The ABCs of Faith

Understanding the Basics of a Life of Faith

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Introduction

Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. From the moment you are saved, to every challenge you overcome and every promise you receive, faith is the key. But what exactly is faith, and how does it work? These are the basics that every believer must understand. Without a strong foundation in faith, it's impossible to fully walk in the promises of God or live the victorious life that Christ has made available.

This book, The ABCs of Faith, is designed to give you a clear understanding of the basics of faith. Think of it as an elementary guide, breaking down what faith is, how it comes, and how to live by it every day. Just as a child learns the ABCs before forming words and sentences, you must first grasp these basic principles before growing into strong, mature faith.

Faith is more than just believing God exists—it's trusting Him completely, believing His Word, and acting on it. Faith is a spiritual force that can move mountains, overcome fear, and conquer every challenge that life throws your way. But before you can experience the full power of faith, you need to know how it works.

In this book, we will cover the essential truths about faith:

- **What faith is** and why it's the foundation of your walk with God.
- **How faith comes** by hearing the Word of God.
- **The different types of faith** and how you can grow in faith.
- **The spirit of faith**, which empowers you to speak and act in line with God's Word.
- **The battle between faith and fear**, and how to overcome fear through faith.
- **How faith and works** go hand in hand, requiring action in response to what you believe.

Whether you are new to the Christian faith or seeking to strengthen your foundation, this book will equip you with the knowledge and understanding to live by faith daily. The principles here are simple but profound, and when applied, they will change your life. By the end of this journey, you will not only know the basics of faith, but you will also be ready to walk in them and see God's promises fulfilled in your life.

CHAPTER

1

What is Faith?

Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. Without it, we cannot please God or receive anything from Him. But what exactly is faith? The Bible gives us a clear and simple definition in Hebrews 11:1:

> *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*
>
> Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Faith, at its core, is trusting in God's truth before seeing any physical evidence. It's the assurance that what God has spoken will come to pass, even when the natural circumstances don't show it yet. Faith believes God's Word is true, regardless of the situation or feelings.

Faith is a Spiritual Force

Faith is more than just positive thinking or wishful hoping. It is a spiritual force that connects you to the unseen realities of God's promises. When you have faith, you aren't just hoping that things will work out—you are confident that they will, because you trust in God's Word.

This kind of confidence is what allows you to stand firm even when things look impossible. Faith gives you the strength to believe in healing when the doctor's report says otherwise. Faith enables you to trust in God's provision when your bank account is empty. Faith allows you to hold on to hope, knowing that God's Word is more real than any temporary circumstance.

Faith is the Currency of the Kingdom

In the natural world, money is the currency that enables you to buy and sell goods. But in the Kingdom of God, faith is the currency. Faith is what enables you to receive from God. Everything God has promised in His

Word—salvation, healing, provision, protection—is accessed through faith. Without faith, you cannot receive the blessings and promises that God has made available to you.

In Hebrews 11:6, the Bible says, "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." Faith is essential to your relationship with God. It is the starting point for everything in your Christian life.

Faith vs. Hope

It's important to understand the difference between faith and hope. While hope is the expectation of something good in the future, faith is the assurance that it is already yours. Hope looks forward to what can happen; faith believes that it has already happened because God has promised it.

For example, if you are believing for healing, hope says, "I know God can heal me one day," but faith says, "I am already healed because God's Word says so." Faith doesn't wait for evidence to believe—it believes now.

This doesn't mean that hope is unimportant. Hope is essential, as it provides the foundation for faith. You need hope to aim your faith in the right direction. But faith goes beyond hoping and grabs hold of the promise as if it were already done.

Faith is Based on God's Word

True faith is always based on the Word of God. Romans 10:17 tells us, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." This means faith is not based on feelings, circumstances, or even desires. It's rooted in what God has spoken in His Word.

Faith comes when you hear the promises of God and take them to heart. As you continue to meditate on the Word, your faith grows. The

more you fill your heart with God's promises, the stronger your faith becomes. That's why it's important to immerse yourself in the Bible, so that your faith is constantly being fed and built up.

Faith is the Key to Salvation

The first and most important expression of faith is in receiving salvation. Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Faith is what allows you to receive the free gift of salvation. It's not based on your works or effort, but on simply believing that Jesus died for your sins and rose again.

This is the basic principle of faith: trusting in God's Word and receiving what He has promised. Just as you received salvation by faith, every other promise of God works the same way—by faith. Whether it's healing, financial provision, or peace, it's all accessed through the same faith that saved you.

Key Points:

- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
- Faith is a spiritual force, connecting you to the unseen promises of God.
- Faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God, enabling you to receive His promises.
- Faith believes God's Word now, while hope looks to the future.
- True faith is based on God's Word, not on circumstances or feelings.
- Faith is the key to salvation and every other promise of God.