

AN OBVIOUS FAITH

James 2:18 – “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”

WE ALL TRUST SOMETHING AND/OR SOMEONE

- We trust our bosses to pay us at the end of the week
- We trust our judicial system to be fair
- We trust our gas gauges to keep us from running out of gas in our cars
- We trust the chairs we sit in to hold us up
- We trust some things absolutely and trust some things in degree.

We all are affected by the things we trust. Trust displaces worry and fear.

FAITH IS LOGICAL

We place a measure of trust in someone according to their love, honesty, and ability.

“Faith” – 2 times in the Old Testament, 229 times in the New Testament

“By faith” – 37 times in the New Testament

“Through faith” – 15 times in the New Testament

📖 Faith says “I can” – Phil. 4:13

- Lack of faith says “I can’t” – Ex. 4:1, 10

📖 Faith says “I will” – Isa. 6:8

- Lack of faith says “I won’t” – Acts 10:14

📖 Faith says “I will do it now” – Gen. 22:1-3

- Lack of faith says “I will do it later” – Gen. 11:32-12:1; Luke 9:59-62

📖 Faith says “I will not fear” – Psalm 27:1

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- o Lack of faith says "I'm afraid" - John 6:19

2 Corinthians 5:7 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight"
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Those not saved live by the world's standards: Eph. 2:2

Those saved live by faith: Gal. 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." Gal 2:20 (NAS)

- By faith, we live to do God's will. To know God's will, we must learn God's will. To learn God's will, we must read God's word. "...when ye read, ye may understand..." (Eph. 3:4)

Faith allows you to trust the Lord to command birds to bring you food - (1 Kings 17:3-4)

Faith allows you to build a huge ship to sail above God's judgment - Gen. 6:13-14

Faith allows a woman to give birth to a son when she is 90 years old - Gen. 17:17

Faith allows you to give up all your riches so you can suffer for Christ's sake - Heb. 11:24-26

Faith allows you to walk on water in the middle of a fierce storm - Matt. 14:25-29

Faith allows a simple farmer to defeat a great enemy with a tiny army - Jud. 6:11; 7:16-25

Faith allows you to praise the Lord when you lose everything and your children are killed - Job 1:14-22

Faith allows you to endure being in prison for your testimony of the Lord's truths - 2 Chron. 16:7-10