The Law of Faith
Overflow Church

Introduction: Three Expressions of Faith

1. The gift of faith — A gift of the Spirit that enables you to exercise faith beyond normal circumstances. It is God working through you.

2. Faithfulness — God's faithfulness inspires us to become faithful. His faithfulness shapes our response to Him.

- **Faith is us trusting God; faithfulness is God being able to trust us.**

3. General faith — Our focus today is the faith we exercise as we trust God.

I. Faith Is the Foundation of Our Walk with God

- **Hebrews 11:1** *Now faith is the [a]substance of things hoped for, the [b]evidence of things not seen.*
- **God has given each one a measure of faith.**
- ***Romans 12:3 NKJV*** *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*
- ***Faith is how we are saved.***
- *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God* ***Eph 2:8***
- **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.*

II. Faith Is Rooted in Relationship, Not a Formula

- Faith brings us to God, and relationship keeps our faith focused on Him. We seek Him first because our trust is in Him—not in a method.
- **God rewards those who diligently seek Him.**
- *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. [33] But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* ***Matt 6:32-33 NKJV***

- **Faith is based on relationship, not a formula. Jesus begins by saying, "Have faith in God."**
- **Mark 11:22-24** *So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. [23] 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. [24] Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*
- **Make sure our faith is in God, not merely about God. We trust His ways and His Word.**
- **Isaiah 55:9-11 "**For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. [10] "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [11] So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me [a]void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

- **Faith is not a magic wand.**
- **Faith is not a formula or equation.**
- **Faith is relational.**

III. Faith Grows as We Use It

Because faith is relational, it must be exercised—not merely discussed. Faith grows as we use it, like a seed that must be planted.

Matthew 17: 19-21 *Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"[20] So Jesus said to them, "Because of your [e]unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. [21] [f]However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."*

Conclusion: Trust God, Seek Him, and Exercise Your Faith

Faith is how we receive salvation and please God. Its foundation is relationship, not a formula. Keep your faith in God, seek Him first, trust His Word, and put your faith to use.