



How to Make Your Faith Work

Faith Secrets Revealed at Last

**What you need to know about faith
but didn't know where to look**

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What Does “Faith” Mean?

Faith is information that you receive from God for you to act upon. This information enables you to know in advance what God is going to do in the future concerning a given issue or course of action. This information also enables you to know what you are to do in this course of action concerning this given issue.

Faith is a noun. It is information. It is something you have. *Believe* is a verb. It is something you do. You get a set of instructions or information from God that becomes your *faith* and then you act upon that information. Your acting is your believing. You do not *believe* in the Biblical sense without *acting on your faith*. “Believing” is acting. “Acting” is believing.

Faith is information that you receive from God for you to act upon. This information enables you to know in advance what the will of God is concerning a certain matter. This information also contains instructions concerning what you are to do as God carries out what he revealed to you in advance that he is about to do. Consider the following examples from Hebrews 11.

Bible Examples Showing What “Faith” Means

Noah received some information from God concerning the flood. He received this information well in advance of God's execution of the destruction of this world with water. This information also contained Noah's part in God's advance plan for the flood.

Heb 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. (KJV)

Did Noah know what was coming upon the earth before the flood came? Yes he did. Did Noah know what God wanted him to do in this process before the flood came? Yes he did.

Noah had advance information from God. This information, in the form of a *warning*, enabled Noah to know in advance exactly what God wanted him to do as God prepared to execute His advance plan of world destruction by water.

What, then, did Noah do? He acted upon the advance information. He prepared an ark to the saving of his house. His acting or his preparing the ark demonstrated his believing. And by his acting he *"became heir of the righteousness which is by faith"*, Hebrews 11:7. Remember, acting is believing. Believing is acting. Now take the case of Abraham.

Heb 11:8

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. (KJV)

Did Abraham have advance information from God concerning a place he was to inherit before he went out? Yes he did. Did Abraham know in advance what he was to do about it? Yes he did. This advance information became his *faith*. *Faith* is a noun. It is something you have.

Then, he acted upon that information. He obeyed. He went out. His obedience in going out demonstrated his *believing*. Believing in the Biblical sense always means *acting upon* the revealed will and plan of God. Faith is information that you receive from God. *Believing is always acting upon that information*. Abraham knew in advance about the place

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of inheritance. His going out was his *believing the information*. Now consider the case of Moses' parents.

Heb 11:23

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

(KJV)

Did Moses' parents have advance information about the future of their child? Yes they did. They "*saw he was a proper child*". What did they do about this advance information? They acted upon it.

They hid him for the space of three months. Then, they overcame their fear of the king's commandment to kill the boy babies in the land. They hid him. They sailed him down the river to rendezvous with Pharaoh's daughter. Now, their *hiding*, their *overcoming* their fear, and their *sailing* him down the river was their *believing*. Faith is a noun. It is something you have. Believing is a verb. It is something you do with the information you receive from God.

The word, “faith” can emphasize either one or both of two things

In all the above Scripture examples, we see the truth of this. (1) Obviously, Noah, Abraham and Moses’ parents all acted. They did something. As such, “faith” is used as a synonym for “believe.” (2) But what did they act upon? They all acted upon information they received from God. Here, “faith” emphasizes “the information” aspect of the word. Is this confusing? Not really.

You see, in New Testament Greek, “faith” and “believe” both translate the same Greek root. “Faith” translates the noun form of the word, PISTIS, while “believe” translates the verb form, PISTEUO. But both are translations of the same Greek root.

In English, however, “faith” and “believe” are not from the same root. They are from two entirely different roots. Here is where confusion results.

If the translators of the New Testament has translated the above same root using “belief” and “believe” as the noun and verb of the one Greek root, we would have had no problem understanding what “faith” is and how to make it work for us. This would have cleared up our difficulty in understanding “faith.” But they did not do this for us. Consequently, we have to explain it in detail as we have here to fully comprehend it.

In Hebrews, chapter 11, we find the word “faith” used twenty four times. In each instance, you can plainly see that they “acted.” But they also had to have some information to act upon. Actually, in many, many of them, you can readily see that the information enabled them to know in advance what God was about to do before He did it. Furthermore, this advance information showed them what their part was in what God was about to undertake. I have printed all of them for you below.

Heb 11:11

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (KJV)

Heb 11:3

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (KJV)

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Heb 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (KJV)

Heb 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. (KJV)

Heb 11:6

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. (KJV)

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Heb 11:9

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: (KJV)

Heb 11:11

11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. (KJV)

Heb 11:13

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (KJV)

Heb 11:17

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, (KJV)

Heb 11:20

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. (KJV)

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Heb 11:21

21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. (KJV)

Heb 11:22

22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. (KJV)

Heb 11:23

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. (KJV)

Heb 11:24

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; (KJV)

Heb 11:27

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (KJV)

Heb 11:28

28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. (KJV)

Heb 11:29

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. (KJV)

Heb 11:30

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. (KJV)

Heb 11:31

31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. (KJV)

Heb 11:33

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, (KJV)

Heb 11:39

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: (KJV)

Furthermore, in every case in the New Testament where our word "faith" is used, several things thrust themselves upon us. We shall, however, list just these below:

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- Sometimes they acted.
- When they did, they acted upon advance knowledge.
- This knowledge was information from God.
- This knowledge enabled them to “see into the future.”

How Does this *Information* “Come to Us?”

How does this information come to us? In the three examples above, they obtained the advance information from God in three ways. Noah was *warned*, Abraham was *called* and Moses' parents *saw* something. But, in our age, advance information from God comes to us in two ways. First, we get information from God in Scripture. Second, we get information from God directly into our spirit-man who flashes it into our brain for assimilation and understanding. This information that comes directly into our spirit-man may take the form of a *warning*, *calling* and *seeing* like the above. It may affect us as a *knowing* or *awareness*.

For instance, suppose you work for ABC Company and XYZ Company offers you a better job. But you are more concerned about being in the will of God than you are with having a better job. In other words, you would like very much to have the better job but only if you could know that it is the will of God for your life. Since there is no verse anywhere in the Bible which states that "*thou shall quit ABC Company and go to work for XYZ Company*", how do you know whether you should or not?

You simply lay the matter out before the Lord and then get quiet and listen. The Lord then speaks to your spirit what His will is concerning your job situation. And, when he is done speaking, there will be a perfect peace in your spirit about the course of action on your part that is His will for your life.

Conversely, there will be a feeling of anxiety and unrest concerning the course of action that is not his will for your life.

A Strong Word of Warning

However, a strong word of warning is necessary here. The Holy Ghost will never contradict the written word of God. The Spirit of God will never give you information for you to act upon that contradicts the Scriptures. Consider the following example.

Some years ago, this author read a newspaper account of a young man who murdered his parents in their sleep with an ax. When asked why he did such a thing, he responded that the Holy Ghost told him to do it to prove that he loved God even more than he loved his parents. But, the Holy Ghost never contradicts the plain sense of the Bible. And this young man's murder of his parents did. He violated two of the Ten Commandments. He did not honor his parents and he killed.

Please accept this warning! When you are seeking direction from God and the information you receive contradicts the plain sense of Scripture, the source of that information is demonic, not holy. Reject that information then and there as not being from God. Refuse even to retain it in your thoughts. And, above all, do not act upon it. The Holy Ghost never contradicts the plain sense of Scripture. He never goes against the written Word of God. Therefore, faith is information that we receive from God, (*which does not in any way contradict the plain sense of the Scriptures*), that we are to act upon. This information reveals God's will to us in advance.

Explanation of Hebrews 11:1

Now we can understand Hebrews 11:1, which states:

Heb 11:1

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (KJV)

Since we have defined faith and illustrated our definition of it with Scripture examples, we shall substitute our definition for the word "faith" in this verse. Consequently, the verse will now read thus:

"Now the information that we receive from God for us to act upon is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

Next, look at the word "substance". This translates the Greek word HUPOSTASIS, which is a combination of two Greek words. The first word in this combination is the Greek preposition "under". The second word in this combination is the Greek word meaning "to stand". The combined word, then, means "to stand under". Putting it all together, the expanded verse can be paraphrased thus:

"Now the information that we receive from God that we are to act upon stands under, as a foundation, the things we hope for and this foundation becomes our evidence for things we cannot see with our physical eyes yet".

In other words, the information we receive from God becomes the foundation upon which the hopes of *The Abrahamic Seed Group* are built. This information stands under and supports as a foundation all our hopes as one of Abraham's seed. This foundation is God's own word.

Every Christian has the right to expect and hope for everything promised him or her in the Abrahamic Covenant. That document promises every Christian healing, prosperity and well-being for every member of their family. For proof of this assertion, based on New Testament Greek and the Abrahamic covenant, [see our first four free faith building books on our Website.](#)

Since this covenant is information that we have received from God, this covenant is the foundation upon which our hopes for healing, prosperity and well-being for our family members rest. As long as your

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hopes as a Christian are planted firmly upon the foundation of information that you have received from God, in this case, *The Abrahamic Covenant*, you have every right to hope for and expect the fulfillment of its' provisions.

Look now at the word "things". This translates the Greek word PRAGMA, which means an actual fact, a finished act, a deed accomplished. The promises God made Abraham, which includes you if you are a Christian, are actual facts. They are finished acts that cannot be repealed. They are accomplished deeds. They include healing, prosperity and well-being for every member of your family. These are the "things" that you can hope for because this is your information that you received from God in *The Abrahamic Covenant*. And, this covenant, this information, is the foundation that supports or stands under your hopes and expectations for the above three "things" of healing, prosperity and well-being for your family.

Finally, in this verse we consider the word "evidence" that translates the Greek word ELEGMOS. The noun form of this word means "proof" or "evidence". The verb form means, "to convict". Suppose, upon the death of your parents, you are to inherit their estate. You have their Last Will and Testament in your possession. But before you actually obtain possession of the property they left you, you must go through the probate court. Putting it differently, until the court rules that you are the rightful heir, all you have to "prove" that the inheritance is yours is the Last Will and Testament of your parents. This is your "proof". This is your "evidence". The "conviction" is formed in you that the inheritance is yours and you can "prove" it by the document in your hand that is your parents' Last Will and Testament.

In like manner, *The Abrahamic Covenant* is your "proof" that healing, prosperity and well-being for your family belong to *you*. And, like the example above, there may be a time span required for the process of God's "probate court" to turn your inheritance over to you in actual fact. Although you may not "see" the "things" of healing, prosperity and well-being for your family members yet. Never the less, *the Abrahamic Covenant* is your "proof" or "evidence" that these "things" belong to you

Now, when you meditate on this covenant and its provisions for you and your family until it forms a "conviction" within you that these blessings are yours, you will, in actual fact, possess them.

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To conclude this ebook, the Passive Voice Principle demonstrates more fully that faith is information received from God for you to act upon. The Passive Voice Principle is contained in Hebrews 11:2, 4 and 39. Hebrews 11:2 declares that faith was the vehicle through which "...*the elders obtained a good report*". Hebrews 11:4 states "*By faith Abel...obtained witness...*" and Hebrews 11:39 says "*And these all, having obtained a good report through faith*".

Heb 11:2

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. (KJV)

Heb 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (KJV)

Heb 11:39

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: (KJV)

In these three verses, the expressions "*obtained a good report*" in verses 2 and 39 and the expression "*obtained witness*" in verse 4, all translate the single Greek word MARTUREO that means "testimony." But the translators' choice of the word "obtained" misleads here. (*Obtained* sounds like an active verb. But in the Greek text, *obtained* is a passive verb.) "Obtained" makes the verses sound as though the "elders" in verse 2, "Abel" in verse 4 and "these all" in verse 39, *actively* did something on their own to achieve or "obtain" the good reports and witness. Consequently, these verses could mistakenly be interpreted to mean that because these people had a lot of faith they developed for themselves a great reputation as men and women of faith. Therefore, when people spoke of them they testified to their great faith. This testimony would consist of nothing but good reports concerning their great faith.

In order for this interpretation to be the correct one, "obtained a good report" in verses 2 and 39 and "obtained witness" in verse 4 would have to be in the active voice in the Greek text. But these expressions are not in the active voice in the Greek text. They are all in the passive voice that changes the meaning of these verses entirely. What, then, is the difference between the active and passive voices?

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In the active voice the subject of the sentence does the action in the sentence. In the passive voice the subject of the sentence does absolutely nothing himself. Furthermore, someone else does the action of the sentence to him. Consider the following example.

"John hit the ball". This sentence is in the active voice. John is the subject. Hit is the verb or action of the sentence. The ball is the direct object or what was hit. The ball received the action performed by John.

But in the sentence "John was hit by the ball", the meaning is totally different. In this sentence, John was hit. This sentence is in the passive voice which means that John did not act at all. He did nothing. Instead he got hit. In the first sentence, however, John did the hitting. In our three verses from Hebrews, the "obtained good report-witness" is in the passive voice which means the subjects of those verses, the elders, Abel and these all did nothing. They performed no action. Instead they were "hit" with this "good report-witness" by someone else in the same way that John did nothing, but was hit by the ball in our second example sentence above. What, then, was this "good report-witness" and who "hit" them with it?

God was the one who "hit" them with it and the "good report-witness" was the information they received (passive voice) from God for them to act upon. This information from God was their faith. They demonstrated their believing that it was information from God by their acting upon it.

Two things from this chapter thrust themselves upon us. We have to know something. This something is the information we receive from God. Then, we have to do something. What that something is that we have to do is very simple. ***We must act upon the information we receive from God!***

In conclusion, how so do we make our faith work? We make it work by acting upon what God said in the information He gives us.

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