

A Lifestyle That Gives

Our Future

- Faith is not **blind** and it's not **deaf**.
 1. God asks us to step out on His **Word**; He asks us to step out on His **vision** on what He **shows** us and **speaks** to us.

Scripture says: "faith is the evidence of things not seen"

You don't see it in the **natural**, but you see it in the **spiritual**.

2. Faith is: you see or hear something in the spiritual and God asks you to believe it and then step out with **corresponding** action.
 - Faith to me: is God draws back the curtains of eternity and gives us a **glimpse** of the future and we begin to walk toward that **glimpse** or **vision**.

Hebrews 11:8-10

So today: let me give you 4 actions we need to do if we are going to walk by faith.

A. **Obedying**

Verse 8 says, "Abraham **obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place"

3. If you are going to walk by faith, you have to **obey** – not what you see in the natural, but the picture or place God showed you or spoke about **spiritually**.

We have a **window** of opportunity now to **grow** and **fulfill** our destiny.

4. When God spoke, Abraham **obeyed** and when he **obeyed**, God **moved**.

The second action:

B. **Dwelling**

Hebrews 11:9a

⁹By faith he dwelt in the land...

Dwelt in the land – means – there was a **commitment** to what God said.

Here are two questions I get answered when I counsel people regarding their marriage:

- How committed to **the Lord** are you?
- How committed to your **marriage** are you?

Answer: If you're not committed, it will **never work**.

Genesis 35:1a

Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and **dwelt** there...

- Make a **commitment**

Genesis 35:1b

... and **make an altar** there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

Let me show you what God said – **prayer**

5. A prayer altar is a **lifestyle** where we draw the **presence** of God and push back the spiritual darkness to see **transformation** come into lives and lands.
6. The foundation of prayer is the **Word** of God.

The third action is:

C. **Judging**

- Every one of us make **judgments** every day.
- We have to make **decisions** based on what God is saying every day.

Look at the judgments Abraham and Sarah made:

Hebrews 11:9-10

Hebrews 11:11

7. Because she judged **well**, she received the strength to receive the seed by judging God **faithful** to the promise.
 - Faith - is judging God **faithful**
 - Doubt – is judging God **unfaithful**
8. You make judgments **for** or **against** God every day of your life.
 - You either judge Him **faithful** to His Word or judge He is **unfaithful** to what He said (**promised**)

By this judgement, you set your **course**.

Here is the fourth action:

D. **Concluding**

Hebrews 11:17-18

Hebrews 11:19

It says **concluding**:

9. If you walk by faith, it will lead you to make **conclusions** of your future.

You need to understand:

- You already made conclusions about your **marriage**.

Either by faith (based on God's **promises**, Word, or by doubt (based on **natural** circumstances)

Question: How many things have you already concluded that you will fail, get sick, etc.?

Let me conclude with Deuteronomy 11:18-32

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