

FAITH'S BATTLE WITH REASON

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~Mark 9:23 (NKJ) "Jesus Said To Him, "If You Can Believe, All Things Are Possible To Him Who Believes."

~Caleb Saw Through Eyes Of Faith In His All Powerful God, The Others Saw Through Eyes Of Human Reason.

How Do You View Your Own Situation? Through The Eyes Of Faith Or Through The Eyes Of Reason?

~Isaiah 1:18 Says, "Come Now Let Us Reason Together." ~Reasoning Is Important, But Reasoning Can Sometimes Be A Faith Killer. ~Hosea 4:6, "My People Are Destroyed For Lack Of Knowledge." ~Since Reasoning Can Overwhelm Logic... You Should Mix Some Factual Reasoning With Your Faith. ~But Faith Must Always Be Stronger Than Reason.

~Hebrews 11:1, (KJV) "Now Faith Is The Substance Of The Things Hoped For, The Evidence Of Things Not Seen." (NKJ) (AMP) (LB) (NIV) ~If I Could Only Use Two Words To Define Faith They Would Be: Certain And Sure. ~We Must Learn To Operate In A Level That Reaches Far Beyond Reason. ~The Definition Begins With "Now". ~Faith Can Be The Title Deed To Everything We Believe For. ~But Often While Faith Awaits Better Conditions, It Lapses Back Into Reason... ~Then Your Reasoning Dives Into The World Of Doubt And Fear. ~If Used Correctly, Faith Will Be The Title Deed To Everything We Believe For.

~12 Men Were Sent Out To Spend 40 Days Spying Out The Land. ~Then They Come Back To Give Their Report.

~Words Play A Heavy Role In Releasing Either Our Faith Or Our Reasoning. ~Consider Caleb's Words Of Faith...

~Read Numbers 13:25-33 (NLT or NKJ) ~The Committee Was Divided 10 To 2. ~The Majority Begins The Rest Of Its Report With The Word, "Yea-But". The Words... "Yea-But," Is Usually Heard In Conversations When You Are Discussing Faith To Believe For The Impossible? ~But Caleb Made A Determination And A Statement Of Faith.

~He Does Not Try To Determine "How" God Will Win The Battle For Him... He Just Keeps On "Faithing". (Def: Using Faith Consistently Without Fail) ~True Faith Doesn't Back Up... It Keeps Going Forward... ~Does Not Give Up... It Keeps On Believing!

~**1. Who Has Faith?** ~Romans 12:3 (NKJ) "According As God Hath Dealt To Each One A Measure Of Faith."

~But Not Everyone Has "True Faith". ~True Faith Puts It All On The Line! ~It Is Not How Much Faith You Have, It's How You Use The Faith You Have. ~Luke 17:5 (NKJ) "And The Apostles Said To The Lord, "Increase Our Faith."

~**2. How Do We Get Faith?** Romans 10:17, "So Then, Faith Comes From Hearing, And Hearing The Word Of God".

~We Need To Know That The Word Of God Does The Work Of God.

~Faith Proves To The Mind, The Reality Of What Is Unseen By The Eyes.

~**3. Your Faith Will Be Tested...** And Faith's Testing Can Push You To Your Limits.

~**4. Faith Often Requires A Separation From What We Know...** ~Faith Must Burn All The Bridges And Safety Nets To Accomplish A Complete Trust In The Divine. ~True Faith Puts Everything At The Risk.

~**5. Faith Overcomes The Undeserving...** **Samson... **David... **Rahab... **True Faith Must Operate Beyond Reason... ~It Operates In The Realm Of The Promises Of God. ~Your Faith Will Be Tested... So Learn To Expect The Test! ~Learn To Thrive In Times Of Testing.

~Faith Is Always About Our Choices. ~It Is Always About What We Choose To Believe. ~It Is Time To Decide To Believe Completely. ~Sometimes We Must Put Reason On The Back Burner And Just Believe What The Word Says.

~Even If What You're Believing For Has Never Ever Happened Before... You Must Keep On "Faithing" Until You See The Results.

~Let's Look At Some Different Kinds Of Faith...

~1. Crisis Faith

The Crises Of Life Usually Lead To The Greatest Lessons Of Our Faith. Real Proof Of What Faith Is And What It Does.

~2. Confident Faith

~"Convinced", Being Fully Persuaded... "CONVICTED", A Definite Knowing That God Is Able With No Doubting...

~"Committed", I Will Follow Faith No Matter What The Circumstances Might Say. 2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJ) "...For I Know Whom I Have Believed And Am Persuaded That He Is Able To Keep What I Have Committed To Him Until That Day."

~3. Confirmed Faith

~Knowing What You Are Believing For Is Done Because God's Word Says It Is Done!

~God Said It, I Believe It And that Settles It

~4. Contagious Faith

~Testimony Of The Power Of God. If God Did It For Me, He Will Do It For You!

~Do You Know That God Will Keep His Promises To You? ~How About Your Faith In Your Giving?

~One Of The Best Ways To Find Out Is To Use Your Faith And Start Tithing And Sowing.

~He Asks Us To Test Him (Malachi 3:10)... To Prove Him! There Is No Better Time To Do It Than Right Now!

~Don't Let The Power Of Earthly Reason Stop Your Faith From Bringing Your Miracle.

~Are You Putting God's Word To The Test By Your Faith? ~Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJ)

~Your Committed, Determined Faith Will Change Things In Your Life!