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By His Faith

You've heard it said, "Faith moves mountains." All believers in Christ would like to see their faith produce this desired outcome. Hence, many fervently pursue the way faith operates. They see faith as a level of Christian "nirvana" to attain. As a result, these believers in Christ become lost in "faith" and discouraged to the point where they even question their faith when it doesn't produce the desired outcome.

Mountain-movers and Water-walkers are not elite Christians. In fact, all who received from Jesus in the Gospel stories new nothing about operating in faith, yet they received breakthrough after breakthrough and grace upon grace.

-What was their secret?

Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

They so simply looked unto Jesus. They saw Jesus as their gracious Lord, completely confident that He would and could set them free from their ailment, distress, and necessity. You see, the way you see Jesus will determine how much you receive from Him:

- Do you see Jesus as the initiator of your negative circumstances?
- Do you see Jesus as one who condemns you for your weaknesses?
- Do you see Jesus withholding blessings from you because of your little faith?

The fact is, seeing Jesus as our Grace, is our faith. This is why you should continue to seek Jesus as your Grace by growing in the revelation of the Gospel of Grace to know Him via the Scriptures. When you seek to know Jesus as Grace, faith will be there inspite of your negative circumstance, weakness and little faith because He is your faith. As a result, you will live with fierce hope and joy.

The theologian C.H. Spurgeon once said:

- *"Our faith is a person; the gospel that we have to preach is a person; and go wherever you may, we have something solid and tangible to preach, for our gospel is a person. If you had asked the twelve Apostles in their day, 'What do you believe in?', they would not have stopped to go round about with a long sermon, but they would have pointed to their Master and they would have said, 'We believe Him.'"*

We are not to look at Jesus as a standard of faith to attain or look unto our weaknesses/ circumstances because these things will have the potential to kill your endurance/ perseverance. These things will not

empower you to look away from your present ailment, distress, and necessity. Instead, look unto Jesus as the Grace facet and He will live the impossible life, with His faith, through you.

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Believers in Christ don't just live life by having faith in the Son of God, but as the original Greek of the verse above plainly states, they should "live by the faith of the Son of God." Notice the definite article "the" in the sentence. What the Holy Spirit is trying to point out is, your part is to believe in Son of God and give way to Him to live through you with His faith, instead of living life through your imperfect faith.

-How do we live by His faith?

Romans 4:5

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.

We all agree that those who received from Jesus in the Gospel stories were prostitutes, tax collectors, etc. In other words, they were ungodly. Yet, the Pharisees who tried to so hard to be godly did not receive anything from Jesus.

The ungodly received simply believing in Jesus as the one who made them righteous before God instantly, whereas the Pharisees believed in themselves to be made right with God via godliness. The Pharisees had a misconception of what faith was. Like many today, they had faith in their ability to generate faith via their effort.

This is why the ungodly received from God even though they had imperfect faith and while they were still in their weakness. Their faith in Jesus was counted as righteousness. In other words, they simply used their faith to believe Jesus as their righteousness as a gift.

To answer the questions above, you live life by His faith simply by believing you are the righteousness of God in Christ, inspite of your imperfect faith and weaknesses/negative circumstances.

The theologian Dr. Alister McGrath stated once:

- *"It is the work of Christ, not our faith, which is the foundation of justification. Faith itself is a gift of God."*

Biblical, New Testament faith is not what many thought to be. When you use your faith to believe you are the righteousness of God in Christ, God sees/ defines that as being in faith. You can be sure that through the Word of God, you are in faith, the faith that moves mountains.

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