



The Principles of Faith Sunday August 22, 2010

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Today: The Principles of Faith

#1 The Promise of God

Romans 10:17 Faith is based on the word of God – a word that God has spoken to you. It could also come from a specific prophetic word that God has spoken to you personally.

#2 Conviction of the will of God

Faith is absolutely certain of the will of God.
It is God's will to save, to heal, to deliver, to bless and prosper.
To know a person's will you need to know the person.
God's will is always aligned to His Person – His nature, who He is.
Your will is involved. Your will is aligned to His will. John 15:7

#3 Must have Focus

Hebrews 11:1 Mark 11:24
You have a target – a desired outcome.

#4 Must be exercised/released

We release faith in many different ways, including:

- Prayer Matthew 21:22
- Spoken Word Matthew 17:20
- Action James 2:17-23
- Praise & Thanksgiving John 6:11, John 11:41

#5 Believes before it sees

Faith is a conviction of unseen realities
(Believes that it has received John 11)

#6 Faith must have endurance

Hebrews 6:12

Principles and Presence

We must learn to operate the principles of God. However, the Presence of God is superior to the principles of God. God's presence (also refer to this as God's anointing, God's manifest glory, etc.) can over-ride principles. There are times when God's presence moves and unexpected things happen – even things we were not believing for! Operate the principles but don't be controlled by them. Always place superior value on the Presence of God. Hunger for His Presence. Yield to His presence.

Boundaries of faith

Faith cannot override another person's will. Faith cannot change God's overall plan for humanity