



Building Your Faith The Elements of Faith

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Sermon Notes

The Elements of Faith

- Belief
- Obedience
- Peace
- Joy
- Hearing
- Mouth
- Man of God

Belief

Whoever you trust controls your future.

Mark 9:22-23 (New King James Version)

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes."

Obedience

Obedience is the only thing God has required of man.

James 1:23-25 (Amplified Bible)

23For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; 24For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. 25But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

Peace

Peace is not the absence of conflict. It is the absence of inner conflict.

Isaiah 26:3 (New Living Translation)

3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Joy

Joy is the benefit reserved for the obedient.

Nehemiah 8:10 (Amplified)

And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold.

James 1:2 (New Living Translation)

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

Mouth

Whatever goes in you; comes out of you!

Romans 10:8 (New International Version)

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

Proverbs 18:21 (Contemporary English Version)

21 Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you say.

Hearing

Hearing the right things could potentially get you the right things!

Romans 10:17 (New King James Version)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Your Man of God

It does matter what church you go to!

2 Chronicles 20:20b (New International Version)

Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

Romans 10:14-15 (New International Version)

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"