# Faith Works!

### Without faith it is impossible...

**Texts:** *Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 37:3-5* Faith brings all the possibilities of what God can do.

### Why do need faith?

We need faith to transact business with God.
 Faith is the only currency accepted in His Kingdom.

**Hebrews 11:6** – Without faith it is impossible to please God...

• Faith is expected when Jesus returns on earth.

**Luke 18:8** – Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will He really find faith on earth?

It is our faith in God that overcomes the world.

**1 John 5:4** – For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith.

#### How can we grow our faith?

**Romans 10:17** – So, then faith (belief) comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#### How can we live by faith?

 Living in and by faith simply means living within the parameters of God's Word Living according to what the Word of God says

#### Behaviour - Values - Beliefs - Worldview

People's **behaviour** comes from their own set of **values**. We create those values from our personal **beliefs** and our personal beliefs are formed from our **worldview**.

It is the lens through which we understand and engage with the world around us.

As followers of Christ, we should reject worldly views that conflict with Scripture, but instead we must embrace the **Christian worldview**, which shapes our **belief** that forms our **values**, that shapes our **behaviour**.

The **Christian worldview** is a perspective on the world and human existence rooted in biblical principles and teachings. It asserts that:

- God is the Creator and Sovereign over all, with His nature and will as the ultimate standard of truth, morality, and purpose.
- Humankind is made in God's image but is fallen due to sin, requiring redemption through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection offer salvation and serve as the foundation for life in line with God's purpose.
- *The Bible* is the ultimate, authoritative and infallible guide for faith and life.
- *History and human activity* are guided by God's plan, leading to the return of Christ and the establishment of His eternal kingdom.

This worldview shapes beliefs about ethics, relationships, work, and culture, focusing all aspects of life on glorifying God.

#### How can we live by faith?

- By living within the parameters of God's Word
- By living according to what the Word of God says
  Psalm 37 offers wisdom for God's people.

#### Ps. 37:3-5

<u>Trust in the Lord</u>, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

**Delight yourself also in the Lord**, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

<u>Commit your way to the Lord</u>, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

## FAITH will always compel you TO TRUST in the LORD.

Trust is COMPLETE confidence in God's character, His promises, and His plan for our life. Trusting God is not just an act of obedience but an act of surrender.

- Trust beyond human understanding
- Trust through challenges
- Trust in His faithfulness and His promises

# FAITH will always move you <u>TO DELIGHT</u> yourself in the LORD.

Delighting in the Lord means finding joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment in who God is.

It's a call to centre your heart on His goodness, His presence, and His purpose, trusting that as you do, He will align your desires with His divine will.

- Delight comes from knowing Him
- Delight in His Word
- Delight in worship and prayer

# FAITH will always lead you **TO COMMIT** your ways to the LORD.

To commit means to "roll over" your burdens, plans, and concerns to God. It's about entrusting every aspect of your life to Him. God promises to act on behalf of those who commit their ways to Him.

- Commitment begins with surrender
- Committing your ways aligns you with His purpose
- Trust in His timing

#### **Application:**

- Are you actively trusting God today? What steps of obedience can you take while waiting for Him to work in your life?
- Are you delighting in God, or are you distracted by temporary pleasures? Make time to worship, pray, and meditate on His Word daily.
- What area of your life do you need to commit fully to God today? Are you holding onto control or are you entrusting everything to Him.