

Faith in Action!

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Foundation scripture

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

1. Salvation Faith

This is the very first faith action we take as a Christian or more accurately in becoming a Christian

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**”

Romans 1:16 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, **for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**”

To be saved we need to believe, but we need to do more than – we need to speak it out!

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV) If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with **your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**”

God will never give up on us

Philippians 1:16 (ESV) And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Have you called on the name of the Lord?

Romans 10:13 (AMP) Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Now comes the application. Do you:

- a) Need Jesus to save you (for the first time!)
- b) Need to come back to Jesus after drifting away
- c) Have the realisation you are a Church goer but do not have Jesus

Do you fit into one of those three categories - there will be an opportunity later in the service for you to give your life to Jesus - as I am going to share the Gospel.

Most of you will be in a fourth category – you've given your life to Jesus.

Who are you laying your life down for?

Just to rewind and repeat - The Bible says in John 15:13, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Mark 8:34-38 (NIV) Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.** ³⁵ **For whoever wants to save their life^[b] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.** ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

2. Faith to Overcoming Addictions / Bad Habits

Romans 8:1 (NIV) Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

That is so freeing. We are called to walk in and be led by the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit will never lead us to do wrong or evil!

According to Romans 8:28-29, God is always working for the good of His people, and this good purpose is to make us like Christ

Once we become Christians Jesus wants us to live victorious lives and overcome any and all strongholds that are holding us back from becoming more like Him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

In summary God wants us to become Christlike!

James 5:16 (ESV) Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

It also says in

James 4:7 (NIV) Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!

What does “resisting the devil and he will flee from you” – look like.

I think in summary avoiding those people and those places where you may be tempted to slip back into those non-profitable behaviours and habits. Until you are strong enough to go back and shine for Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.”

God has called us to be overcomers – if you don’t succeed at first, try again – and find those key scriptures that you can proclaim to enable you to overcome that challenge in your life.

3. Faith to overcome Fear and Depression

- Fear of failure
- Fear of what other people might think of you
- Fear of injury
- Fear of sickness
- Fear of persecution
- Fear of depression

A combination of John 10:10 / Romans 12:3 / Romans 5:5 / Ephesians 1:3

“Father God, I thank you that you sent Jesus so that I could have Your life and have it more abundantly. Therefore I resist sickness, fear, anxiety and every effort of the devil to steal the good things that You have given me. I believe I am filled with Your life, Your faith, Your hope and Your love. I thank You that You have blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

2 Tim 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

1 John 4:4 (KJV) Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Matthew 10:28 (ERV) Don't be afraid of people. They can kill the body, but they cannot kill the soul. The only one you should fear is God, the one who can send the body and the soul to be destroyed in hell.”

4. The Gospel

- Sin
- Righteousness
- Judgement
- Jesus as Saviour
- Jesus as Lord

Salvation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross to take my punishment for all the things I have done wrong. I cannot thank you enough. I want to become a Christian right now. I chose to turn away from everything I know to be wrong and fully commit my life to following you. Holy Spirit, I invite you to come into my life, to fill me and empower me to live for God. I want everything you have for me! Thank you, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen