

Faith in God's Capability

Matthew 14:25-33 and Matthew 9:20-22

1. Introduction

God is invisible, and man cannot reach God with his five physical senses. Even in the spiritual world, God is invisible.

Faith is the precious bridge between God and man. Without faith, man cannot reach God. It is not difficult to believe in God's existence, but it is not so easy to have faith in the real capability of the living God.

2. Bible passages

Matthew 14:25-33. Peter could walk on the water while he was looking only at Jesus, but as soon as he became afraid of the wind and lost faith he sank. Jesus said to him, "What little faith you have!"

Matthew 9:20-22 or Mark 5:25-34. when the woman touched Jesus' garment, she had faith in God's capability. She had no doubt. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you," and she was healed.

Which do you resemble, the woman or Peter? Which do you believe more, common sense or God? Experience or God? Reality or God? Faith is the emotional force by which you can go beyond common sense, experience, or reality – together with God.

3. How can we have faith in God's capability?

Adam lost faith. Therefore we, his descendants, could not inherit faith. Therefore we don't have faith. In order to have faith, we have to restore our truth-level faith and gain a clear understanding of the capability of Almighty God.

- a) Pray until you can feel God's affirmation: "Yes, my son (daughter). I promise I will do it."
God says yes. God never lies; therefore it will be done, no doubt about it. When you have this feeling of absolute surety, you are sowing faith in God's capability.
- b) Challenge the human limitations. When man's responsibility is fulfilled, then God's power is poured out, and the "impossible" becomes possible.
- c) You will be sure it was not you, but God, who did it. You can then glorify God our Lord.

If you have one experience of restoration of faith, you can challenge more, and your faith will grow.

4. Living with faith

In the pitch darkness of the night, you are not afraid of the darkness, and you can prepare for the next day's work because you have faith that the sun will rise the next morning. Already you are living I the next day.

In the dead of winter, you are visualizing the advent of spring: flowers are blooming, greens are budding, and birds are singing in your heart. You are living in the spring because you have absolute fit that the spring will come.

When you restore faith in this world of suffering and distress, you can live beyond the world of reality. You can visualize breakthroughs and victories; and as you are filled with hope and spirit, you can challenge any difficulty.

While others are depressed and hopeless, you are filled with hope and spirit. When others are in panic, you can have peace in you heart (Hebrews 11:1).