

The Word For The Weak
 — Weekly Newsletter —
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“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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THE WORD IS: “FAITH”

SAYING THESE THINGS:

It seemed fitting then that we should continue on the same track that got us this far. Therefore, let us proceed from “*faith to faith*”.

Over the years, I have heard many different explanations and definitions of the word “Faith”. But most of what I heard did not agree with one another. Therefore, let us turn to the “... *more sure word of prophecy* ...” in order to understand what Faith is all about.

The first instance of faith in the (NKJV) Bible is found in this verse:

Deuteronomy 32:20

20 And He said: ‘I will hide My face from them,
 I will see what their end will be,
 For they are a perverse generation,
 Children in whom is no **faith**.

This does not paint a very pretty picture. How is it that children have no Faith?

The next instance of Faith is found here:

Habakkuk 2:4

4 “Behold the proud,
 His soul is not upright in him;
 But the just shall live by his **faith**.”

Ahh. Now we are entering into familiar territory. But let us continue on our journey.

Matthew 6:30

30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of **little faith**?

Well. At least this is a step in the right direction. We go from having “no faith”, to living “by faith”, to having a “little faith”.

But wait. There’s more!

Matthew 8:10

10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great **faith**, not even in Israel!

From little faith, to great faith. Is it true then that things only get better when Jesus shows up?

Now, let's keep going, right into the Book of Acts.

Acts 3:16

16 And His name, through **faith** in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the **faith** which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

The writer of Acts is speaking of Jesus, and having faith in His Name. Since the Scripture has now established Who the object of our Faith is, let us see how the Apostle Paul takes his stand on Faith.

Romans 1:5-6

5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the **faith** among all nations for His name, **6** among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

The Book of Romans is chock full of Faith. Might we then consider that Romans is a good source of "Vitamin F"?

Since there are 229 instances of faith in the NKJV, let us speed ahead toward the end of the Testaments in order to save time.

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the **faith** of Jesus.

Hmmm. Please observe with me that Scripture begins with children who are faithless, but ends with those who keep the faith of Jesus.

That really is Good News. But now let us close with these two verses.

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now abide **faith**, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

How great then is the Faith the Saves us from our sins. Can it even be quantified?

Is it not true that the Faith which Jesus has in His Father, this same Faith He shares with us so that we are saved by His Grace? As it is written: "... by grace are we saved through faith..."

Thank You Jesus.

Amen.

May our Father grant us His Light to Know, Live, and Love His **Word**.

Amen.