

Sunday Series: THE BIBLE – Handwriting of God

Message Summary: It is the Word of God the Spirit uses to awaken a response of faith within us and it's the reliability of the Word of God on which we rest our faith. You needn't feel it's your task to create power or bring solutions. Yours is simply to choose *Him*. God has the power, and He's given you and me His promises! Make the promise the basis for your faith, and let God into your circumstance by that *choice* to believe God's Word.

THE CHOICE OF FAITH

God will not fail you or His Word

Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
(Hebrews 11:1 Phillips)

1. GENUINE FAITH is centered in the Lord and His Word.

Hebrews 11:6

- (1) The Lord is with you
- (2) His Word is true, and
- (3) He will not fail you or His Word.

Hebrews 11:6 – “But 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 diligently seek Him.”

2. CHOICE OF FAITH. Mark 11:22; Romans 4:19-21; Psalm 56:3;

Mark 11:22 – “So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.”

Romans 4:19-21 – “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

Psalm 56:3 – “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.”

A. Choice is between what you know the Lord has said, and what your circumstances are saying or what the enemy of your soul is saying. Romans 8:15; 2 Timothy 1:7

Romans 8:15 – “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father.”

2 Timothy 1:7 – “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

B. You win “the moment” you believe. 1 John 5:4-5

1 John 5:4-5 – “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

C. Jesus asks the question, “Do you believe?”

Matthew 9:28 – “And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ They said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord.’”

John 1:50 –
Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, “I saw you under the fig tree,” do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

John 9:35 –
Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

John 11:26 –
“And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Evaluate your recent decisions in matters of faith in the following circumstances:

- In my home, I am choosing to believe...
- In my job, I am choosing to believe...
- In my finances, I am choosing to believe...
- In my health, I am choosing to believe...
- In my emotions, I am choosing to believe...
- In my world, I am choosing to believe...

3. GIFT OF FAITH – 1 Corinthians 12:9

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

Begin it- (5 min) One Praise song & opening Prayer.

OPEN IT- (10 min) When was the last time you felt a situation was out of control?

EXPLORE IT- (60 minutes) Take a few minutes and review the outline of Sunday's message.

1. We have studied faith as a *choice* and 1 John 5:4,5 says you win the moment you believe God's promises. On this paper below, evaluate your recent decisions in matters of faith in the following circumstances:
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2. Go over the areas again, and write in a Bible verse that you understand addresses your circumstance. Make the promise the basis for your faith, and let God into your circumstance by that *choice*.
3. NOTE: You may consider fasting with faith for some of these areas (Matthew 17:21).

APPLY IT- (15 minutes) You needn't feel it's your task to create power or bring solutions. Yours is simply to choose *Him*. *God* has the power, and He's given you and me His promises! Take the last few minutes and pray for those areas in your life that may seem out of control.