

## **FAITH TO RECEIVE**

### **Key scripture: James 1: 5-7**

Faith is a vital element of our lives. Everything about our spiritual life requires faith, from the initial step of acceptance of the wonderful gift of salvation to calling on heaven's power to work miracles.

We need faith every single day. Faith to believe and receive the written Word, faith to hear from the Lord personally in prophecy, faith to obey and follow the Word, faith to lean on the Lord to supply our needs, faith to trust the Lord through difficult times, faith to entrust our lives and plans and loved ones to the Lord's hands, faith to believe that our prayers will be answered, faith for healings and miracles and for facing a variety of challenging and even impossible situations—faith for so many things!

Faith is not a complex matter. There are complex situations, but faith itself is built on simple principles. Faith is trusting—knowing that God is, that God loves you and want to help you, believing that His promises are for you personally, knowing that He answers prayers, even though that knowledge may run contrary to every one of your natural senses.

Little children can be good examples of faith. They have faith in their parents. They know that if they are hungry, they will be fed; if they need help, they will receive it. So should we.

### **DISCUSSION POINTS**

- 1. What are the main ways of receiving & building our faith to receive?** *Matthew 21:22, Mark 9:23, Romans 10:17, Prov. 27:17*
- 2 How does believing start?** *Romans 8: 8-10 , Roman 10:17, Gal 3:5*
- 3. Analyze these situations and share how faith to receive was exhibited by Peter and the Centurion.** *Matthew 14:22-33 & Matthew 8:5-13*
- 4. Share an experience of yours where you had faith to receive your desired request, what you did and the outcome you had.**