

# F A I T H

## MORE THAN WORDS

### PART 2

**Week 1: “The faith” – God’s systematic teaching revealed in scripture.**

- God delivered it “once, for all time” to the church.
- Believers are obligated to protect and preserve the faith (i.e. truth).
- Satan is determined to distort “the Faith” (i.e. truth).

**Today: Why authentic faith is vital and what authentic faith looks like.**

### ➤ **WHY IS IT SO VITAL THAT I HAVE AUTHENTIC FAITH?**

**1. Because I \_\_\_\_\_ without it.**

*Without faith no one can please God. [<sup>L</sup> For; Because] Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real [exists] and that he rewards those who truly want to find [earnestly/sincerely seek] him. **Hebrews 11:6** (EXB)*

**2. Because I \_\_\_\_\_ without it.**

*For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. **1 John 5:4** (NLT)*

**3. Because I \_\_\_\_\_ without it.**

*I said that you will die with your sins unforgiven. If you don't have faith in me for who I am, you will die, and your sins will not be forgiven. **John 8:24** (CEV)*

**4. Because I \_\_\_\_\_ without it.**

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... **Ephesians 2:8a** (NIV)*

**NOTE:** The use of the term “authentic” or “saving” faith clearly indicates the existence of an “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_ -saving” kind of faith.

➤ **WHAT DOES INAUTHENTIC ( \_\_\_\_\_ - SAVING) FAITH LOOK LIKE?**

1. It is the “kind” that \_\_\_\_\_ but does not produce \_\_\_\_\_.

*...what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you? James 2:14 (CEV)*

2. It is the “kind” of faith that \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_.

*To the man who thinks that faith by itself is enough I feel inclined to say, “So you believe that there is one God? That’s fine. So do all the devils in hell and shudder in terror! James 2: 18, 19 (Phillips)*

3. It is the “kind” of faith that is dead and useless because it is \_\_\_\_\_.

*For, my dear short-sighted man, can’t you see far enough to realize that faith without the right actions is dead and useless? James 2:20 (Phillips)*

*So you see that what he believed and what he did were working together. What he did made his faith complete. James 2:22 (NIrV)*

- This incomplete faith might also be described as \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

➤ **WHAT DOES AUTHENTIC ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) FAITH LOOK LIKE?**

- A “complete,” authentic, saving faith is the kind that combines faith (i.e., my \_\_\_\_\_) and faithfulness (i.e., my \_\_\_\_\_).
- Authentic faith is personified in the lives of Abraham and Rahab

*Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. <sup>23</sup> And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. James 2:21-25 (NLT)*

1. Authentic Saving Faith is the kind that \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Authentic Saving Faith is the kind that \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Authentic Saving Faith is the kind that \_\_\_\_\_.

*Removing action from faith is like removing breath from a body. All you have left is a corpse. James 2:26 (VOICE)*