



Sunday, January 12, 2025 | "FAITH IS OBEDIENCE IN ACTION"

I. Opening Greeting and Introduction

- **Purpose:**
 - To encourage SisStars to rejoice, trust in God's unchanging nature, and strengthen their vertical relationship with Him through faith.
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II. The Foundation of Faith

- **Scripture Reference:**
 - **Hebrews 11:6 (KJV):**
"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."
 - **Key Point:**
 - Faith is essential for a relationship with God. It is a deliberate decision to trust His Word and promises regardless of our present circumstances.
 - **Core Concept:**
 - **Faith as Obedience in Action:**
 - Faith is not merely a feeling—it is an active, living response to God's truth. It requires obedience: to trust, to act, and to live in alignment with what God says.
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III. Exploring the Nature of Faith

- **Faith Defined:**
 - **Hebrews 11:1 (KJV):**
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
 - **Amplified Version Insight:**
 - Faith gives us the assurance, confirmation, and conviction of the unseen realities promised by God.
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- **Key Characteristics:**

- **Not Based on Feelings Alone:**

- Our senses are temporary and unreliable. True faith relies on God’s Word—objective truth becoming personal reality.

- **Evidence of Trust:**

- Our actions must reflect our belief in God’s promises, showing that we are living out our faith every day.
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IV. Illustrations of Faith in Action

1. **Exodus 14 – The Pillars of Cloud and Fire:**

- **Context:**

- The Israelites, facing captivity and looming danger, saw a visible sign of God’s guidance—a cloud by day and fire by night.

- **Lesson:**

- Even when the visible signs (cloud and fire) are withdrawn, believers are to trust that God is still present and actively guiding them.

2. **The Healing of the Woman with the Issue of Blood:**

- **Scenario:**

- Despite being considered unclean by societal and ceremonial standards, this woman pressed through the crowd to touch Jesus’ garment, believing she would be healed.

- **Outcome:**

- Her faith moved beyond cultural limitations, resulting in healing—demonstrating that genuine faith acts irrespective of obstacles or human traditions.



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3. The Centurion’s Daughter:

- **Context:**
 - A centurion approached Jesus with concern for his dying daughter, choosing to trust Jesus’ word over the evidence of her apparent death.
- **Principle:**
 - Faith requires us to believe in God’s power and promises even when all visible indications suggest otherwise.

4. Noah’s Ark (Genesis 6-9):

- **Example:**
 - Noah obeyed God’s precise instructions to build the ark despite the seeming irrationality of God’s warning about an imminent flood.
- **Takeaway:**
 - Obedience in action, born of unwavering faith, saved Noah and his family—emphasizing that faith involves trusting God’s word fully, even when it defies common sense.

5. Post-Faith, Pre-Faith, and Now-Faith:

- **Concepts:**
 - **Post-Faith:** Believing because you have witnessed God’s faithfulness in the past.
 - **Pre-Faith:** Trusting in God’s promise before the fulfillment of that promise.
 - **Now-Faith:** Living in the truth of God’s Word at this very moment, regardless of current feelings or situations.

V. Application for Daily Living

- **Living by Faith:**
 - **Obedience:**
 - True faith compels action. When we trust in God’s Word, our daily actions—big or small—should reflect that trust.



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- **Trust in God’s Unchanging Nature:**
 - “He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
 - Circumstances may change, but God’s character remains steadfast.
 - **Overriding Feelings with Truth:**
 - Even when emotions tell us otherwise, we lean on the scriptures such as Proverbs 3:5-6 to keep our path directed by God’s guidance.
 - **Response to Life’s Challenges:**
 - As James 1:2 instructs, consider it joy when facing trials, knowing that these tests of faith produce perseverance and strengthen our relationship with God.
 - **Call to Action:**
 - Embrace a “now” faith that does not depend on temporary circumstances or fluctuating emotions.
 - Commit to making God’s objective truth a personal reality by continually hearing, believing, and obeying His Word.
 - Reflect on past instances of God’s faithfulness (post-faith) to fuel the trust you need for the promises of tomorrow (pre-faith).
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VI. Concluding Encouragement

- **Final Thought:**
 - Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Let us choose to live each day with the assurance that God is directing our path, even when we cannot see the full picture.
- **Challenge to the Congregation:**
 - “Do you believe God this morning? If you do, then live by what you believe.”
 - Trusting in the promises and power of our Lord is not merely a one-time decision but a daily commitment to obey and act in faith.