

FAITH MADE SIMPLE

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Introduction

Too often, we complicate what God has made simple. In our attempts to help people understand or believe, we sometimes use too many unnecessary words that intellectualize the message, and cater to people's emotions. But the key to understanding the bible is simplicity—getting straight to the point with basic words that everyone understands with practical applications that people can truly comprehend.

This book is designed to do exactly that: **minimize the words and get straight to the point.** Through simple illustrations and clear teachings, you will be able to grasp the truth, apply it in your everyday life, and see real results.

Part 1 – Foundations of Faith

Opening Statement

In this first part of *Faith Made Simple*, you will discover the foundation of what faith truly is, how it is received, and how it is sustained. Many have struggled with faith because of misunderstanding, overcomplication, or lack of clarity.

In **Section 1: What is Faith?**, you will learn the true definition of faith, not just as a word, but as a living trust in Jesus Christ and His finished work.

In **Section 2: How Do You Get Faith?**, you will see that faith comes only by hearing the gospel—the good news about Jesus—and how this message produces real faith in the heart.

In **Section 3: How Do You Stay in Faith?**, you will discover how to keep your faith strong and alive through the Word of Christ, prayer in the Spirit, and continual focus on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Section 1: What is Faith?

To understand what faith is, we must first establish a working definition of the word ***faith***. **Too often, we try to define faith with a scripture before we have established what the word itself means.**

According to the Oxford Dictionary, ***faith is: complete trust or confidence in someone or something.***

It is this simple overlooking of the meaning of the word that has caused many to struggle in living by faith. With this understanding of the word, we can now apply it in its appropriate context moving forward.

Faith is simply **having *complete trust or confidence in* what the Word of God says about Jesus—what He has done for us, and who we are as a result.** It is trusting that God will make His Word a reality in our lives, independent of whether we feel it in the moment or understand how it will happen—**because we believe it.**

The Bible says, “*The just shall live by his faith*” (Habakkuk 2:4, NKJV). This means to be right in the eyes of God, we must believe and receive by their faith what Jesus did for

us—who He is, what He has done for us, and who we have become because of His finished work. This and this alone is what pleases God.

In fact, it is our faith in Him that makes us righteous. To be righteous means to be in right standing with God. This right standing is not earned by works or feelings, but simply because we believe in what Jesus has done for us.

*The easy to read bible makes this clear in Romans 3:22, ²²
God makes people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. He does this for all who believe in Christ.*

Romans 1:17 (NKJV) also affirms: *“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

And Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) reminds us: *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**”*

Key Truth: Living by faith means resting in Jesus’ identity, His sacrifice, and our new life in Him, while trusting God to bring into reality the benefits of what Jesus has done for us in our lives.

Closing Statement

Faith is not complicated—it is simply trusting in Jesus, believing His Word, and resting in the reality of His finished work. The just are called to live by faith, not by feelings or human reasoning, but by confidence in who Christ is and what He has accomplished for us. When we embrace this truth, we walk in righteousness, stand in right relationship with God, and experience the benefits of His promises made real in our lives.

Section 2: How Do You Get Faith?

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God concerning Jesus. As Romans 10:17 (NKJV) declares: “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

It is important to point out that Jesus is the understood subject of what Paul is saying. Yet this is not always emphasized, and many assume that simply hearing the Bible preached produces faith. This misunderstanding leaves room for confusion.

We must never assume that people automatically grasp the implied subject. Faith is not produced by hearing any scripture in isolation—it is produced by hearing the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. As Romans 10:14 (NKJV) reminds us: “How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

Therefore, we must preach faith in the new covenant promises of Jesus, so that people do not confuse it with the old covenant. The gospel centers on Christ—His identity, His sacrifice, and His victory. It is this message that produces true faith in the heart.

This truth is so important that it is worth repeating: **if you are not hearing about Jesus, you will not have the faith that pleases God.**

The Bible says, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16, NKJV). Faith that pleases God is faith in Jesus—faith in who He is, His power, His authority, and His true salvation for humanity.

Salvation in the New Testament is the Greek word *Sozo*, which means the total package: health, healing, deliverance, and prosperity. That is the gospel. As 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) declares: *“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”*

So when you listen to teaching or preaching, ask yourself:

- Are they truly emphasizing Jesus?
- Are they pointing to His finished work and the benefits of salvation?
- Or are they simply preaching about God in general, without revealing Christ?

Closing Statement

Faith is not produced by hearing words in general, nor by vague preaching about God. True faith comes only by hearing the gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ, His identity, His sacrifice, and His victory. When we hear about Jesus, faith rises in our hearts, filling us with trust and expectation that we will receive all that He has accomplished for us.

This is the faith that pleases God: faith in His Son. It is through hearing and believing the message of Christ that we enter into righteousness, salvation, and the fullness of God's promises, which are all *Yes and Amen in Him* (2 Corinthians 1:20, NKJV).

So let us be clear and intentional—preach Jesus, emphasize Jesus, and keep Him at the center. For only the gospel of Christ produces the faith that transforms lives and opens the door to God's blessings.

Key Truth: Just hearing about God in a vague sense will not produce the faith God requires. Faith comes by hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ, and it is this faith that opens the door for God's promises to manifest in your life. It also fills our hearts with trust and expectation, believing that we will receive from

God all that Jesus has done for us—because He loves us

Section 3: How Do You Stay in Faith?

You stay in faith by continually hearing about Jesus. Faith is like a battery—it must be recharged. Just as a battery loses power if it is not connected to a source, our faith weakens if we are not consistently feeding it with the Word of Christ.

The Bible says, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom”* (Colossians 3:16, NKJV). This means we must allow the message of Jesus—His identity, His sacrifice, and His promises—to live inside us daily. Faith is sustained when we keep His Word before our eyes, in our ears, and in our hearts.

Another way we stay strong in faith is through prayer. *“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit”* (Jude 1:20, NKJV).

Praying in the Spirit strengthens us, recharges our faith, and keeps us aligned with God’s will.

We also remain in faith by continually hearing the gospel. Romans 10:17 reminds us: *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* Notice that this is not a one-time event. Faith grows and is sustained through ongoing hearing of the good news about Jesus.

Finally, staying in faith means keeping our focus on Christ. Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) declares: *“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”* Faith begins with Him, and it is sustained by keeping our eyes on Him.

Key Truth: Staying in faith requires constant connection to Jesus through His Word, prayer in the Spirit, and continual hearing of the gospel. This keeps our hearts full of trust, expectation, and confidence that God will perform His promises in our lives.

Closing Statement

Faith must be continually nourished. Just as a battery must stay connected to its source to remain charged, our faith must stay connected to Jesus through His Word, prayer in the Spirit, and the ongoing hearing of the gospel. When we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, we remain strong, expectant, and confident that God will fulfill His promises in our lives.

True faith is sustained by Jesus Himself—His presence, His Word, and His Spirit working within us.

Part 2 – The Operation of Faith

Opening Statement

In this second part of *Faith Made Simple*, you will discover how faith operates in the life of a believer. Faith is not complicated—it is simple trust in God’s love and His Word. Here you will learn how faith works, how it differs from fear, and what faith is not. You will also see that trust is the very fabric that makes faith whole and unshakable. These truths will help you walk in confidence, overcome fear, and rest in God’s promises with assurance.

In **Section 1: How Faith Works**, you will learn that faith works by your knowledge of God’s love for you. As you come to know and believe His love, faith becomes natural, powerful, and unstoppable.

In **Section 2: The Difference Between Faith and Fear**, you will see that both faith and fear are acts of belief. Faith believes God’s goodness, while fear believes the enemy’s lies. You will discover how trust in God’s love casts out fear and empowers faith to thrive.

In **Section 3: What Faith Is Not**, you will learn that faith is not human effort, willpower, or boasting. True faith is

humble trust in God's grace, relying on Him to do what we cannot do ourselves.

Section 1: How Faith Works

Faith works by your knowledge of God's love for you.

One day I asked the Lord, *"How does faith work?"* And He revealed to me that faith works by my knowledge of His love for me. He began to point out particular scriptures to help me gain understanding.

It started with **Galatians 5:6**, where it says:

"Faith worketh by love."

As I read that scripture, the Holy Spirit interjected: *"Faith works by your knowledge of God's love for you."*

Then He led me to **1 John 4:9**:

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

Notice what it says: *the love of God was manifested*. He began to show me that Jesus is the manifested love of God.

Verse 10 continues:

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

Did you see that? He loved us and sent His Son.

Then He showed me the scripture that really grabbed my heart’s attention — **1 John 4:16**:

“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love.”

That was absolutely powerful. He emphasized to me: *“We have known and believed the love God has for us.”*

We must both **know** and **believe** — the key is not only to know it but to believe it. What is it? That God loves **YOU!**

Now back to Galatians 5:6:

“For faith worketh by love.”

As we come to know that God loves us, we abide in that love. And now we can have faith in Him to bless us. Why? It’s very simple: because that’s what love does.

God is love, and because He loves us, He performs His Word for us. Yes, He will do it. Because He loves you, He will heal you. What parent wants to see their child suffering? And God reckons Himself as a Father.

This is a very simple truth: when we grab hold of it in our hearts, it gives us the expectation of faith we need to be blessed by God.

Key Truth

Faith is powered by love — and love is revealed in Jesus. To know and believe God's love for you is to unlock the strength of faith. Faith is not a force you muster up; it is the confident trust that flows when you are persuaded of God's love. The more you see Jesus as the manifested love of God, the more your faith is strengthened. Faith is not fragile when it is rooted in love, because love is eternal, unchanging, and unfailing.

Closing Statement

When you are convinced of God's love, faith ceases to be a struggle. It becomes a natural response to His goodness. Faith works because love works — and love never fails. This is why the enemy fights so hard to keep believers uncertain about God's love. If he can cloud your heart with doubt, he can weaken your faith. But when you know and believe the love God has for you, your faith becomes unstoppable. You rest in His promises, you expect His blessings, and you walk in His peace. Faith is not about striving; it is about abiding in love. And because

love never fails, your faith will not fail when it is anchored in the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Section 2: The Difference Between Faith and Fear

To my surprise, the Lord helped me realize that both faith and fear are acts of what we believe.

- **Fear** is believing something bad is going to happen.
- **Faith** is believing something good is going on.

Faith works by your knowledge of God's love for you. Fear works by your lack of knowledge of God's love for you.

The Word says:

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.” (1 John 4:18, NKJV)

The acronym for **FEAR** is *False Evidence Appearing Real*. Fear is born when we stop believing that God loves us in the midst of a problem. It is the enemy's counterfeit of faith, designed to rob us of confidence in God's promises.

To overcome fear, it requires an act of our will. The Word of God says:

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.” (Psalm 56:3, NKJV)

This is the only way to overcome: we must choose to trust. Trust is not passive; it is a deliberate decision to lean on God's Word above our feelings and circumstances. We

must take the promises of God's Word and trust them over what we are seeing and sensing in the natural.

This is what it means to walk by faith and not by sight. Faith is not denial of reality—it is confidence in a greater reality: God's love and His Word. Walking by faith means trusting God's love for us over the problem, knowing that nothing will separate us from His love, according to His Word:

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come... shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38–39, NKJV)

Fear says, *“What if?”* Faith says, *“God will.”* Fear imagines defeat; faith expects victory. Fear magnifies the problem; faith magnifies the promise. Fear paralyzes; faith propels.

When we choose faith over fear, we are not ignoring the storm—we are trusting the One who calms the storm. We are not denying the mountain—we are believing the One who moves the mountain. Faith is not blind optimism; it is anchored in the unshakable truth that God loves us and will perform His Word.

Key Truth

Faith and fear are both rooted in belief. Faith believes the goodness of God; fear believes the lies of the enemy. The difference is whether we know and trust God's love in the midst of life's challenges.

Closing Statement

Fear loses its grip when love is believed. Faith thrives when love is embraced. To walk by faith is to trust God's Word and His love above every circumstance. When you choose trust over fear, you step into the reality that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Fear cannot stand in the presence of perfect love. It whispers lies, magnifies problems, and paints pictures of defeat, but love silences its voice. Love reminds us that God is for us, not against us. Love assures us that His promises are true, even when circumstances shout otherwise. Love anchors us in the truth that we are His children, and He will never abandon us.

Faith is not the absence of challenges; it is the confidence that God's love is greater than every challenge. When you embrace His love, faith rises naturally. It is no longer a struggle to believe, because love convinces your heart that God will do what He has said. Love transforms faith from effort into rest, from striving into trusting.

To walk by faith is to walk in the assurance that God's love surrounds you, sustains you, and secures you. It is to look beyond what you see and feel, and to rest in what He has spoken. It is to declare, *"I will trust Him, even here, even now."*

When you choose trust over fear, you step into the unshakable reality that nothing—no trial, no failure, no enemy—can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Love is the atmosphere of faith, and in that atmosphere, fear loses all power.

Section 3: What Faith Is Not

Faith is not believing things into existence. Faith is trusting God to perform His Word for you — not you performing His Word for Him. Faith is not about human willpower, mental strength, or intellectual ability. It is about believing from the heart in the power of God's Word.

Faith is not something we brag about or boast in. I have seen people say, *"My faith did it,"* while at the same time boasting in their own accomplishments. That is not faith at all. True faith is humble. Faith is not a product of human effort; it is a product of God's grace. Faith is God doing for us what we could never do for ourselves.

We humbly say, *"I trusted Him."* My faith is simple trust. And yes, I had to fight the good fight of faith to resist doubt and fear — but even in that, He helped me. The Word declares:

"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." (Psalm 56:3, NKJV)

Faith is not self-glory; it is God's glory revealed in our dependence on Him.

The Word also declares:

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and

that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6, NKJV)

To please God is not to impress Him with our effort. It is to allow Him to bless us with what Jesus has already done for us. Faith opens the door to receive; unbelief closes the door and hinders God from blessing us with the provisions of Jesus.

Trust is the very fabric of faith. You overcome fear with trust. Faith says: *“Lord, I trust it is so.”* Faith rests in His love, His promises, and His finished work.

Trust — The Fabric of Faith

Faith is not about boasting in our strength; it is about resting in His. It is not about forcing outcomes; it is about trusting God’s Word and His love. When we stop striving and start trusting, faith becomes simple, pure, and powerful. True faith says, *“Lord, I trust it is so,”* and in that trust, God is pleased to release His blessings.

Trust is the fabric of faith. Without trust, faith unravels. Trust is the essence that completes faith, the thread that holds it together. You overcome fear with trust, because trust anchors your heart in God’s love even when circumstances scream otherwise.

The psalmist declared:

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.” (Psalm 56:3, NKJV)

This verse reveals the secret: trust is not a feeling, it is a choice. It is the act of placing confidence in God’s Word above what you see, hear, or feel. Trust is the decision to lean on His promises when fear tries to grip your heart.

Trust is the quiet strength of faith. It does not shout, it does not boast, it simply rests. Trust says, *“God is faithful, and He will do it.”* Trust is not passive resignation; it is active reliance on the character of God. It is the assurance that His love will never fail, His Word will never return void, and His presence will never leave you.

When trust becomes the fabric of your faith, fear loses its power. Doubt is silenced. Anxiety is replaced with peace. Trust transforms faith from a struggle into a steady walk with God. It is this fabric of trust that makes faith enduring, resilient, and victorious.

Key Truth

Faith is not human effort or self-power. It is humble trust in God’s grace, relying on Him to do what we cannot do ourselves.

Closing Statement

Faith is not fragile when it is clothed in trust. Trust is the fabric that makes faith whole, the thread that binds belief to action and anchors the heart in God's love. Without trust, faith is incomplete; but when trust is present, faith becomes unshakable.

When you choose to trust God above your fears, your doubts, and your circumstances, you step into the fullness of faith. Trust lifts faith out of theory and places it into practice. It is the bridge between hearing God's Word and experiencing His promises. Trust says, *"I will lean on Him even when I cannot see the outcome."*

In that place of trust, God is pleased to release His blessings. Trust is not passive resignation; it is active reliance on His character. It is the highest expression of faith because it declares, *"I believe You love me, and I believe You will do what You have said."*

Trust transforms faith from fragile hope into confident expectation. It silences fear, steadies the heart, and positions us to receive. When faith is clothed in trust, it is no longer shaken by circumstances, because it rests in the

eternal truth of God's love. And in that rest, faith becomes strong, enduring, and victorious.