### How to Develop Your Faith and Walk in Victory F-A-I-T-H

#### I. F - FOLLOW AFTER GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND STAY IN HIS WORD

Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

A. All lack of faith is due to not feeding on God's Word. You need to feed on His Word everyday. You need to find promises in the Word of God and then stand on them!

# Phil. 4:19 " My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

- B. When all the circumstances of our lives present a negative picture -- everything is a mess, our first reaction is usually to complain or have unbelief. This is the time to put our faith in God and in His Word. We need to see through God's eyes until the final outcome is achieved. We need to worship and praise and thank God even before our circumstances have changed. We need to look with the eye of faith at God's plan for the future, and for our lives!
- C. Here is a simple definition of Faith: Taking God at his word! We will benefit if we believe what God says despite what we see to the contrary. Sometimes the enemy will paint a real negative picture in our minds. That's the time to choose to believe God!
- D. Trust that God will provide as He promises. His nature is to provide. God's provisions are strategically located along the path of the faithful. Don't look at your circumstances, but look with eyes of faith. See it with your spiritual eyes not what it look s like with your natural eyes.
- E. When we look at the problem or the circumstances (sickness, bills, lost family members) whatever it is, it can discourage us. But if we allow our faith to rise up within us and say, *I declare, in the name of Jesus, my bills are paid, I am healed, my lost loved ones are saved! When you speak the Word to back up your declaration -- what power is released! Your faith can move mountains!* **Speak the Word! Operate in faith!**

#### II. A – ANTICIPATE A MIRACLE

Heb. 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."

Mark 11:22 – 24 " So Jesus answered them and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

- A. Faith will turn every defeat into victory! Keep your faith stirred up and you will see miracles. The devil will try to throw everything he has at you, but there is nothing that faith in God can't fix. Expect God to perform MIRACLES!
- B. Believe that God is able to supply your needs, even when you have no idea how. God's spiritual resources for each of us are limitless. Choose to believe that you will have enough resources to do the will of God. God is faithful He will take care of your needs! Truly have faith to believe that God will perform a miracle in your life!

#### III. I - INTIMACY WITH GOD

A. The more time you spend with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in prayer and the Word, the more your faith will grow. Intimacy with God comes from putting Him first in every area of your life and getting to know Jesus. Your faith will grow daily as you spend time with God.

Deut. 4:29 "Seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

#### IV. T - TRUST GOD THAT WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL DO!

- A. Many times we don't really believe God will take care of our needs. We don't act like we really believe what the Word says. We look at the problems and speak negatively in doubt. We speak in unbelief. Our words negate what God is wanting to do! We get a "We Be Not Able" attitude like the children of Israel to Joshua and Caleb (Num. 13:30-32).
- B. We need to speak like we really do believe that God is God and He loves us and He is our provider. Choose to believe that the Lord knows how to care for His servants. (Elijah and the Widow: I Kings 17: 8 –16.) We need to speak faith words! Operate in faith! God said it, I believe it, and that settles it -- Completely!

#### V. H - HOPE IN GOD

A. Hope is God's blueprint for faith. Hope is the plan that faith carries out. It is the picture that God paints for you based on the Word of God. It is the opposite of despair. Despair is a condition of the mind that is debilitating! It short-circuits faith.

## Heb. 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

- B. In Hebrews 11 -- Faith's Hall of Fame, we see hope and faith in action! Hope and Faith are both necessary to see God move. Hope is the blueprint and faith is the substance! You can't use natural hope (you will be disappointed), but when you have a hope that is from God and mix it with faith -- look out! The mountains are about to move.
- C. I want to have my faith increased daily and believe God's word and see miracles in my life! I want to have WORLD CHANGING FAITH! God wants you to seek Him, Believe for things He has for you and your family, and then He wants you to speak the Word in faith and step out and believe for miracles!