

THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Act 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Act 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

THE POWER OF FAITH

1. One cannot be saved or please God without faith:

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Heb 11:36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Heb 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

2. **The Disciples found themselves at times struggling with their own faith at times:** (When they could not cast out the devil).

Mat 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Mat 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Mat 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

3. **Faith has its own language:** Faith does not question how and when it will happen, but that it will happen. And if it is not the will of the Lord to happen, I still will trust Him.

Rom 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Rom 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

4. **Faith is unsinkable, unstoppable, and undefeatable!!**
5. **We must let our faith fight for us**, and defeat the enemy of doubt and despair, which is an infection to faith.
6. **Doubt is always working in your mind to crowd faith out**. It tries to use human reasoning to discredit the supernatural and what seems impossible.

THE THREE RESOURCES OF FAITH

Dan 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

Dan 3:15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

Dan 3:17 If it be *so*, **our God whom we serve is able** to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, **and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king**.

Dan 3:18 **But if not**, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

1. **First resource of Faith**: God's Ability "**I believe that the God that I serve is able**"

Eph 3:20 **Now unto him that is able to do** exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Mat 9:28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye that I am able to do this?** They said unto him, **Yea, Lord.**

2. **Second resource of Faith**: God is not only able but he "**Will do it**" God is capable of doing it NOW.

2Ki 20:4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

2Ki 20:5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

2Ki 20:6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

4. **Third Resource of Faith: "But If Not"**

a. This is where a lot of people lose their faith, and some backslide and blame God. And become bitter against God.

b. **If we are going to become successful in our walk with God, we must master the third resource of faith.**

**DELIVERANCE FROM TRIAL IS NOT NECESSARY THE
HIGHEST GOOD, GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ALL OF OUR
LIVES**

- c. A delayed answer is still an answer
- d. **If Not** we are still going to lift up the banner of truth and praise him.

Hab 3:17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

- e. **There is suffering involved in walking with Jesus.**

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- f. **Job felt the sting of trial, but in the end,** He had twice as much as he had in the beginning.
- g. **God told the three Hebrew Children:** I am not going to deliver you from the fire, I am going to work a greater miracle, I am going to be with you in the fire.
- h. **What is the greatest?** Never feeling the heat, or wailing in the midst of the fire with the glorified presence of Jesus Christ.
- i. **They never saw the revelation of God, until they felt the fire.**
- j. **Never saw the miracles of God until the fire, Jesus revealed Himself in the fire and said to them Welcome!**

- k. **We learn more in a few days in the furnace than we learn in a lifetime without the fire.** The greatest times of your life is not when everything is going well. But the stepping stones of which God builds your character which is usually when you're in the fire.
- l. **When everything looks bleak and impossible, you have to depend and put your trust on God.**
- m. **We always come out of the fire with a greater God. God is always more real after the fire.**

THE PROPORTIONING OF TRIALS IS NOT EQUAL

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Act 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

1. **Some people get offended,** when they look across the church or in front of them or behind and say, why everything goes good for them and everything goes wrong for me.
2. **I pray more that they do,** I love God more than they do. Why doesn't things work out for me?
3. **It is not wise to compare yourselves with others.**
4. **One thing you learn when you serve God for a long time, you learn the ways of the Lord or not equal.**
5. **God doesn't work in your life like he works in mine.** There are many thing and suffering that come my way that you are not affected by. Then there are things that come to your life that I am not affected by.

6. **Peter learned a lesson when he started comparing himself with John.**

Joh 21:18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not.

Joh 21:19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Joh 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

Joh 21:21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?

Joh 21:22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.

Joh 21:23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?

a. **Peter: What shall this man do? Or What Death shall he die?** John was a favorite disciple, and perhaps Peter suspected that he would have a happier ending, and not be put to death in this manner.

1. James came out of prison, and when to the shopping block
2. Peter came out of prison, and went to a prayer meeting
3. Daniel didn't have to go into the fire furnace but when into a lions den. And he didn't bow down
4. The three Hebrew children kept on praying, but they did not have to go to the lion's den, but went into the fiery furnace.
5. You have got to be able to say He is able and He will, but if not I am still going forward.
6. John said at Patmos, If I never get oof this island, I am still going to get in the Spirit.

7. John in prison, Is this he are should I look for another, But if not, I am still going to live for God.

“NO TURNING BACK, WE ARE COMMITTED ALL THE WAY”