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Living By Faith Series - Part 4 How Faith Comes

How can we come to the place that we believe we receive, when we use our faith. The Bible teaches us how we can have true Bible faith, the kind of faith that gives substance to our hopes.

Truth to take hold of: Real Bible faith is built upon hearing and meditating in God's Word.

- 1 We must have faith to please God. Hebrews 11:6
 - 1.1 If God requires us to have faith to please Him, then God must provide a way for us to have faith.
 - 1.2 If God provides a way for us to have faith, then the responsibility to having faith is ours, not God's.
- 2 Faith comes by hearing God's Word. Romans 10:17
 - 2.1 Faith does not come by praying for it. Luke 17:1-6
 - 2.2 Faith for salvation comes by hearing. Romans 10:13-14, 17 (Acts 4:4, Acts 18:8)
 - 2.3 Faith for the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes by hearing. Acts 19:1-7
 - 2.4 Faith for healing comes by hearing. Acts 14:7-10 (Mark 5:34, 27)
 - 2.5 How did Jesus respond to unbelief? Mark 6:1-6
- 3 Before you use your faith, find scripture for promises what you need and meditate in those scriptures to build faith to receive.
 - 3.1 The Word is like a seed. Mark 4:14
 - 3.2 When you meditate in the promise of God the seed of God's Word will produce faith to receive that promise.
 - 3.3 The Word of God will move you into the place that you believe you receive and produce faith that gives substance to your hopes.

Conclusion: When you hear and meditate of God's Word, faith to receive will come. Faith works the same in every area. Whatever you need from God, faith to receive comes from hearing the Word. Find scripture that promises what you want and begin to hear God's Word.

Discussion questions:

1. According to Hebrews 11:6, what pleases God?
2. What is God's method for us to receive faith?
3. What should we do before we use our faith?