfort.

[45 : 13] Thy faith has made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. Who made her whole? Who made her whole? Jesus said, your faith.

When you read the text very carefully, you see that this woman took some actions. He said, if I can touch him, she pushed herself. She got up. Step out in faith.

There's no way Peter would have walked on the water, Matthew chapter 14, if he hadn't stepped out on faith. You are too much afraid. That's why you are not seeing the manifestation of God's glory.

Look for a word from God. A word that you know this is from God is hitting your spirit. Because if you step out without a word from God, you are in trouble. Because that's presumption. That's presumption.

And that's not faith. Sometimes people are taking steps of presumptuous steps and they are assuming it's faith. Any step you take without a direct word, you didn't receive a word in your spirit from God.

[46 : 12] We are convinced based on the word. You believe the word in your heart. And then that provoked a step. If it doesn't come from there, it is not faith. It is fake. It's not faith.

Faith. Because if it's faith, it's based on God's word which has entered your heart. If the word hasn't entered your heart, somebody took a step and the person said, I believe God said I should do it and I did it.

And he did it and God resolved. So you said, the person said he did it. So me too, okay, I'm going to do it. Have you received the word in your heart? If you haven't received it in your heart, forget it. Forget it.

Anything in Christianity rises and falls on faith. You are fasting without faith. Oh, you are praying without faith. No, it is your faith that gives your prayer its impetus.

Well, let me just move on from there because there's quite a few to share as I get ready to run out. Verse 29, Matthew chapter 9 verse 29. In fact, verse 28 says that, And when he came to the house, the blind man came to him and Jesus said unto them, Believe you that I am able to do this.

[47 : 14] Jesus said, all I need from you, just believe. If you can believe, believing is a game changer. It's a game changer. Believe you are following me to do something for you. But what I don't know is, do you believe in your heart?

This giving you are doing, do you believe in your heart? That's why people on the internet or anywhere can easily discourage you and talk. And they talk you out. Because the thing has not taken root in your heart.

When something takes root in your heart, going to church and being a believer, even what has been happening in our time that, oh, people use Christianity to kill people and all that.

If you are a proper Christian, sometimes if you listen to this, it can make you think, but if you are a proper Christian, the thing is your strength is not coming from your mind. It's coming from your heart. And so what you know from God's word is empowered, is being supplied from your heart.

All right. So from your inner man, that's where your strength comes from. It said, may the Lord strengthen you into your inner man. Ephesians chapter 3 verse 16, into your inner man. So it's your inner man. And so when you are a true Christian, your faith is him.

[48 : 17] The other time someone said something to me. I was doing a question and answer with a few people. And then somebody asked that sometimes when you go through challenges, what do you do in order not to give up? I said, if you are really connected to God, sometimes you want to give up, but you can't give up.

It's not even, you can't give up. It's hard. If you are a genuine Christian, listen, it is hard to give up when you are a genuine Christian. It is hard to give up. People will say, oh, I'm not interested.

You are not a proper Christian, potentially. You know, unless you embrace false doctrine. Maybe you are a Christian, but you started embracing false doctrine. Once you embrace false doctrine, philosophy, ideology, you are on your way out.

You are on your way out. You can't stay a Christian in false doctrine because false doctrine is wrong belief. Wrong believing means that wrong destiny and wrong results. All right.

So Jesus said, do you believe that I can do this? And they said, yes, Lord. Then Jesus said, oh, that's all. If you really believe that you have taken this action because the action you are taking, I just want to make sure there's belief behind it.

[49 : 18] So the action you are taking, Jesus said, if you believe, if you are taking this action, following me into the house and you are believing and you are taking this action because you believed. Then Jesus said that, be it, verse 29, be it unto you.

Be it unto, Jesus taught your eyes saying, according to your faith, be it unto you. So your faith is that determines the results. Your faith is determining the outcome of your marriage. You are how old?

You are a lady, you are how old? And so you are worried you will be married. Drop it. Just, just walk with God. Stay on his word. You are afraid you will not get birth. I just saw, I didn't even watch it because a lot of things I don't get time to watch, but someone sent me a clip.

I didn't watch it, but I saw the YouTube title. It says that, I think, a woman who has been married for 46 years, I think 50, 60 something year old woman has given birth.

46 years of marriage, waited, waited, finally has got a child. And it's happening nowadays. Why can't your own happen? Don't give up too quickly. Don't give up. Just keep believing.

[50 : 19] Believe to the end. Believe to the end. Believe to the end. Believe to the end. I've dropped my spectacles. Praise God. Believe to the end. Believe.

Bible says that he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved. I'm getting very excited. My time is up. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. And so Jesus, I saw that in the scriptures, all those who received miracles from Jesus had living faith.

They had action faith. They took a step. Practically most of them, they took a step and Jesus said, in John chapter four, verse 50, the man came to Jesus. Jesus said that, go your way.

Your son lives. And my man believed and went and he saw the miracle. Bible said the son was here because he went. But Jesus said, go. And he believed and went. So you see, he didn't believe and stayed.

He believed and went. And the child was here. I'm talking about fide viva, living faith. In Mark chapter 11, verse 22 to 24, it says that Jesus said, have faith in God.

[51 : 24] Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you have faith, whoever shall say to this mountain, be thou move and be cast into the sea, and has no doubt in his heart, but believes in his heart that whatever he says shall come to us.

He shall have whatever he says. Right? So he said, when you pray, believe that the things you say shall have them and you shall have what, you shall have your desire. You shall have them. So it's believing and saying.

But Jesus started by saying, have faith in God. Faith is equals to believing and acting. Believing and acting. If there's no action, corresponding action to your faith, the faith is not alive.

The faith is dead. I read from James. He said, faith without works is dead. So faith must have corresponding action. Jesus told Peter, Luke 22, verse 32, that Satan has desired to sift you like wheat, but I pray for you that your faith will not fail.

It's so important that faith does not fail. So faith can fail when there's no action to the belief. Faith can fail. Paul said, fight the good fight of faith. First Timothy chapter six, verse 12.

[52 : 28] Fight. Fight to stay in faith. Keep hearing the word. The Satan will be trying to throw all kinds of blows. All his strength is the things that he will make you see or hear. But that is not a defining factor.

That's not determinative. What determines the outcome of the battle or the outcome of the situation is your faith. It's your faith that gets God involved in the case.

Because your case is different if God is involved. In Matthew chapter five, verse 28. Sorry, chapter 15. I'm sorry. Matthew 15, 28. 26. The woman said to Jesus, even the dogs, the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall under the table.

And Jesus said, whoa. Woman, great is your faith. Verse 28. Jesus said, great is your faith. Be it unto you. Matthew chapter 15. Let me read that. Woman, great is your faith.

Woman, you can use your faith to receive your miracle for that child. Use your faith to receive your miracle for that child. Mom, use your faith. Verse 28. It says that, and Jesus answered and said, oh woman, great is thy faith.

[53 : 32] Be it unto thee, even as thou wilt. What you want, your faith is already in place, so it will happen for you. Jesus said this. So, initially, Jesus said, I'm not going to do a miracle for you.

Because it's not yet that. But the woman said, you have to. The dogs were even in the ground. Jesus said, oh woman, great is your faith. Be it unto you as you have wilt. Not what I said, but you wilt. It may happen for you.

Your faith is a game changer. It changes everything. In Mark chapter 10, there was a man called Blind Bartimaeus. From verse 46 downwards, he was sitting by the roadside begging. And he saw, he heard that Jesus was passing.

He started shouting, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on him, on me. And people around him said, shut up. He didn't shut up. Jesus said, thou son of David, have mercy on me. He kept shouting. He kept screaming.

And Jesus said, stop. Jesus said, bring him to me. And then when the man came, Jesus said, what do you want? He said, that I might have my self. And Jesus said, be it unto you according to your faith. Verse 52. Mark chapter 10, verse 52.

- [54 : 30] Be it unto you according to your faith. And he received his testimony. Why do you think you will not receive your testimony? You will receive your testimony in the name of Jesus. Finally, in the book of Hebrews, so much happened in Hebrews.

Bible says that, Hebrews chapter 11, I'm sorry. Bible says that without faith, it is impossible to please God. I saw, watch this. The whole, the chapter dedicated to faith in the whole Bible is Hebrews.

It's a catalog of people who got results by faith. So Hebrews chapter 11, verse 3, it says, by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.

Okay. So that what is seen is not a result of what is visible. What we are seeing came from what was not seen. Then, verse 4, it says that, for by faith the elders obtained a good report.

By faith. Now watch this, what it said. Then it started enumerating or enlisting the faith works. It says, by faith, watch this, verse 5. It said, by faith, sorry, verse 5, yeah.

- [55 : 39] By faith Abel offered. You see, watch this. It was action. It's full of action faith that brought the good report. Good report is a function of action faith.

Good report is a function of living faith. Good report is a function of fide viva. If you want your faith to work, you must give works to your faith. Don't be sitting there saying, I'm sick.

Always, I'm sick. I'm sick. I'm sick. I'm dying. I'm dying. You will die. I'm dying. I'm dying. I'm dying. Stop saying that. Start saying what God is saying.

Start saying what God is saying and start putting where you can. Put some actions to your, add actions to what you believe. Add actions and make it your faith. Bible said, by faith, Abel offered.

Chapter 11, Hebrews chapter 11, verse 5. By faith, Abel offered. Verse 6. No. Verse 4. Verse 4. By faith, Abel, verse 2 is, by faith, the elders obtain a good report.

- [56 : 45] I think it's just good to just go there, please. Pardon me. Forgive me for that. Yeah. By it, the elders obtain a good report. And then verse 5 says that, by faith, verse 4 says, by faith, Abel offered.

Verse 5. By faith, Enoch pleased God. Verse 5 and 6. Okay. Because he pleased God. All right. So, by faith, Enoch pleased God. Verse 7.

By faith, Noah moved. So, I want you to check the action. They have faith, but it resulted in action. By faith, Noah moved. Verse 8. By faith, Abraham obeyed.

Verse 9. By faith, Abraham obeyed. Abraham again, by faith, he dwelt. Verse 10. By faith, Abraham waited. So, Abraham obeyed.

8. He dwelt. 9. He waited. Verse 10. Verse 11. Sarah herself received strength to conceive when she was past age. So, you see, actions. Action. So, they had faith and they act.

- [57 : 43] It was an action faith. When you read verse 17. By faith, Abraham offered up Isaac. He offered up. He did something. He offered up.

By faith, he concluded. So, he offered up. Verse 19. Concluding. Verse 17. Offered up. Verse 19. Concluding that God was able. So, this mindset was faith-based and it produced an action.

No wonder he's a father. He alone. He moved. He obeyed. He dwelt. He waited. He offered up. He concluded. Look at the number of things he did. Him and Moses were amazing people.

And then verse 20 says that by faith, Isaac blessed. Verse 21. By faith, Jacob blessed. Verse 22. By faith. 21 is Isaac blessed.

Jacob blessed. 22. 21. 21. Jacob blessed. 22. By faith, Joseph spoke about the departure of the people from Egypt.

[58 : 42] He spoke by faith. That's verse 20. Verse 23. By faith, the parents of Moses hit the boy. That action was an action of faith. Not fearing the king's wrath. By faith, Moses himself.

Hallelujah. I like that. Moses himself. He refused. When he came of age. When he was a child, he didn't know what he was doing. But when he came of age, by faith, he refused. Verse 24. By faith, Moses refused.

Verse 25. By faith, Moses chose affliction of the people of God. Verse 26. By faith, Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ better than the pleasures of Egypt. And then verse 26.

Again, not just he esteemed. He also looked forward to the reward. He looked to the reward. He looked to the reward. So Moses looked to the reward. Can you imagine? So by faith, 24, he refused.

25, by faith, he chose. 26, by faith, he esteemed. 27, by faith, he looked forward to the reward. 28, by faith. Bible says that by faith, verse 27, actually, he took the Passover.

[59 : 46] All right? So by 27, by faith, Moses kept the Passover by faith. Can you see the action there? Verse 29, 28. By faith, they crossed the Red Sea.

Verse 29. By 28, they crossed the Red Sea. Verse 29. The wars of Jericho came down by faith. Verse 30. By faith.

Thank you, Jesus. By faith. 31 says that Rahab did not perish. Let me read it. Thank you, Lord. Verse 30. By faith, the wars of Jericho came down.

Verse... So verse 28. Moses kept the Passover. Verse 29. The wars of Jericho came down when they marched around it.

Verse 31. Rahab did not perish. I like that bit. By faith, the halote Rahab. Bible says his... Her works. She was a halote. By faith, the halote Rahab perished not.

[60 : 45] Why didn't he perish? Because he believed... With them that believed. Why? When she received. So by faith, Rahab received the people. That's why she didn't perish.

What are you doing by faith? That must... Which makes you expect that kind of results that the Bible people and some of us by faith are receiving. You do ministry by faith.

You build your church by faith. You build your family by faith. You do it by faith. And then he says that time will not permit me to talk about Gideon.

To talk about Barak. To talk about Samson. To talk about Jephthah. To talk about David. To talk about Samuel. To talk about the prophets who by faith subdued kingdoms. I can't go on. It's so much work.

So by faith, let me take it from the New King Jesus Version. I've finished. My time is up. My time is up. Come at 32. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

[61 : 37] Thank you, Lord. He says that. And what more time will not permit me to talk about... I said to talk about Gideon. To talk about Barak. To talk about Samson. To talk about Jephthah. To talk about David. To talk about Samuel.

To talk about the prophets. Verse 33 says that. Who by faith subdued kingdoms. Worked righteousness. Obtained promises. Stopped the mouth of lions. Quained the violence of fire.

Escaped the edge of sword. Out of weakness. Were made strong. Became valiant in battle. Turned to flight. The armies of the aliens. Women were certified. Women received their debt.

Raised to life. Others were tortured. Not by faith. They were tortured. Not accepting deliverance. It's only faith that can do that. They were tortured. And they didn't accept deliverance.

By faith. They didn't accept deliverance. Touched. Not accept deliverance. Not accept deliverance. That they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others were tried. Others had trials of mockings.

[62 : 32] And scourgings. Yes. Yes. And of chains. And of imprisonment. They were stoned. Were slain with the sword.

They were slain with the sword. One of the scriptures. They were cut into two like with their sword. But they still said. I won't give up.

By faith. What are you doing by faith? This whole of faith. It's only describing actions. Because that's faith. Faith is only known by actions. How do you make your faith work for you?

It's by putting action to your faith. Give it life. Because when you put action to your faith. You give your faith life. Faith becomes living. I see from today.

I see you working in a living faith. I see you working in action faith. Don't listen to the complaints. And the criticism of the world.

[63 : 28] They don't understand. They won't get it. Because the word came to your heart. It's not their heart. And so the word in your heart. The faith in your heart. Or the belief in your heart. Is what you are putting to action.

It's not somebody's heart. That is determining your belief. Or your actions. It's your own heart. So that's why you have to keep the word coming. Coming in. Faith comes by hearing.

Romans chapter 10 verse. 17. How can they. How shall they call on him. On whom they have not heard. On whom they have not believed.

So even to be saved. You have to believe. And it's a faith comes by hearing. You have to hear. So you can believe. That's why. If I were you. Whatever I'm believing God for. This is the time.

I will listen to more preaching. I will listen to more. I will cut down on entertainment. And start exercising my faith. Exercising myself unto godliness.

[64 : 22] Because your faith will deliver. And the results will be. Usually very colourful. In Jesus name. Amen. I see your faith. We thank God for using his servant. Reverend Dr. David Andrew.

To share this awesome word. If this message has blessed you in any way. Please spread the word. By sharing it. And send us an email. To amen. Remember to stay connected with us.

On Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter. For regular updates. On what God is doing here. At Karis Ministries. Stay blessed.