

## STUDY TWENTY – YOU CAN HAVE FEARLESS FAITH!

### Introduction

We have walked by faith for a long time, but we regularly go back and refresh ourselves on the principles of faith, so we don't let things slip. I hope after you've finished this Activating Faith Series, you don't just put it on the shelf. If you really want to be a spiritual powerhouse with "fearless faith", you need to review the principles you're learning here on a regular basis. We do that all the time. We make certain we're not missing some of the elements that bring the power of God into our lives. *The Amplified Bible* says it this way: "Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves..." (2 **Corinthians 13:5**).

How do we keep ourselves walking with "fearless faith" every day? We simply have to continue to keep His WORD in front of our eyes and in our ears. What you hear and see gets down into your heart. Whether good things or bad things, what you focus on becomes what you believe. Focus on what The WORD says, and you will have victory in every situation.

You are the one in control of what goes into your eyes and ears. You are responsible for what gets into your heart – for what you believe. Put your eyes and ears on The WORD of God. Receive it and believe it. As we've learned throughout this study, this is how faith comes.

### Agree With the WORD and Don't Quit!

When you say from your heart what God says about anything in your life, you can be sure the thing you're believing for will manifest. Just don't quit!

Hebrews 10:35 tells us, "Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward" (*The Amplified Bible*).

I like to call it "fearless faith" because fearless confidence in God's WORD is faith.

When you get so full of The WORD that it becomes bigger in you than the situation, when you are not moved by what you see or what you hear, you've moved into a place of fearless faith.

How do you develop fearless faith? Well, you grow up into it.

We grew up in our faith, and today it's easy for us to walk by faith when needs arise or challenges come. We have no doubt or fear even when the answer to our challenge seems to be delayed. We know it's coming. In the early days, I knew that from the Bible, but today I also know it from experience. Faith in God's WORD always produces results!

The WORD you continue to place in your heart through your eyes and ears – The WORD that you speak in agreement with God – will increase your faith. You may have been the world's worst worrier. You may have been someone who believed things wouldn't change unless you changed them yourself. Or you may have even been someone whose tendency had always been to throw in the towel and give up.

Don't fall back into your old ways. Keep on the WORD. Replace worrying with believing. Agree with The WORD of God, and don't give up. Stand fast and be patient. Eventually, you will receive what God has promised. You will inherit the promise!

Faith keeps us moving in the direction and on the path, God has planned for our lives. We hear, we believe, we speak, we receive – we get there!

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### Keep Company with Strong Believers

One of the ways to develop your faith is to watch the company you keep. You have to make sure you don't surround yourself with people who think and speak negatively. Remember what we learnt last week - Fear is the opposite of faith, and the world will preach the law of sin and death to you all the time.

The smartest thing you can do is to keep company with people who are more turned on and tuned in to God than you are. Those are the kind of people who will help you develop your faith. Choose friends who believe God and know how to stand fast – even in the hardest of times. If you want to develop fearless faith, seek out people who are full of faith and led by the Spirit – then stick with them! You have to help each other. Once you have developed strong faith yourself, you will be in a place to help other people who are growing. But always be connected to someone who has stronger faith than yours.

You can grow by yourself if you have to, but when The LORD brings people into your life to help you grow, hand on to them and learn all you can about the fearless faith you see in them.

### Preserve Your Soul

Hebrews 10:39 says: *“We are of those who believe [who cleave to and trust in and rely on God through Jesus Christ, the Messiah] and by faith preserve the soul”* (The Amplified Bible).

Do you see that? We believe and preserve our souls *by faith!*

What is your soul? It is your mind, will and emotions... what you think, how you make decisions and how you express yourself. Your faith in God's WORD changes your soul to agree with Him. Your way of thinking, making decisions and expressing yourself begins to line up with The WORD of God. Your changed soul is where “walking by faith” is played out. Your soul should come into agreement with your reborn spirit and allow God to direct your steps every day.

Before we were born again, we weren't even thinking about God, or how He would do things. We didn't know, and we didn't care. Now that we're believers, things are different. We have His WORD in our hearts and we're growing in faith. Our souls have been changed by faith. And much of it has to do with your soul changing and being obedient to The WORD of God. You change and things change!

### It Starts with a Choice

Habakkuk 2:4 says, *“The righteous will live by their faith”* (New Living Translation). There are actually two meanings we can get from that verse. For one, it means *the way you live* and Two, *your manner of life*. In other words, your way of living is faith thinking, faith talking, faith acting. It also means *your manner of life* – your very life and well-being is by faith.

To live by faith, you have to give God His place in your life. He's not going to barge into your life and take over. He doesn't operate like the devil does. The devil is a liar and a thief. He comes into your life uninvited to steal all he can from you and to kill. He will do everything he can to keep you from the life of faith.

The choice is yours. Jesus said, *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10). John tells us Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). If you don't choose Jesus and go the direction God has for you, you're choosing to walk right into the plan of the devil to destroy your life.

The starting place for your life of faith is to say, “Come into my life, LORD Jesus. I accept You as my Saviour. I want You to lead and direct my life. Take my life and do something with it.”

Receive Him and all that He has in store for you.

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**Never Let Go**

As Christians, we should believe what God says more than what we see with our eyes or what the world or the devil says to us. We refuse to be moved off our faith.

Paul declared in Hebrews 10:23, *“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).”* The key is to never let go, never give up and never stop growing in faith. You keep faith growing by staying in The WORD of God. Keep faith alive in your heart by relying on God to be true to His WORD.

Lay hold of faith, and don’t let go! Nothing on this earth can take your faith, and you certainly are not going to give it up. If you hold fast to your fearless faith, you will receive the reward – because *He is faithful who promised!*

You are born again to live a life of bold, fearless and unwavering faith.

**What does it mean to have “fearless faith”?**

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**What are some changes you can make in your life today to help you walk in fearless faith every day?**

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**What are the two meanings behind Habakkuk 2:4, which states, “The righteous will live by their faith”?**

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**What other lessons have you taken from this study?**

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