

FAITH IS LIVING BY THE WORDS WE HEAR GOD SPEAK TO US

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God gives us faith as we seek Him. Faith comes from God. *Ephesians 2:8*
“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” *Romans 10:17*.

The Holy Spirit draws our attention to a verse of Scripture as we read God’s Word. This is **God speaking to us**. This is a “rhema” or spoken word, from God. **This is the hearing of faith** *Galatians 3:5*.
Jesus said, **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”** *Matthew 4:4*.

Jesus said, **“The words I speak to you are Spirit and Life.”** *John 6:63*.
Peter said, “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” *John 6:68*
Jesus said, **“My sheep hear My voice, I know them, they follow Me, I give them eternal life, they shall never perish and no one can pluck them from My Hand.** *John 10:27,28*.

God gives us His Life by speaking to us. *Matthew 4:4, John 6:63*.
We receive God’s life by hearing God speak to us, believing what He says, by **speaking out** the Words He speaks to us and by **acting on those Words** where it is appropriate.
Matthew 4:4, John 6:63, Psalm 116:10, 2Corinthians 4:13, John 11:40, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-3.
(In the last two references, the word “meditate”, in the KJV, means to think about something by speaking to yourself.)

The boat was in stormy seas, and **Peter heard Jesus speak to him. Jesus was standing out on the rough sea some distance from the boat. Jesus said to Peter, “Come”**.
Peter **believed** the word Jesus spoke, stepped out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus.
This is the faith process. When we act in faith on the Word God has spoken to us, the power of God is released to fulfil and bring the Word to pass. Peter walked on the water to come to Jesus, as Jesus had said to him.
When he stopped believing the Word Jesus spoke, he began to sink. *Matthew 14:22-32*. Fear and doubt cancel faith.
As Peter saw the waves and heard the wind, he was afraid, and doubted the Word Jesus spoke to him. Verse 30,31.

The just or righteous person shall live, (receive life from God), by faith.
Romans 1:17, Habakkuk 2:4, Hebrews 10:38, Galatians 3:11.

Whatever is not of faith is sin. *Romans 14:23*. (that is, it falls short of bringing glory to God. *Romans 3:23*)
Living by faith brings glory to God. “Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.” *1Corinthians 10:31*.
Are we living by hearing God speak to us? or are we living by some other principle, such as human wisdom, what someone else says, or by thoughts like, “will what I do, bring me a good financial return?”

As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God. *Romans 8:14*. This is another way of saying, it is God’s will for us to live by faith.

Our aim is to be living and walking in the Spirit, with an attitude of prayer, thanking and praising God, listening to God, and hearing His Voice. As we believe what he says, keep speaking it to ourselves and act on it where appropriate, God’s life, power and provision flow into our lives.

Joshua 1:8. As **Joshua** kept the Word of God in His mouth day and night, he was enabled to obey the Word, and live in success that comes from God. (Joshua was a busy man with three million Israelites to lead into the Promised Land.)
Moses said the same to Israel in *Deuteronomy 30:11-14*. Speaking about the commandments of God, Moses said to Israel, “But the word is very nigh unto you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it.”
To explain the Gospel message he preached, **Paul** quoted what Moses said to Israel in *Deuteronomy 30*. We read this in *Romans 10:6-8*. The powerful verses of *Romans 10:9,10*, simply expand in the New Testament context, what Moses said.

Keeping the words that God speaks to us in our heart and mouth and actions, brings a release of the power and love and life of God to us and through us to others. *2Timothy 1:7*. This is how the Kingdom of God and His will are fulfilled on earth.

Spend time each day in the Word of God and prayer. Listen to the voice of God. Hear what He is saying. Believe, speak and act on what He says. God’s life and blessing and power will be upon you. The Word and the Holy Spirit will transform you, and many others through you, into His likeness. *2Corinthians 3:18*. God’s purposes will be fulfilled on this earth.