

## Fantastic Faith

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Hebrews 10:35-39 – <sup>35</sup>So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! <sup>36</sup>Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. <sup>37</sup>“For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. <sup>38</sup>And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.” <sup>39</sup>But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved. (NLT)

### I. **Not having** fantastic faith results in:

Jeremiah 17:5-6 – <sup>5</sup>This is what the Lord says: “Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. (NLT)

### II. **Having** fantastic faith results in:

Jeremiah 17:7-8 – <sup>7</sup>“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. <sup>8</sup>They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

III. Fantastic faith is a process in which **God and I** have a part in the process.

A. God **invites**, I **respond**.

Ephesians 1:4 – For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love (NIV)

James 1:21 – Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. (NIV)

B. God **exists**, I **seek** Him.

Psalms 27:8 – My heart says this about you: “Seek his face.” Lord, I will seek your face. (CSB)

Jeremiah 23:24 – Can a person hide in secret places where I cannot see him?”—the Lord’s declaration. “Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?”—the Lord’s declaration. (CSB)

C. God **teaches**, I **learn**.

John 16:13 – When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. (CSB)

Hebrews 5:11-14 – <sup>11</sup>We have a great deal to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become too lazy to understand. <sup>12</sup>Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God’s revelation again. You need milk, not solid food. <sup>13</sup>Now everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. <sup>14</sup>But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil. (CSB)

D. God **strengthens**, I **endure**.

Colossians 1:9-14 – <sup>9</sup>So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. <sup>10</sup>Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. <sup>11</sup>We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, <sup>12</sup>always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup>who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.  
(NLT)

IV. The fantastic result of **finished faith**.

Philippians 1:11 – May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God. (NLT)

Philippians 1:6 – And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

## Thought for the Week:

God will always **finish** what he **starts**!

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