

Faith In The Spiritual Path

Do you want to see God?

Faith is to believe what you were told without seeing

Faith is to have hope and to be able to withstand stress and tribulation.

You can have faith in many things, but our main hope and faith is to see God & touché him in our daily life, till we are with him in his kingdom according to his promise.

Do you want to see God?

- Then strengthen your faith;

Act 18;9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision” Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you and no one will attack you to harm you , for I have many in this city who are my people.”

If you keep your faith God will talk to you & tells you what to do.

- Stand trials;

God tests us, sometimes we pass the test, sometimes we fail, In all cases, If we keep our hope, the test usually strengthen our faith. God tested Phillip before feeding the multitude; he also tested peter when he asked him to walk on the water to him. With trials our weaknesses shows& then when we know our weaknesses we could be purified& we know the power is from the lord not from us.

Peter denied God under stress but then as he kept his hope, he experienced God’s love & forgiveness.

Through God’s abilities, we can pass every mountain.

- If we accept Trials with thanks, we are allowed to know more about God. Heb. 11:6 And without Faith, it is impossible to please him, for whoever draw near to

God must believe that he exist and that he rewards those who seek him.

- You have to want to see him!

Moses spent 40 days on the mountain talking to God & that was not enough for him, he wanted to see god despite god said, no man see me & live. God responded to his request by allowing him to see him & he lived, Moses loved & trusted God. Herod on the contrary wanted to see Jesus, but mainly for knowledge, not out of love. Which one of the two are we?.

Zakios wanted to see God& he climbed the tree, he took an action& didn't think what people would think of him. His action granted him a visit from the lord to his home and also his salvation.

GRADES OF FAITH BY ST JOHN THE LADDER;

1. Daily experience with God , where you confess his existence , pray to him & ask his help.
2. Faith in crisis or hope against lost hope , where you stand trials & experience God's hand in your life & get to know him from near.
3. Unshakable faith; like the faith of Job who stood all trials to the end, or ST paul who said nothing will separate me from Christ and he was rejoicing in troubles.

When you reach this stage, you can see God daily & say my god is a living god.

If you want to see God and you have faith in him, he will talk to you& give you answers through many things & many peoples. God will love you more because you loved him.

Roman 8;28 And we know that for those who love god all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

How God Build Our Faith

Mathew 9;29 And he touched their eyes, saying”
According to your faith be it done to you”.

You choose what God Gives you.

What you want truly is what you get!

Every thing we practice in the church really requires Faith,, would it be having holly communion , confession , prayers, doing a service, reading and understanding the bible. So if we practice these things without faith, we gain nothing.

We need to increase the bar of our expectation, because that what faith do. Our God is an awesome god; He can do anything for the believer. Mark 9; 23 And Jesus said to him “ If you can! All things are possible for one who believes”.

We need to practice our faith. It is like a muscle, which needs to be worked out to get bigger, and lucky god is our personal trainer. And he does that in different ways.

How to start? ;

1. Dream, God is a dreamer, we have to have high goals dream about achieving them. And you can tell if your dream is from god or not, if it is bigger than you. Eph 3; 23 now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.
We may say it is impossible, but he says, yes you can. Don't dismiss what god is saying to you, pray for it.
2. Decide to take action
Every 10 dreamers, one may take action. Faith is not passive, but active. Exodus 14;15 Why do you cry to me? Tell the peoples of Israel to go forward (this was God's message to Moses where they went out of Egypt & were standing in front of the red sea).
3. Sacrifice
To take action, you will have to sacrifice something, either it be time, Money, health, comfort pleasures, possions, and security.

E.g Abraham when he left his family & went out as God's asked him to do.

4. Love to God

The more you experience God and be willing to leave things for him, you will experience his love more& sacrificing things will be joy.

To have faith is to love god& be one with him.