

## Pray With Confident Trust 2018-06-17

Hebrews 11:6

*Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.*

All people live by some measure of faith. water from faucet, doctors

- Faith is necessary in Christian life. Eph 2:8-9

Biblical faith is confident trust that God is who He says and He can and will do what He promises He'll do. Heb 11:1, 6

- Minimal faith/trust leads to salvation. *Gospel*
- Christian must pray with faith. It's not the amount but the presence of it that's important.
  - Even small faith (mustard seed) will witness amazing things that experience, reason, probability would deny. Lk 17:6, Mk 11:22-24
    - Not mean anything pray for will happen but can literally move mountain if God reveals that to be His will.

Maybe less faith in area of great knowledge or familiarity.

- Doctor/healing, counselor/marriage restore, money or FAMILY
  - Maybe little faith reveal in prayer stopped praying...2 wks.

Circumstantial faith is grounded in what see/experience and is fragile.

- We should not be ignorant of obstacles but must disregard them, believe God's promises and "walk by faith, not sight". Rom 4:18-21, 2 Cor 5:7
  - It's spiritual vision where science/evidence are always secondary to God's PROMISES and God's revealed will.

Because there are different degrees of faith in certain areas, we need other Christians to pray for and with us.....Requires humility and vulnerability.

1 Cor 12:12, Mt 6:30, 15:28, Mk 9:23-24, 2 Thes 1:3

- Our faith can increase when we hear others praying with great faith.
  - Lesson I learned: not to pray "all or nothing" prayers.

Every Christian should desire their faith to increase.

- To increase faith in prayer: know God better because faith increases the more you know a person and see pattern that warrants trust. Rom 10:17
  - Read Bible, look at history, testimonies (more @ LEFC) and reflect on God's omnipotence and faithfulness in your life.

Sometimes not ask with faith.....believe God can do anything and are asking according to His will BUT we doubt He'll fulfill His promises to us!!!

- Faith wavers when we feel unworthy to receive God's blessings because we're struggling with sin, feel we don't have enough faith/works, whatever reason.
  - It's NEVER about your worthiness or works but always about God's grace and sufficiency for us in Jesus Christ. 2 Tim 2:13, Jn 15:7-8, Heb 11:6

When your faith fails, God will not stop working on your behalf because the nature of Biblical faith is rooted in who God is and who we are in Jesus Christ.

- It's not great faith that is required as much as faith/trust in our great, loving God.
  - Power of God, not faith, moves mountains, but faith must be present.
- Faith is a gift from God, so ask Him to increase your faith.
  - Pray with confident trust that God is who He says and He can and will do FOR YOU what He promises He'll do.