

My Friend, Faith (The Power of Faith)

1st Corinthians 13: 1-13

Faith is an essential element of living!

- Life is a walk of Faith
- Bridge crossing/Airplane riding/Faith in a Physician/Salvation Faith

Levels of Faith:

- Doomed man's Faith
- Young child's Faith
- Teen or Young Adult's Faith – while temptation is hammering them.
- The Persecuted's Faith
- Giving Faith – Widow's Mite
- Going Faith – Wise men seeking the King (Jesus) – two years of searching

Faith is declared by our Choices, our decision making!

***The Just Shall Live by Faith!* 4 Times this Phrase is sprinkled through the Bible:**

- Habakkuk 2: 4
- Galatians 3: 11
- Romans 1: 17
- Hebrews 10: 38

Just – lawful/right person

Live – connected to true living, not simply existing

Faith – Confidence in truth that moves not! Convictions that are unchanging!

- **Habakkuk 2: 4**

Situation – The Prophet did not understand why God would let evil go unpunished and even use evil people to judge God’s people because of their unrighteousness... God spoke to the Prophet in a dream and said, “The Just shall live by Faith”

What does that mean?

1st If you and the people of God are just, then live by Faith!

2nd You must be a just prophet by trusting Me to do what I deem is right and you do so and become a prophet that is just and lives by faith. – Evidence of trust

- **Romans 1: 17**

Here Paul is writing to the Roman Christians and about to lay out God’s just plan for all mankind and He says that when one is just, he will live by faith. Even when we do not understand, The just shall live by faith! – Evidence of trust.

- **Galatians 3: 11**

The foolish Galatians were hanging on to the law as a way to be right with God and Paul says that they all were confused. The invitation to come to Christ could not be purchased with the law. But those who come to Christ will be motivated to live by Faith, and their lives would declare the righteousness of God. – Evidence of walk

- **Hebrews 10: 38**

The writer here says that the true believer will hold fast to the faith that has been delivered to him without wavering. They will provoke each other to good works and love. They will assemble together and worship and will take the unifying of the believers in worship seriously. But those who are not in this walk and let this walk pass them by will not see another invitation but let it be known... The just shall live by faith.

Faith is a wonderful friend of the believer. But those who say that they have faith and do not have works? As James says, you show me a man who says he has faith but no works and I will show you my faith by my works.

Four times God’s word has said, “The Just shall live by Faith”

What does your walk of Faith say about whether or not you are just or not?