

## **If we Christians learn to put our trust in God our lives could be made beautiful**

Mark 9:23 (Jesus) **If you can believe all things are possible to the one who believes.**

Mat 17:20 (Jesus) **...If you have faith...nothing will be impossible to you.**

Mark 11:22 (Jesus) **...Have the faith of God** Ro 10:10 **For with the heart one believes;**

God is speaking to you and me, saying if I would just truly believe Him, completely trust Him in my heart, nothing would now be impossible to me. In answer to the excuse I just don't have that kind of faith, God says, let Me give you My overcoming faith, in your heart.

What a difference having God's faith makes in handling the issues life confronts us with

What challenging issues are you and I currently confronted with? Would our response to them radically change if we were completely certain that God was working them together for our good, that our victory was assured. If that's what God's faith in me does, and yes it does, would I then be willing to wait on God, to look to God and as I do to expect God to impart to me sufficient of His faith to cause me to overcome every one of these issues?

Rom 8:28 **We know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into His plans** (by trusting Him). TLB

Heb 12:2 **Looking to Jesus** (His living word) **the source and increaser of our faith...**

Heb 11:1 **Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.** (The God kind of faith is the absence of doubt in my heart – how?) NIV

Rom 10:17 **Faith comes by hearing** (with my heart)...**the words** (that God speaks to me)

Examples of Christians receiving from God enough of His faith to get victory over an issue

Rees Howells: When confronted with a significant financial need, well beyond his current resources, he immediately separated himself to seek God – to look to Jesus his source of faith. After two hours he emerged for a snack and said he did not yet have the faith of God that was certain the money would come. After the snack he closeted himself with God again but quickly appeared declaring he had received the faith. Even his previously unbelieving friend knew that someone would now have to release those funds to Rees.

Andrew Murray: Upon arriving at someone's house he was greeted with some seemingly devastating news. Knowing he didn't have the faith to immediately overcome the news he excused himself to get alone with God in order to receive more of God's faith. Sometime later Mr. Murray returned, at peace, walking in faith and unaffected by the adverse news.

Hudson Taylor: While residing at one missionary station in inland China, news came of some terrible things that were happening at the location of another missionary station. In response Mr. Taylor was heard repeatedly whistling the tune of an inspired song the words of which are: "Jesus, I am resting, resting in the Joy of Who You are, I am finding out the greatness of your loving heart". These God breathed words strengthened his faith.

John 6:29 (Jesus) **This is the work of God, that you believe...Him whom God sent.**

Ps 107:20 **He sent His word and...delivered them from their destructions.**

1 Jo 5:4 **For whatever (word) is born of God (in your heart) overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith (in that word).**

God's righteous children live by faith, beginning each day nourished by the words of faith

Hab 2:4 **Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked; but the righteous will live by their faith.** NLT

1 Tim 4:6 **Nourished in the words of faith... Mat 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.**

Jer 15:16 **Your words were found, and I ate them (I believed the words you spoke to me) And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart...**

Rom 15:13 **Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...**

George Mueller: A man who learned how to trust God, to house and feed 3000 orphans, to print and distribute gospel tracts worldwide, and to preach the gospel and win souls in many countries. He started every day alone with God and would not let his quiet time end until he had received God's joy for that day. This heart joy comes only from hearing God speak words to our hearts by His Spirit, and eating them, that is, believing them, because it is the divine joy of believing of actually trusting God. This faith based joy is our strength.

John 15:11 (Jesus) **These things I have spoken to you (words) so that My joy may be in you (in your heart), and that your joy may become full.** NASU

Ps 5:11 **Let all those that put their trust in You rejoice: let them ever shout for joy**

We can face any of life's challenges as we trust God; we are made by God to live this way

God says have My faith, the faith of Jesus Christ. We receive His faith as part of His divine nature that He imparts to our hearts as we hear and believe the words He speaks to us, each and every morning. This faith is God's nature, this faith is God, as we, if we remain righteous, live by this faith, we are living by God, for Whom nothing we ever encounter will be too hard. Whatever is born of God in us will always overcome the issue.

Gal 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**

Jer 32:27 **I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?**

The only alternative to living moment by moment in the faith of God is to live by sight, meaning by sense and reason in my human nature without God and trusting in myself. Now in my unsuccessful human attempts to handle the inevitable challenges of life, all the evil characteristics of my human nature, pride, worry, anger, envy, blame, deception, hostility, frustration, self pity and misery will horribly begin to re-surface. But It needn't be:

Rom 7:18 **I know that in me, that is, in my human nature, nothing good exists...**

Philem 5 (Instead) **Hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,**

6 **So that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing (from God) which is in you in Christ Jesus.**