

Faith in Action

This month, we focus on “Faith in Action”—the idea that faith isn't just believing in God but actively trusting, obeying, and stepping out in obedience and courage, trusting God's promises and seeing His miracles manifest.

1: Faith Begins with Trust in God's Promises

Romans 4:20-21 (ESV) *No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*

- Paul describes Abraham's unwavering trust in God's promise of Isaac, even when it seemed impossible.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) *Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.*

- Defines faith as confident trust in unseen realities.

Joshua 21:45 (ESV) *Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.*

- God's faithfulness encourages us to trust His promises.

Abraham

Genesis 15:6 *And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

- Abraham trusted God's promise of a son, demonstrating that faith begins with trusting God's word, even when circumstances seem impossible.

2: Faith Calls Us to Step Out in Obedience

James 2:17 (ESV) *So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

- Faith must be expressed through action.

Joshua 3:7-8 (NLT) *Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites... When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a step into the water.*

- Joshua had to trust God's command and step into the flooded Jordan River before it parted.

Matthew 14:28-29 (ESV) *Lord, if it's you, command me to come to you on the water. "He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.*

- Peter's act of stepping out in faith demonstrated obedience and trust.

Noah

Genesis 6:13-22

God warns Noah about the coming flood and commands him to build an ark. Despite the ridicule and the enormity of the task, Noah faithfully obeys God's detailed instructions, trusting God's plan.

*Noah did all that God commanded him. **Genesis 6:22***

3: Faith Requires Courage in the Face of Challenges

Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV) *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you.*

- Moses encourages Israel to face enemies with courage, trusting God's presence.

Joshua 1:9 (ESV) *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

- God commands Joshua to lead boldly, trusting His presence.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NLT) *For we live by believing and not by seeing.*

- Living by faith often means operating in the unseen and trusting God through difficulties.

Joshua

Joshua 1:9

Joshua faced the daunting task of leading Israel into the Promised Land, confronting enemies and obstacles. His courage was rooted in trusting God's promise and presence, and he obeyed God's command to be strong and courageous.

4: Faith in Action Leads to God's Miracles and Blessings

Mark 5:34 (NLT) *"Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."*

- Jesus heals a woman who demonstrates persistent faith.

2 Kings 4:1-7 (ESV)

The story of the widow's oil:

The widow, trusting Elijah's prophetic word, pours her small jar of oil into many vessels. Her faith results in a miraculous overflow of oil, providing for her family.

"And when the vessels were all full, she came and said to the son of the man of God, 'Bring me another vessel. 'And he said to her, 'There is not another vessel.'" **2 Kings 4:6**

John 11:40 (ESV) *Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?*

- Jesus encourages Martha to believe before raising Lazarus, demonstrating faith unlocks God's glory.

Woman with the Issue of Blood

Mark 5:34

Her faith in Jesus's power made her well. Her act of reaching out in belief resulted in healing, showcasing that faith in action can lead to divine miracles.

Conclusion: This month, let's commit to trusting God's promises, obeying His commands, courageously facing challenges, and believing for miracles. Faith is not passive; it is active, alive, and powerful when we put it into action.