

## Ministry of the Holy Spirit

*Faith*

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**Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Ephesians 4:11-13**

**Reveal Something:**  Wisdom,  Knowledge,  Discernment of spirits

**Do Something:** Leading,  Serving,  Giving,  Mercy,  Exhortation, **Faith**, Healing, Miracles, Shepherding, Apostle

**Say Something:** Teaching, Prophecy, Evangelize, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

- **Faith** – (Greek, *pistis*) is a gift given by Christ to every believer. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, that faith is cultivated and strengthened into wonder-working, extraordinary faith—released for a specific moment to serve the church and bring glory to God.

The word occurs 250 times as a noun and 250 times as a verb.

Nouns defining what we are given (i.e., faith is a gift).

Verbs describing how we respond (i.e., we yield, we trust, we serve).

### Hebrews 11:1, 6

*1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him...*

**Romans 12:3** *For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Cf. **Ephesians 4:7***

*“There is nothing that you can want that I will not give,  
There is no prayer you can answer that I will not answer,  
There is no sickness you have that I will not heal,  
There is no spiritual emptiness that I will not come and I will fill.”—Pam Ertz*

#### **Mark 4:1-41**

*1 Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. 2 And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 3 “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. 8 And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” 9 And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

*14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. 16 And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. 17 And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. 18 And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, 19 but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 20 But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”*

*30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown **it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches**, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”*

*35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “**Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?**” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

#### **Hebrews 11:1-11**

**James 5:15** *And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

**1 Corinthians 13:2** *“and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains.”*

**Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us the supernatural to strengthen our faith so we may do what seems impossible, bring glory to Jesus, and faithfully serve others.**

**1 Corinthians 12:31** *But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.* → Chapter 13 to LOVE

**Philippians 1:9-10**

*9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,*

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