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FAITH

I heard someone say one day that only weak people become Christians. Well, the truth of the matter is, it takes a lot of faith to believe in someone that died 2,000 years ago, and that he rose from the dead and is now in heaven. There is no way you could believe that story without faith. So is a Christian weak? No way. A weak person couldn't have faith in that story.

So, what is faith? I like what a preacher said once, that faith is "just believing God meant what he said." Sounds simple, and in reality it is just that. Every promise that is in the scriptures is ours if we have faith to believe for them. Healing, needs met, direction, prophecies and more.

So, how do you get faith? Is it just a gift? In Ephesians 2:8, it says: ***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."*** So faith is a gift, and so is grace. In Romans 10:17 it says: ***"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*** So there is the key. We get faith by hearing the Word of God. That is how it comes to us.

In these days that seem perilous, it is time to turn off the news and maybe even social media that is full of fear and doubt, and turn on the word of God. When you read the scriptures, try to read them out loud if possible, because then you not only see, you hear it. When you read the scriptures, and find the promises God makes to us as his children, it replaces fear with faith.

The opposite of faith is not doubt, it is fear. In II Timothy we are told that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. Reading and hearing the Word of God changes fear to faith.

Faith moves mountains. Faith heals the sick. Faith calms storms. Faith raises the dead. Without faith it is impossible to please God, (Hebrews (Hebrews 11:6). If you don't have faith it is because you have been listening to the wrong things. Turn off what you are listening to, and get your ears tuned into the Word, and build up your faith!