

Varieties of Faith

Part 1: Kinds and Amounts of Faith

Faith: “Now faith is the assurance/substance of things hoped for, the conviction/evidence of things not (yet) seen.” Heb. 11:1

6 Biblical Varieties of Faith

- **Demonic/Dead/Useless Faith** –James 2:19 –“The demons also believe, and tremble.”
- **Saving Faith** –Galatians. 2:16—“A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.”
- **Matter of Conscience Faith** – Romans 14:2--“One person has faith to...”

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- **“No Matter What” Faith** – “I am with you, always.”
- **Receiving God’s Empowerment/God’s Answers Faith** – supplication/intercession
- **Kingdom Come! Faith** (Mountain-moving faith; Authoritative /Command Faith) – H.S. gift of miraculous faith (associated with miracles, and with bold commanding prayer)

Encouraging Truths About Varieties of Faith

- Besides saving faith, all Christians have received from God a specific “measure” of faith—Grk.--*metron*—a defined portion, degree, or amount
- **Romans 12:3** – “I encourage you all to think about yourselves with humility and sound judgment, because God has assigned to each of you a specific *measure* (*portion, amount*) of faith.”

Take-Aways From the Truth of Individual Metrons of Faith

- We are all at different places in the “amount” of faith we have received from God, appropriate to our divine assignment in His kingdom—so understand and respect that
- We should exercise no judgment, condemnation, blame, or envy toward others in the area of faith—God will give us all what we need
- While never condemning our own faith *metron*, we can and should have a “holy discontent” to pursue God always for more faith than we now have, according to His will “Content” but “pressing on”

Places of faith on the biblical continuum, from less to more:

- **negative faith** (unbelief—doubt that cancels out faith)
- **littleness of faith** (insufficient faith to accomplish something God wants)
- **faith** – baseline confident trust in God that He responds to
- **strong faith**—greatly increased measure of basic faith
- **great faith**—faith marked by unusual boldness
- **mountain-moving faith** – connected with miracles; gift of the Spirit

We Can Increase Our *Metron* (Portion) of Faith

- **Luke 17:5**— “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’”
- **Hebrews 11:6**—“Without faith it is impossible to please God...He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” God responds to our trust/faitth in Him and His word!
- **Abraham – Romans 4:20-21**—“Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he (Abraham) did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.”
- **Smith Wigglesworth**—Ever-Increasing Faith

God's Ways for Us to Increase our Faith: It's Personal, not a Formula

- **Matt. 11:28-30**—"Come to Me, all who are weary...learn from Me..."
- **Matt. 7:7-8**—"Ask and it will be given to you; seek (keep seeking) and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- **Romans 10:17** – "Faith comes by hearing the word of the Christ."
- **Hebrews 12:2**-- "Jesus, the author and the completer of our faith."

FAITH

- **Be much in the scriptures** – God’s truth puts “meat” on our “faith muscles”
- **Be much in His Presence** – Where He speaks His direct words to us via His still, quiet voice; we receive prophecies; He gives visions and dreams; we “soak” (abide—live in) His manifest presence through worship, rest, fellowship, and encountering His glory (the weightiness of His presence)
- **Exercise our faith** – as we actively trust Him in specific situations, our faith grows more steady and strong