



## Operating in Faith

Most believers in Christ don't know how to operate in faith. That's because they are walking in religious precepts and trying to imitate the Christian lifestyle instead of walking by faith. They might say they are walking by faith yet when you look at their life, they are suffering more and got more problems than unbelievers that doesn't have God. There ought to be a difference between you and your unbelieving neighbor.

### **1 John 5:4, NKJV**

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

Many operate in faith just to receive salvation but fail to operate in faith to live a victorious life. They are waiting one day to overcome when they're in heaven. The good news is we don't have to wait until we get to heaven to be an overcomer because Jesus overcame the world so we can live the overcoming life here while we wait.

If we are truly operating in faith, we should be overcoming the world in every sense—not just spiritual. If you are living a life of suffering, coping and scraping by instead of reigning in life and living as an overcomer, you are not operating in faith. This does not mean we will avoid problems, trials, temptations, or persecution. However, it does mean we should experience victory despite them.

The mistake comes from thinking that a desire for God to meet a need is faith. Many believers think faith is wishing, hoping, and petitioning God, believing He can do it, and then waiting to see if something happens or changes. This is not the way Jesus did it, and it is definitely not how faith works in the New Covenant. The apostle Paul made a similar mistake when he sought God to meet his need, and God answered him, saying, “My grace is sufficient for you.” Many believers trust that God can do it but doubt that He will work through them. This is where many Christians find themselves spiritually. Faith is not merely believing God can do it, but trusting that He has already provided for your need through His finished work. It is not truly faith until you move from believing “God can do it” to trusting that “God has done it and given me the authority to manifest it.”

The basis for operating in faith rests on what we believe about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We have no grounds to believe for anything that has not been accomplished through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and made available to us.

To operate in faith means to exercise your God-given authority in Christ to manifest a spiritual reality in alignment with the resurrection of Jesus. The Word teaches us to believe, but—more importantly—how to believe God’s grace. For example, God created spiritual laws to govern the spiritual world just as He established physical laws to govern the physical world. In every gospel story where Jesus met a need, He was operating within the laws of faith He Himself established.

*-How do we learn to operate in faith?*

First you must be established in new covenant faith. New covenant faith is the sole belief that you are the righteousness of God in Christ apart from works. When you’re established in the gift of righteousness you are making effectual everything Jesus provided through His resurrection.

Second, discover your identity in Christ and learn how Jesus operated in faith in the gospels. Model how Jesus released His faith and how others received from the Lord. The Lord will give you wisdom on how to appropriate our faith as we focus on His grace to receive from Him.

**Romans 1:17, NKJV**

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Operating in faith will become second nature as you grow in the revelation of the grace and gift of righteousness of Christ. This is because you will discover your identity in Christ and model how He released His faith effortlessly. Notice that it says, 'The righteous shall live by faith.' Therefore, it is essential to grow in the revelation of the gift of righteousness.

However, many of us try to operate in faith out of desperation and need rather than by the Spirit. We may use faith principles we know, but the foundation is flawed because we step away from the grace foundation. We can understand the laws of faith, but they won’t work effectively if our hearts are not established in the righteousness of God. This means that the focus of our faith shifts to something other than the resurrection of Jesus. It’s not that faith doesn’t work—faith always works. The issue is that we turn faith into mechanics, formulas, or mysticism. It’s a heart issue. If all we needed was to learn the laws of faith, then God would’ve given us principles instead of Jesus. We are not trying to live a life of faith. Rather, the righteous will live by faith.

**Galatians 5:6, ESV**

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.”

The gospel is the power of God. When we rely on the gospel of grace, which reveals the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ—where love is fully demonstrated—it empowers our faith to work. For example, imagine a perfect gun that never malfunctions and never misses, regardless of who pulls the trigger. If it isn’t working, it’s either because it lacks bullets or because you’re not pulling the trigger. Similarly, the Holy Spirit within us is like a gun with limitless potential, loaded with the “dynamite” of grace and ignited by the “trigger” of faith.

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