

Text message summary:

In knowing God's Word, and trusting God's plan, you will learn His character, and His will, and be more able to pray effectively.

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WHY IS YOUR AMOUNT OF FAITH NOT IMPORTANT?

"Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Why is faith important to God in your prayers? Explain.

How is your faith increased?

Why do some people feel the need to 'work up' more faith?

"It's the object of your faith—not the amount of your faith—that's important to God." Explain in your own words what this means.

WHY MUST YOUR FAITH BE ALIGNED WITH GOD'S WILL?

"If we believe hard enough and long enough, God will give it to us." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

What's wrong with the 'name it and claim it' philosophy some evangelists preach today? How can this philosophy sometimes put God in an unfavorable light? (Cp. 1 Corinthians 4:19, James 4:13-15.)

WHY MUST YOUR FAITH BE GROUNDED IN GOD'S WORD?

What's the difference between God's instruction *for* us and God's Word *to* us?

Why can we not claim every promise in the Bible as ours? Explain.

What is a danger in misunderstanding this principle?

“Prayer is the rope tossed from the boat to the rock—not to pull the rock out, but to pull the boat in.” Explain in your own words how this relates to your prayer life. What can you do to understand God’s ‘rock’ (promises and principles) better?

“And immediately the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; please help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:24)

WHAT’S WRONG WITH WAVERING FAITH?

How can you anchor your faith so that circumstances will not shake it?

“If you have faith, you won’t doubt. If you doubt, you have no faith.” Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement. Justify your answer using the Bible.

Why does God teach us to believe our prayers are answered even before they are?

How can God’s past answers to your prayers assure His future answers? Explain.

“Prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door.” Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement.

“Prayers are heard in Heaven very much in proportion to our faith.” (Charles Spurgeon). What does this mean to you?

“Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.” (Billy Graham). What does this mean to you?