

Turning Me into We

WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?

Last week: Doubt - a persistent lack of confidence that God will keep His promises.

Replace a doubting attitude with an attitude of _____.

Faith is something we determine and _____ through our choices and our behavior.

FIXES FOR OUR FAULTY FEELINGS ABOUT FAITH

- Faith is not sticking your head in the sand pretending something _____ or it doesn't exist.
- Faith is not a _____ that requires no intellect.
- Faith is not some motivational seminar or _____ used to keep us pumped up and optimistic regardless of the circumstances.

1. Faith is not _____ something.

Hebrews 11:13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

Hebrews 11:32-39 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— 38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. 39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,

Romans 8:28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Faith is not the absence of difficulty it's the _____ of God _____ difficulty.

2. Faith is _____ Someone.

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

"Substance" = " _____ " = Jesus

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...*

"Evidence" = " _____ " = Word of God

_____ is the substance of everything we hope for and
_____ is the evidence of the things we can't see.

Faith isn't the _____ of difficulty. It is going through difficulty with God and God promises a good result.

Daniel 3:17 *If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."*

Faith is in the _____ not the _____.

Isaiah 43:1(b) (NLT) *"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. 2 When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*