

FAITH VICTORY

Hebrews 11:3-4 (KJV)

³ *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

1 John 5:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Matthew 13:55-58 (KJV)

⁵⁵ *Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? ⁵⁷ And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.** ⁵⁸ And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF FAITH MENTION IN THE BIBLE IS ABEL

⁴ *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*

WHAT IT IS THAT MAKE GOD ACCEPT ONE PERSON AND REJECT ANOTHER PERSON

Genesis 4:3-5 (KJV) – An Offering and Firstlings

³ *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground **an** offering unto the LORD.*

⁴ *And Abel, he also brought of the **firstlings** of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

⁵ *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

- Religious people may not be accepted by God

DON'T GIVE AN OFFERING TO GOD BUT GIVE YOUR BEST TO GOD

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART OF ABEL

1 Samuel 16:6-7 (KJV)

⁶ *And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.*

⁷ *But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.***

IS GOD PARTIAL?

God makes a difference between those who put him first and those who don't.

2 Chronicles 19:7 (KJV)

⁷ *Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: **for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.***

It's our daily lives that God looks at and sees who put him first and who don't.

How we live at home – how we behave with our wives – how we behave with our husbands – how we train our children – how we relate

Matthew 14:22-33 (KJV)

²² And straightway **Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship**, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

²³ And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. ²⁴ But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.**

²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. ²⁹ And he said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?** ³² And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. ³³ Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

WHEN YOU OBEY GOD, YOU WILL FACE PROBLEMS BUT GOD WILL GIVE YOU GRACE TO OVERCOME THEM ALL.

Psalm 34:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psalm 34:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

In the storm of life you will overcome

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, **who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

To go from one degree of glory to another, God leads us from one degree of trial to another degree of trial to make you stronger. So when you face a strong trial, it means that God has strong confidence in you that you will overcome. If you face trials or difficulties, that does not mean that you have disobeyed God but you might probably be in the perfect will of God.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (KJV)

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.** ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.