

# Faith Manifested



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Faith is a firm belief in something for which there is no proof, complete confidence. It is the realization of things hoped for and confidence of things not seen.

## 1. *Courageous Faith Manifestation*

Courageous faith is being confident that God can never be wrong, never make a mistake and never be defeated. Hebrews 11:30-40

Heroes that demonstrated great courage through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, shut the mouth of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, escaped the end of the sword, whose weakness turned to strength and gained what was promised.

- Gideon was greatly outnumbered; yet he conquered the enemy: *Judges 6-8*
- Barak trusted in God's plan and he vanquished the enemy: *Judges 4: 1-24*
- Samson accepted God's call and delivered the Israelites from the Philistines: *Judges 16:22-31*
- David was able to defeat Goliath because he trusted in the one true God of Israel: *1 Samuel 17:4-49*
- Samuel fought the unfaithfulness of God's children and called a nation to repentance: *1 Samuel 7:3-6*
- Daniel shut the mouths of lions, trusted God and triumphed: *Daniel 6:16-22*

None of these people could have experienced victory with a weak, ineffective faith. Each of them was courageous in their faith because they knew the enormity of God's power and trusted that He would follow through on His promise.

*Only courageous faith will keep us going when we are puzzled by our circumstances.* God may not call us to dangerous battles or life threatening situations, but we will eventually face calls to step out of our comfort zone. If we are acting on courageous faith we will experience ridicule and scorn.

Many times we say, "I have faith that I am healed" and "I am waiting for the physical manifestation of it". Faith doesn't wait to see manifestation, ***Faith is the manifestation.***

*This morning I could hardly get out of bed because I was in so much pain and immediately started to feel sorry for myself. I began to cry because the pain was so severe. I made my way out of bed, made it to the bathroom and made my way downstairs where I go outside every morning when I get up to just give God praise and thanks for allowing me to see another day. I went in the living room and sat down and immediately the Lord reminded me that every time I was asked to teach the word, I was immediately attacked. And a righteous indignation rose up in me and I began to say what the Word of God says about the promises God had given me. I was reminded that He had given me authority over the powers of darkness and over the enemy. I began to rebuke this pain and speak healing over me, that pain was not my portion and that I decree and declare that I walk in*

divine health; that I was given the authority to speak life into my body. The more I spoke the Word the stronger I became and the pain began to dissipate. I was able to move forward and do what I needed to do. Did the pain leave? Yes because **faith was manifested**. My faith that God was a healer overpowered the powers of darkness and the pain left. To God be the Glory.

James 1:6-8

But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. (nlt)

A person with divided loyalty is not completely convinced that God's way is best. Picture a constant rolling or huge wave in the sea, they are extremely restless subject to the forces of the wind, gravity and tide. A divided loyalty leaves us as unsettled as the restless waves. We can stop rolling like the waves when we rely on God and ask him for wisdom, then trust that He will give it to us. Let us remember the children of Israel could not enter God's promise to them because of unbelief. They refused to be persuaded by the Word of God, they were people who were ruled primarily by their senses and needed physical manifestation as some of us do today. They wanted to see or feel God's presence before they could believe.

*Hebrews 3:17-19* - And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed him? So we see that because of unbelief they were not able to enter his rest. (nlt)

## **2. Great Faith Manifested**

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Luke 23:42 (nlt)  
This dying thief had more faith than the rest of Jesus' followers. How could the thief on the cross go against the rest of the crowd that was crying "crucify him". He looked at the man who was dying next to him and said, Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. By all appearance the Kingdom was finished. How awe inspiring is the faith of this man who alone saw beyond the present shame to the coming glory! Let us take a minute to really ponder this. Here is this thief on the cross, watching and hearing the cry out "crucify him", mocking him, and laughing at this man call Jesus hanging on the cross. Yet he was able to look past the mocking crowd of unbelievers and believers alike because His disciples were there as well and looked to Jesus and said "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". What great faith was manifested even on the cross!

## **3. True Faith Manifested**

Job 1:1-5

How is true faith manifested? True faith is manifested through Godly lives. It must go beyond what we believe; it must become a dynamic part of all we do, resulting in good fruit and spiritual maturity.

*The Bible teaches that faith will manifest itself in three ways. It will manifest itself in doctrine-in what you believe. It will manifest itself in [worship](#)-your communion with God and the fellowship of the church. It will manifest itself in morality-in the way you live and behave. . . . The Bible also teaches that faith does not end with trust in Christ for your salvation. [Faith](#) continues. Faith grows. It may be weak at first, but it will become stronger as you begin to read the Bible, pray, go to church, and experience God's faithfulness in your Christian life. You will learn more and more how to rely on Christ for every need, in meeting every circumstance, and every trial. (Billy Graham – The Manifestation of Faith)*

***And always remember that if you tell God you have faith in Him, your faith will be tested!***