

What Is A Living Faith?

Mark 9:14-29

Faith is essential to please God

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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Luk 9:28 Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

Luk 9:37 On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Him.

Mar 9:14 When they came *back* to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and *some* scribes arguing with them. 3

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Mar 9:15 Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and *began* running up to greet Him.

Mar 9:16 And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?"

Mar 9:17 And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;

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Mar 9:18 and whenever it seizes him, it slams him *to the ground* and he foams *at the mouth*, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not *do it*."

Mar 9:19 And He *answered them and *said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!"

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Jesus casts out the demon from the boy

Mar 9:20 They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling around and foaming *at the mouth*.

Mar 9:21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

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Jesus casts out the demon from the boy

Mar 9:22 "It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

Mar 9:23 And Jesus said to him, " 'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes."

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Jesus casts out the demon from the boy

Mar 9:24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

Mar 9:25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."

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Jesus casts out the demon from the boy

Mar 9:26 After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most *of them* said, "He is dead!"

Mar 9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.

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Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans;

Mat 10:6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

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Mat 10:7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Mat 10:8 "Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

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They failed to believe in, pray and obey God's powerful word

Mar 9:28 When He came into *the* house, His disciples *began* questioning Him privately, "Why could we not drive it out?"

Mar 9:29 And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."

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Mat 17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?"

Mat 17:20 And He *said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

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The small mustard seed is powerful for its size

Mat 13:31 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;

Mat 13:32 and this is smaller than all *other* seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."

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Do we have a living faith that believes in, prays and obeys God's powerful word?

- Unlike Jesus' apostles, we are not commanded to perform miracles today
- Having a living faith means we trust in and obey God's powerful Word which will accomplish the things He says it will do toward us and in us
- But, our faith must not only trust and obey we must always pray, depending on God and recognizing it is His power working in us to His glory

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God has commanded us to look for His way of escape from temptation

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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Our faith must believe in, pray and obey His word to overcome temptation

Mat 6:13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

Mat 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

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God has commanded that we repent when we have sinned against Him

2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

2Co 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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Our faith must believe in, pray and obey His word to be forgiven of sins

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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God has commanded us to be transformed into a living and holy sacrifice

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Our faith must believe in, pray and obey His word to be a living and holy sacrifice

Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

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Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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God has commanded us to teach the lost

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Our faith must believe in, pray and obey His word to teach the lost

Col 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

Col 4:3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

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Col 4:4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

Col 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.