

# SUPERNATURAL FAITH

## PART I

In response to the disciple's question as to why they could not cast a demon out of a young boy, Jesus said in Mathew 17:20 *"because you have so little faith."*

Romans 12:3 says, *"God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."* A measure is the amount you need to meet the challenge that you face.

When we read these two passages, we think that they are talking about not having enough faith to meet the challenge. However, what it's talking about is the degree of belief you have in the measure of faith God has given you to overcome the challenge.

In other words, we all have a measure of faith, and that measure is sufficient to meet the need have.

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Jesus is not talking about not having enough faith, but what He is talking about is our ability to trust in God. In order for faith to, we must first believe that God is...

When we read Mathew 17:20 right after Jesus told the disciples why they could not cast the demon out He said to them, *"If you have the faith as a mustard seed."* A mustard seed is a small seed, but when it's planted in the ground, it grows to be one of the biggest trees in the forest.

Peter walked on water to get to Jesus - was it great faith or little faith the Bible does not say. However, what we do know is that whatever faith he had, it was lost when he took his eyes off Jesus.

Our desire to move the hand of God is not predicated on little faith or great faith, but rather on our ability to hold onto God's Word and not doubt, no matter what the situation looks like.

Is faith important in a Christian's life? Absolutely. But faith in degrees of great or little should not be the focus. Complete trust in God and His word is what is needed.

Believe and have faith in the Word.

Hebrew 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Although we cannot always see the hand of God in our situations, the faith we have in God to fulfill His promises in our lives, is the substance we hold on to as evidence that God will do it.

Faith then, is our ability to trust God for what we cannot do on our own.

## **PART II**

2 Corinthians 4:13, *"It is written: I believed; therefore I have spoken. 'With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.'"*

Paul said, *"I believed (past tense) therefore I have spoken."* The problem we have in the church is that too many people are trying to use their faith to bring change to their situation and haven't truly believed.

In Matthew 17 Jesus wasn't rebuking the disciples, it was more of a correction. We know this by the response He gives to the question. The correction is given by explaining to the disciples how faith grows. NOT, if we don't have enough faith what we need God to do won't work.

God desires for us to rise above every situation and circumstance we find ourselves in. By walking in supernatural faith and believing God, even in the most difficult times, nothing we face will be impossible with God.

- 1) Supernatural faith will always rise to the occasion when faced with a challenge.

In Mark chapter 5 the woman with the issue of blood was faced with a challenge. She could stay in the condition she was in or allow her faith in Jesus to rise above her problem.

- 2) When walking in supernatural faith, we understand that our situations and circumstances don't change what God says about us.

Joseph's whole life was filled with envy, strife, and confrontation to the point that his own brothers tried to kill him. Joseph didn't let the circumstances of his life determine the outcome of his faith in God.

- 3) Walking in supernatural faith means we have to trust solely on the Word of God and not on how we feel.

Abraham, the father of faith trusted solely on the Word of God for the promise of a son. Abraham was 75 years old. Fifteen years later, when Abraham was 90, God renewed His promise. Ten years later, at age 100, Abraham and Sarah finally had their son. That's a total of twenty-five years that Abraham trusted in the Word God had spoken to him.

The Bible even tells us to a certain degree, that Abraham had some lonely nights, difficult days, and questionable moments, but he never gave up on the "Word."

As believers, we will sometimes have to go through very difficult times in our lives, but the Word of God is always a sure Word and will come to pass. Our job is to continue to believe God and walk by faith even when there is no evidence that what He said will happen.

**Conclusion:** We have been taught in church that the reason we are not healed is because of lack or not enough faith. However, Jesus said if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you could move mountains. We are to trust in the Word of God and not in what we hear or see.

The NIV uses the words "sure" and "certain" Sure - is to be fully persuaded - confident - to believe and not doubt. Certain - is to be convinced - positive - firm - definite.

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