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Faith Released, Power Received

What is faith, where do you get it from, how much of it do you need, what can it do for you?

The Bible covers many verses on the subject of faith.

You've heard people say, just have faith, don't worry about it.

Let's first talk about what faith means. Hebrews 11:1 says that "Faith is being sure of what you hope for, and certain of what you cannot see."

When you hear that, don't you feel like saying, well I would like to have faith, where do I get some?

To answer your question, Romans 10:17 states "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God."

Faith is an intangible power and force from God that actually gets things done. For example, it can heal you, it can deliver you, it can remove obstacles from your path. Doesn't that sound great?

Here are a few examples from Scripture:

The woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34) believed that if she only touched the cloak of Jesus, then she would be healed. She did and received healing. Verse 30 says "At once, Jesus realized that power had gone out from him." Notice, Jesus didn't say "I healed you," He said "your faith has healed you." Her faith was her belief that God is able and willing to heal her, and if she got close to that anointing power, she would receive her healing, and it would heal her. And that's exactly what happened.

What about when Peter walked on water? In Matthew 14:26-29, Peter saw Jesus walking on water. In verse 28, Peter says, "Lord if it is you, tell me to come to you on

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the water." Jesus said "come." Peter started walking on water. He did a supernatural thing that only God could do, walking on water. How did that happen?

I believe Peter released his faith, and in return he received supernatural power to do something he could never do on his own.

P.S. Don't try this at home...remember Peter was talking to Jesus, asked for permission, and Jesus gave him permission.

My understanding of scripture on faith is that, when we have faith for something, first you have to know and make sure "that something" is what God desires for you (to know God's will, you must search His word). Secondly, you must believe that because you are His child and He loves you, "His power" not yours will make it come to pass.

So basically the statement "have faith" is to believe the promises of God completely and without a doubt. Believing that His promises are His will and that He has the power to bring them to pass.

To get to the place where you "have faith" without any doubt, the key is to continually renew your mind and meditate on God's word and promises for your life. Ephesians 1:19 says that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available for those who believe.

To summarize, when you have faith for something that is according to God's word/will, what you are doing is releasing your faith (believing for) and as a result God's power is released to make it happen.

Now ask yourself...what do I need to have faith for?