

What is Faith?

Firstly, there is **saving Faith**.

Jesus said "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life"

If we believe in and follow Jesus we can be saved. This faith is a gift from God.

Then there is **faith of the Lord Jesus**:

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (**John**)

If our faith wavers, we fail or run out of steam, Jesus' faith revives us.

When God gives you something, hang on to it. As a fisherman holds on to his rod when he's had a bite, hold on to your faith. Keep a close eye, a tight hold, or you will lose your faith, like a fish on a slack line!

A Canaanite woman asked for help, she begged for a crumb from Jesus. She pursued Jesus and persisted, until he answered her. Sometimes we have to be persistent too. Making the most of every morsel that God gives to us. Just one crumb of God's hope is sometimes all we need.

Jesus' faith gives us strength to face anything. Paul said: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13-1)

Lastly, **gifts of Faith**:

God calls our faith into action. When we have Faith in God it is God's desire to give gifts that grow like fruit in our lives to bring wholeness, healing and miracles to ourselves and others. They are like seeds that grow, or muscles that need to be exercised.

Listen for God's direction, then step out and act on it; like Peter did as he stepped out onto the water with Jesus. What about the other disciples? They sat safely in the boat!

Unless we step out in faith, acting with love, we miss the action and disappoint God. Faith has to be tried, exercised. In the end it will strengthen and grow.

Hebrews 6:1 says: "...keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance."

Do you have faith today?