

Remnant Life Church
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“Supernatural Faith - Conclusion”

I Corinthians 12:9

Hebrews 11

Supernatural Faith

(REVIEW)

What is faith?

- Bible tells us it is “...*the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*” **Hebrews 11:1**
- **Romans 12:3** tells us that God distributes faith to each of us.
 - We each have faith
 - The question is do we use it and if not, why?
 - Can this faith somehow become perverted?
 - Caution to the heart of the one exercising the faith
 - We must always be subjecting ourselves and our desires to the will and desires of God for our life
 - It is not only about material things but that most often becomes the perverted focus
- Unlike wisdom, the word faith is the same throughout the Bible
 - Pis-tis – conviction of the truth or what is believed for
 - Within that there are many types:
 - Salvation faith
 - The conviction of what we hope for and cannot see
 - Supernatural faith that is without waver and steadfast
 - It is faith that God uses to work the miraculous
 - **Hebrews 11:33-34**
 - William Barclay (early 20th century Scottish theologian) - *It is the faith which really produces results. It is not just the intellectual conviction that a thing is true; it is the passionate belief in a thing which makes a man spend all that he is and has on it. It is the faith which steels the will and nerves the sinew of a man into action.*

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- What do we know of that type of faith from some of the great patriarchs of the Bible?

- **Hebrews 11** – the Faith Hall of Fame
 - Abel; Enoch; Noah; Abraham; Moses...
 - Noah – faith that what God had told would come to pass
 - Began this task at the age of approximately 550
 - Many scholars believe that the ark was built near modern Baghdad – less than 5 inches of rainfall per year
 - Iraq – less than 10 inches per year/ Harrisburg – over 40” per year
 - Persian Gulf (largest body of water) over 300 miles away
 - Noah’s faith was not only in the truth of God’s word to him but in the process of his preparation – *faith in the details*
 - The ark design has been tested and found nearly impossible to capsize
 - Nearly 1.4 million cubic feet of interior space
 - Nothing of this scale was ever built again until the late 1800’s
 - *God’s way is always the best way*
 - The ark was built by first-time amateurs who survived a world-wide flood
 - After 4 years of professional construction at the Harland and Wolfe shipyards in Belfast the Titanic wasn’t able to finish its maiden voyage
 - Abraham – knew that God had promised he would be the father of a nation
 - **Genesis 22:17**
 - The covenant was made and the promise of a son given in **Genesis 15**
 - Abraham made a sacrifice to honor God after the covenant was made
 - He had to drive away the birds of prey
 - Satan will always come and try to steal what God has promised us
 - We must drive them away!
 - God told him to sacrifice Isaac, his only son – **Genesis 22:2**
 - Abraham never lost sight of the promise nor his faith in God

- Moses took over 2 million into the desert bound for a place he had never been before (**Exodus 3:8**)
 - God prepared Moses for the job even before He tasked him for the job
 - He studied in Egypt the most advanced civilization of its day - education
 - He herded sheep for 40 years learning the ways of the desert – practical experience

Gift of Faith is not...

- Natural courage or confidence (that becomes about self)
- Saving faith or the faith of salvation
- Not just strong hope
 - GOF is a belief beyond all evidence to the contrary
 - It makes no sense
- Not based on dogma, tradition or religious theory

Gift of Faith is...

- KNOWING that your prayer is answered

The Letters to the Corinthians – William Barkley

The gift of faith is divinely given faith for a particular and specific thing or time. It is the supernatural, strong, unshakeable belief in or for something that is without the evidence of proof. It is different from saving faith and distinct from the faith which is the fruit of the Spirit. It very often overlaps into the working of miracles and the gifts of healing, but can stand of its own accord.

Make as a part of your prayers each day...

“What is my gift?”

“Fill me with the gift that you desire me to have according to Your will for my life.”

“Show me how to use my gift to glorify You, encourage your people, and strengthen my walk.”