

# Great Faith

(4-3-24)

Ephesians 6:10

“In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.” - AMP

## I. Come to Him

A. Without Connection to God faith will shrivel.

B. Romans 10:17 - “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

1. If your faith feels weak, have you allowed your circumstances to disconnect you from God?
2. Sometimes we grow weary from long seasons of spiritual warfare.
  - a) Matthew 11:28-30
  - b) Don't forget about your “Aarons and Hurs”

C. Hebrews 12:1-2

1. You become what you behold
  - a) 2 Corinthians 3:18

D. There's no room for hypocrisy in our pursuit of God.

1. Deut. 4:29 - “But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”
2. It needs to be a true and honest pursuit.
  - a) Putting on a Christian Facade doesn't give you faith. In fact it hurts what faith you might already have.

## II. Allowing Difficulty to Grow Your Faith

A. James 1:2-4

1. It's not the presence of a trial that grows our faith, but rather our response and victory over it.
  - a) We must choose to work the trial by leaning harder on Jesus. If not it will work you by dragging you away from Him.
2. Without difficulty there is no need for faith.

B. 2 Corin. 4:7-18

1. We are earthen vessels that can be crushed by external pressures. However, when we trust in the one who has been placed on the inside of us, the crushing process only reveals more of Him.
  - a) 1 John 4:4 - “...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”
  - b) 1 Peter 4:12-13
2. Face the trials in your life knowing that it is an opportunity to reveal God's glory
  - a) John 11:40 - “...said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?”

## III. Remember

A. Revelation 12:10-11

1. By sharing about what God has done we not only keep our own faith strong but also the faith of those that hear it.
  2. How often do we talk about what God has done for us?
- B. Exodus 12:26, 13:8, 14, Deut. 6:20, Joshua 4:6
1. Not only do we need to remember, but we need to teach our children about what God has done for us!
- C. Why was the “Hebrews Hall of Faith” written?
1. Hebrews 12:1
    - a) It was an encouragement for us to keep running our race the best that we can.