

Faith Christian Fellowship
January 8, 2017
2017: Build, Share, Stand
2: Build Your Faith

TEXT: 2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, / Romans 1:16 / Ezekiel 22:30

2016: a year of desiring fresh fire. We accepted the mantle of Elijah, the rainmaker. We saw a remarkable uptick in the prayer power in the house. We studied intensely the prayer of intercession: praying for others.

For 2017, the Holy Ghost said, **“Build your faith, share your faith, stand in the gap.”** We are in a new season, there will be calm before the storm. Don't ignore this window.

Last week we addressed our call to stay in the gap before Him as intercessors for our nation, our church, and for each other. We are gonna pray!!!!!! This week we look at “build your faith.” Last year as we emphasized fresh fire from heaven, FMTI covered Biblical Faith, the Holy Ghost, and turning vision into reality. On Sundays we spent 7 weeks on healing, specifically, and 2 really powerful weeks on the God of Covenant, which is the essential foundation of faith.

With the world around us wobbling on its axis, getting our individual faith built up, and learning to support one another in faith, will be keys to victory for all of us.

1) What God gave me:

- a) Build faith = faith basics on healing, finances, families
 - a.i) All God's gifts of grace are received by faith: Romans 4:16.
 - a.ii) Romans 1:17 We live by faith. No choice.
 - a.iii) James 1:5-8. There is an unwavering faith to attain to.
- b) Rekindle faith in all the seed sown - don't turn loose of ungerminated seed. Gal 6:9 due season if faint not
- c) Faith has 3 components:
 - c.i) Heart content - keep your heart / feed the heart
 - c.ii) Tongue - out of the abundance / no man can tame / two springs
 - c.iii) Actions - dead faith vs. living faith
- d) We can exercise our will successfully in heart-keeping and actions. Tongue, not so much. Have we spent too much energy trying to control the uncontrollable?

2) Three types of faith to build

- a) Believe **IN** God. He exists. Hebrews 11:6. “Must believe that He is.” Psalm 14:1 / Romans 1:18-20
- b) Believe **ABOUT** God. He is good and faithful. Hebrews 11:6.,11.
- c) **Believe God.** The Word is true, and the specific promise belongs to me now. Mark 11:24 It's mine, I have it now.
 - c.i) This faith can grow - Jesus lauded Great faith and rebuked puny faith. There must be a way to get from one to the other. Matt 8:10 / 15:28 / Matt 6:30 / 8:26 / 14:31 / 16:8

3) Our directive: Build faith

- a) Area #1, believe in God, is entry level faith. I will deal more with that one next week. 1 Kings 18:39
- b) Area #2, Believe about God. A growing relationship level. Many Christians learn formulas. They believe doctrine, but can't receive promises because their faith is not grounded in relationship. Hebrews 10:23
- c) Area #3. Believe God. The Word is settled beyond circumstantial input and emotional upheaval. It is specific to situations. Luke 1:38
- d) Our teaching this year will emphasize all 3.
 - d.i) Tuesday evenings: faith in particular areas: healing, finances, families.
 - d.ii) Visiting ministers: 2/17-19 Barry Perez here / 4/14-16 Special Easter weekend with Tommy & Elisabeth O'Dell / Fall – TBA
 - d.iii) FMTI Classes: (Some dates may change if events warrant)
 - (d.iii.1) Jan 26-27; Feb 2-3. Biblical Money Dynamics
 - (d.iii.2) Feb 16 – Apr 6 Redemptive Truth
 - (d.iii.3) May 4-5 / 11-12 Ministry Gifts
 - (d.iii.4) June 1 – July 20 Healing Truth
 - (d.iii.5) Aug10-11 / 17-18 Panning for Gold
 - (d.iii.6) 9/7 – 10/26 Money Ordinances and Music

**Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable,
and receives the impossible.”**
Corrie Ten Boom