

POWER ACADEMY

Switching On Your Faith

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1. Healing is a Gift from God

- a. Ephesians 2:8 – *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.*
- b. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition says, “...*not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came **not through your own striving**], but it is the gift of God.*”
- c. It is very easy to find yourself in a place of striving: of trying every “formula” for healing, yet see no improvement. This causes frustration, not faith!
- d. The word “saved” in this verse is *sózó*, which means to save, heal, preserve, recover, make well, restore, and rescue.
- e. Healing is a gift from God, not through our own striving, through anything we have done or haven’t done. It cannot be earned.
- f. When you receive a gift, you say, “Thank you!” It isn’t difficult to receive a gift.
- g. The word “grace” means that it is God’s good pleasure to give to us!
- h. If we have preconceived ideas about God, it will affect how we approach Him and our ability to receive from Him.
- i. God is a good Father and He only has good things for you. If we don’t understand this, we will begin to think we have to do something to get healing from God.

2. Action of Faith

- a. Faith is our response to what grace has provided.
- b. Imagine a closed door. On one side of the door was sickness, and healing was on the other side. The door is grace, and faith is the doorknob!
- c. Faith is how we access everything grace has provided.
- d. One ditch is to feel like we have to do certain things in order to receive our healing, but the other side is in the grace camp where we feel we don’t need to do anything.
- e. James 2:17 (NIV) – *In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*
- f. Faith does have corresponding action; if we are really in faith, we *will* act out of that faith.
- g. “Faith” is a verb: it has action to it. If it isn’t moving, speaking, or growing, faith probably isn’t present.
- h. The Greek word for faith is *pistis*, which means faith, belief, trust, confidence.
 - This confidence is not in our own ability, but in who God is.

- i. Romans 10:17 – *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
 - The more we hear about who God is, the easier it becomes to trust Him.
- j. Our trust needs to be more in God than in our own actions.

3. Faith Hall of Fame

- a. Hebrews 11:1-2 – *¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.*
- b. We all want a testimony, but we need to operate in faith.
- c. Faith does not operate in the “seen” realm. It is a spiritual force that resides inside of us.
- d. Abraham is in the faith hall of fame, but it’s a miracle he is in there and considered the father of our faith!
- e. Abraham didn’t have it all together and didn’t start out as a man full of faith. He made a lot of mistakes.
- f. Maybe you started out trusting God, but found yourself in a place of frustration. Just because you lack in the confidence department doesn’t mean you are disqualified!
- g. The enemy will try to condemn you by bringing up every negative experience you’ve every had or witnessed.
 - But remember, faith is trust and confidence in God, not in yourself! Your faults are no surprise!
- h. Faith is not putting confidence in the flesh, it is confidence in God.
- i. Hebrews 12:2 – *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...*
 - Trust Jesus even in your faith!
 - Say, “I’m going to finish in faith!”

4. Abraham

- a. God knew Abraham couldn’t keep a covenant perfectly. That’s why He included Abraham in the covenant that He made with Himself!
 - In the same way, we enter in with the covenant God made with Jesus!
- b. We have so much more now than Abraham had.
- c. Romans 4:18-21 (MEV) – *¹⁸ Against all hope, he believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body to be dead (when he was about a hundred years old), nor yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was able to perform.*
- d. In the natural, the promise to Abraham and Sarah to have many descendants was impossible.

- e. Abraham did not waver, but was **fully persuaded** that God would fulfill His promise.
- f. God's promise to Abraham did not happen overnight. It was 25 years!
- g. Hebrews 6:12 – *That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*
- h. God wasn't holding back 25 years before Sarah could receive that promise. It took that long for Abraham's heart to become fully persuaded. It was such a big word, it took a while for them to grasp.
- i. Abraham and Sarah made many mistakes, but God didn't give up on the promise.
- j. If you started in faith and find yourself shipwrecked, the promise is still true!

5. What We Consider

- a. Abraham didn't have the Holy Spirit indwelling him the way that we do as New Testament believers, but we can still learn from his story.
- b. God gave Him very specific promises that he could hold on to as he moved toward being fully persuaded.
- c. What we "consider" determines whether our faith becomes fully persuaded or not. (Abraham did not consider the deadness of Sarah's womb.)
- d. Genesis 15:4-6 (MEV, emphasis added) – *⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir, but a son that is from your own body will be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look up toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So will your descendants be."*
- e. Go outside of the natural limitations and look up!
- f. What God is trying to get to us goes beyond what we can even comprehend!
 - Ephesians 3:20 (CEV) – *...His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine...*
- g. We need to engage our imagination to see beyond the natural circumstances.
- h. God gave Abraham a natural representation, physical reminders, of the promise for Abraham to continuously consider.
- i. Engage your imagination and set before your eyes the things that you are believing God for. (Scriptures on post-it notes, vision boards, etc.)
- j. 2 Peter 1:3-4 (MEV) – *³ His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that through these things you might become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
 - Everything we need comes through an intimate knowledge of and relationship with God. Get to know God!

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