HOW DOES GOD STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH?

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Hebrews 11:6

Faith is a necessary component to be effective in the Kingdom of God. You **CANNOT** do anything in the Kingdom without faith. Why? Because faith is the **CURRENCY** of the Kingdom of God.

Without currency, you cannot **RECEIVE** what you need. Just like with any other currency in the global market, **FAITH** works the same way in the Kingdom of God. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

With God all things are possible. However, the scripture above articulates that it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please God **WITHOUT** faith. You need faith! It is not negotiable.

Depending on the times and circumstances that are occurring in your life, the amount of faith you are going to need varies.

This is why faith needs to be strengthened. It needs to evolve and mature. Baby faith cannot endure hard times. An example of baby faith is believing God for something you have the ability to do while **LACKING** the confidence to do it.

There will be times that negative circumstances will happen outside of your control such as the economy shutting down, a domestic attack in your neighborhood, a natural disaster that destroyed your home, your job filing bankruptcy and leaving you unemployed, etc.

These situations and alike is when you will appreciate having strong faith. The way God strengthens your faith is by having you go through tests and trials. These tests and trials are giving you something you can't buy.

ENDURANCE!!

STRONG FAITH COMES THROUGH ENDURANCE

James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." KJV

The battles of temptation, trials, challenges, obstacles, and tribulations come to build your faith. It is in these types of times where you will have to **ENDURE** painful moments.

Patience and endurance sound similar but it is entirely different. Patience is waiting for something **WITHOUT** the presence of opposition. Endurance is waiting for something in the **MIDST** of opposition. God builds your faith by putting you in positions and circumstances that requires you to **ENDURE** trying times.

In these times of endurance you **WILL** be attacked, criticized, ostracized, plotted against, lied on, talk about, doubted, hated, etc. **BUT** it is only in these times where faith is nurtured and increased.

FAITH IS APPRECIATED IN THE GOOD TIMES. HOWEVER, IT IS DEVELOPED IN HARD TIMES.

When you have to endure hard times, don't complain. Thank God that your faith is increasing! When your faith increases, your **CURRENCY** in the Kingdom of God is **GROWING**. Nothing that God allows in your life is irrelevant. It all has a purpose.

Roman's 8:28 says, "And we know that ALL things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." KJV

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