

**DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND FAITH?**  
**PT 10 - FAITH IS FROM WITHIN**

**Romans 10:17...John 6:63...Hebrews 12:2** The faith we are to live by comes from our spirit, not our soulish mind. Therefore, the development of our spirit is critical to living by faith.

Believing alone is NOT faith; faith is a lifestyle and requires action on the foundation of what is believed. For a Christian, that foundation is to be God's Word. Many Christians live by an *assumption* of what God's Word says, not on what it really says. Too many Christians judge the efficacy of faith according to what they see in their own lives, not on what God has said in His Word about faith.

**Romans 10:17...John 6:63...Hebrews 4:12** Faith comes by hearing God's Word. Sincere, heart-felt belief that is not truly Word-based is still unbelief; very often, this is the kind of belief by which a Christian is living. When truth is heard which contradicts what a person has believed, the truth then becomes the two-edged sword dividing asunder. This can be very uncomfortable because it reveals change is necessary.

**Hebrews 6:10-12** If God has promised, then He will do. Our challenge is believing God's promises and waiting for their manifestation.

◆ Verse 12 Patience. In this passage it is from the Greek word makrothumia. In this context it is referring to:

- 1) a total persuasion in the reliability of God to keep His promises, coupled with
- 2) self-restrain before proceeding to action

Makrothumia is translated as longsuffering in **Galatians 5:22**, making patience as used in this passage a product of the born-again spirit.

Living by faith requires the element of makrothumia. A lack of this kind of patience too often results in doing *for* God to try and cause His promises to manifest. Impatience, worry, doubt, and giving up are all the fruit of unbelief.

**Mark 4:35-41 & Mark 6:45-52** Too many Christians are "sore amazed in themselves beyond measure" when faith rearranges natural circumstances, such as healings and miracles. Kingdom faith, Kingdom life, Kingdom thinking and Kingdom expectations will not be challenged emotionally when the Word comes to life in visible manifestations. Living by faith rejoices at every victory, but is never amazed that results actually manifested.

**Acts 19:11-16** An action in the natural does not demand that God move in the spirit to support the action. There must be Hebrews 11:1 established-on-the-Word faith and hope before there are results. Too many Christians act in the natural because they heard a scriptural principle is true.