

Don't Cast Away Your Confidence

As I was in prayer this week I kept feeling that there were many who were going through struggles and problems and they were at the point of giving up.

The phrase that I kept hearing was this “*don't cast away your confidence*”. You are going to make it through, just don't give up. So how do we keep our confidence? What are the steps that insure success? lets look at what the word has to say.

1. Hang on

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)

35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

The word says that the reward for perseverance is receiving what the word promises.

Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) **KJV**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

23 So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the **[a]** hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.

2. Put Your But In the Right Place

Many people, when you tell them what the word says seem to agree

but then they follow it up with a '*but...*'. That *but* completely cancels out everything that was said just before it. They are saying part of me really doesn't believe that the word will work for me.

Every time I read a verse that says "*but God*" it is usually followed by good news.

We were dead in sin, *BUT GOD made us alive!*

We were captive to Satan, *BUT GOD made us free!*

We were children of wrath, *BUT GOD* has given us **the riches of his grace in kindness toward us!**

Psalms 73:26

26 My flesh and my heart fail;

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Acts 7:9-10

9 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. **But God was with him 10** and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. *But God* has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

I planted, Apollos watered, **but God** gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

1 Corinthians 10:13

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].

3. Don't Try to Reason it Out

Hold on to your Confession even if you can't figure out how it is going to happen .

Joshua 10:11-13

As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky, and more of them died from the hailstones than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

12On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel:

“O sun, stand still over Gibeon,
O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”

13So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on *b* its enemies,
as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.

If Joshua had tried to figure out in his mind how God was going to stop the entire universe for his prayer he may of thought twice about his request. He may of said, “do you really think that will go through all this trouble just for me”?

The God kind of faith is of the heart. Faith says this is possible and I am not going to try to figure this one out. All I know is God has it all worked out and it is done.

4. Confidence is a result of the Word

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his **will**, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

If you want more Faith to make it through this situation, increase the hearing of God's word.

New King James Version (NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by **hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.

What report are you going to believe?

Hebrews 11:1-3

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders **obtained a good testimony**. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

Job 22:28

28 You will also declare a thing,
And it will be established for you;
So light will shine on your ways.

Isaiah 55:11 (KJV)

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Jeremiah 1:12

1 I am watching over My word to perform it.

Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Jesus made this powerful statement, "You Can have what you say". He didn't put limits on what you can have. He even took it as far to say, "there is a mountain in your way, you can speak to it and it will obey you"! The problem is that most people are saying the wrong thing. They say "Wow! look at the mountain, it's huge! It looks like that will always be in my life".

Some are not saying the word enough!

The word should be applied often. The more the better!

Some people say nothing.

If you keep your mouth shut you loose by default.

Romans 10:8 & But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" [e] (that is, the word of faith which we preach His word has to be in your heart and in your mouth to work.

He emphasised the word **say** three times more than the word **believe**.

Most people miss it in the saying when it comes to faith.

What did the Apostle Paul say? *"Hold fast to your confession of faith"*

The saying will take care of the believing.

Every time the devil tries to tell you why it wont work, tell him *"But God said..."*

The more you say His word your faith and confidence will grow.

Jesus said you will have what you say!