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HOW FAITH WORKS

In this lesson you will learn that if you have a problem, God has the answer. Faith is the connection between God's power and your problem. Faith is the connecting force.

- I. Faith works through love – Galatians 5:6.
 - A. Galatians 5:6 – "...but faith working through love." When you love the Lord, you will believe in Him and honor Him. If you say you love someone, you will trust them and respect them.

- II. Abraham's life is a model or standard of how faith works – Romans 4:17-25.
 - A. Verse 17 – "Calls those things which do not exist as though they did."
 - B. Verses 18-19 – "In hope believed ... and not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body...."
 - C. Verse 20 – "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God."
 - D. Verse 21 – "And being full convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."
 - E. Verses 22-25 – Abraham's faith was accounted to him for righteousness.

- III. God spoke the world into existence – Genesis 1.
 - A. When God said, "Let there be light," light came into existence. He didn't call what was, He called forth what He believed.
 - B. 2 Corinthians 4:13 – "'I believed and therefore I spoke', we also believe and therefore speak." The spirit of faith is to believe and speak. We are made in the image and likeness of God and are called to believe in our hearts and speak with our mouths what God has spoken.
 - C. The more you consider the natural circumstances the weaker you get, but you can take God's Word and change your world.

- IV. God will perform His Word as you speak it in faith.
 - A. Jeremiah 1:12 – "I am ready to perform My word."
 - B. You decide to walk in faith or unbelief. The devil wants to convince you that God's Word does not work and is not true.
 1. When you reject God's Word, then you open yourself up to the father of lies (the devil).
 2. You don't deny negative circumstances, but you stand firm on God's Word to turn the circumstances around.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How has faith worked through love in your life?
- Share a negative situation in your life reversed by the spoken Word of God.
- Do you honor God's Word above circumstances and what others say?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week take a negative situation in your life and begin to speak the Word of God in faith to change that situation. Be a promise possessor!

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Romans 4:17 – "Calls those things which do not exist as though they did."