

Walking by Faith

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save Him?” -James 2: 14

What is the value of believing in certain thing if we do not do things parallel to that belief? This means we do not confirm what we believe. It is fine to believe in God, to believe that God so loved the whole world, to believe that God gave His own son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. But what is the value if our lives are not transformed by the love of Christ? What is the value if we cannot show love for others? What is the value if we cannot impart the message of eternal life?

Faith is to put our trust in what we believe, and that trust enables us to take an action or do certain thing in accordance or comparable to that faith – doing things compatible to what we trust in. It represents our free will to follow or our willingness to obey the word of truth. **“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the word the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)**

Every human is created with his own heart and mind. The human brain is the center where all scientific information with full description and details are stored. It is the place where logic is the supreme power. While the heart is the center where we believe and have faith in the promises of God. What is in our mind is from knowledge and may contradict what we believe in. Knowledge will contradict God’s promises about His provision, His healing power, and His act of salvation. In short, our faith maybe in conflict with what we think of or what is in our brain as knowledge of science or theories and sometimes we mistakenly call them wisdom. **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)** So we must learn to suppress what we know by our own mind and need to trust more in the word and promises of God. By doing so, our faith will increase, become alive and active, and will move us to do the will of God. One fact that we must always put in our mind is this: that God’s words and promises written in the Bible is always real and true. God’s promise and instruction is above all knowledge and wisdom of this world.

The people of God lived in Egypt for 430 years under the slavery of Pharaoh. God had promised their forefathers to give them the land of milk and honey. So God brought them out from Egypt after a sequence of events and miracles to force Pharaoh to release them. After their departure, Pharaoh changed his mind and followed them. The people of God were

led by Moses and heading toward the Promise land. The Red Sea was in front of them and behind them were the mighty army of Egypt with their chariots, horses and weapons. To sort out this situation of battle by human knowledge, the people of God would be the loser. This was the issue that forced the people of God to say to their leader Moses, **“Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us in the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘leave us alone: Let us serve the Egyptians?’ It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” (Exodus 14: 11-12)** These people believed in God. They knew that God had promised them a land of prosperity and success. They had the faith that God is with them in the journey. But their faith and their words and action were not working together. This might happen to anyone of us in our walk with God. The situation around us pumped up with knowledge and information could discourage us, confuse us and even distract our attention to our faith in God. This would hinder us from taking the proper action toward gaining the promises of God.

The people of God while faced with such situation they wanted to go back. Their leader Moses was in the same circumstance but he was focusing on God and His promises. He was walking by faith in God, and His faith was accompanied by good action – obeying the command of God. **Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid: Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell my people to move on.” (Exodus 14: 13-15) “In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2: 17)** Finally about two millions of the people of God crossed the Red Sea, because the Lord divided the Red Sea and turn the sea into dry land. They crossed safely but the Egyptian soldiers who followed them were all drowned for God allowed the water to flow back over them. The people of God went through the sea on a dry ground with a wall of water on their right and on their left, reaching the other coast safe and sound. What the Lord did to them was out of any knowledge or any human wisdom that any one might think of.

My dear and beloved:** Today’s message is a challenge for everyone of us to put our faith into practice; to rely more on the promises of God not on our knowledge; to trust in the LORD, to obey Him and to pray to Him because we believe that He will listen and will answer when we pray. **“Father God in heaven, I come to You in the name of Jesus. Take away Lord my doubts, and build my faith and trust in You alone. Help me Lord to grow and walk by faith, relying on the promises that you gave to me. Thank you Lord Jesus for your patience, for your love and faithfulness.” Amen.

