

MESSAGE ON FAITH & FORGIVENESS

GOD IS SERIOUS ABOUT FAITH & FORGIVENESS

Follow the Process of Faith & Forgiveness

A Man Has To Have Faith and Forgiveness To Receive Grace From GOD (If it's in GOD'S WILL)

Definition of Faith and Forgiveness

Faith-complete trust or confidence in someone or something. "restores one's faith in someone or something, strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.

Forgiveness-to cease to feel resentment against (an offender) to pardon, forgive one's enemies,

- to give up resentment of or claim to requital for forgive an insult,
- to grant relief from payment of forgive a debt,

It is much easier to **believe** in **JESUS** than to **forgive** those who mistreat us. The problem is, **JESUS** requires both.

JESUS Taught In

Luke 17: 3-6 "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. **4** Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them." **5** The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" **6** He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Seven times? In one day? I often struggle to forgive the person who offends me the first time. By the seventh time, I'm not interested in hearing someone even apologize, much less offer forgiveness in return. The apostles struggled with this idea, too. That's why we find that their response is, "Increase our faith!"

It takes strong faith to forgive those who hurt us, especially when the same person habitually offends, abuses, or sins against us. As the original followers of Jesus discovered, it takes more than human willpower; it takes faith in Christ.

Great Men & Woman Of Faith

The good news, according to Jesus, is that **Forgiveness** does not take a lot of **Faith**, just a little.

When I find myself thinking, "I don't want to deal with that person..." these verses remind me, "You just need a little faith. Depend on God; he can get you through this."

If you see mountains blocking your path today, remember that faith moves mountains, but faith requires forgiveness. These two spiritual values are inseparable partners, working together to make us more like our Lord **JESUS**.

FAITH REQUIRES FORGIVENESS

We Must Have Faith To Not Run Your Own Agenda

We Must Have Faith To Drop Your Agenda For GOD'S Agenda

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

GOD’S Agenda is GOD’S PLAN and his WILL For Us

Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

HERE ARE A FEW GREAT MEN AND WOMEN WHO SHOWED GREAT FAITH

1. Noah was a man who took God seriously.

Genesis 6:22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

2. Moses “HOW DID MOSES DISPLAY FAITH”

Moses centered his life on God’s promises. He had the opportunity to live a comfortable life amid the luxuries of Egypt, but he gave up that opportunity,

Hebrews 11:25 “choosing to be ill-treated with the people of God rather than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin.”

3. Abraham “He Went Without Knowing where He Was Going”

Hebrews 11:8, It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

“Abraham Was Tested”

Genesis 22:1-2 “Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied. **2** Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Genesis 22:15-18 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, **16** and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*— **17** blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. **18** In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

4. Joshua's Faith Made Him Victorious”

When the five Amorite kings and their armies attacked Gibeon, which had a treaty with the Israelites, Joshua consulted the Lord. In obedience, he and the Israelite army took the Amorites by surprise, and the Lord threw their enemies into confusion. The Lord hurled large hailstones down on the Amorites, killing more than the Israelite army killed. God even made the sun stop in the middle of the sky and delay going down about a full day, so that the Israelites could completely defeat their enemies.

Joshua's Faith Helped Him Stand for Truth and Receive the Promise

Joshua was one of the 12 men Moses sent to explore the Promised Land. He and Caleb were the only spies who believed God's promise and urged the Israelites to trust God and take possession of the land. In response, the people talked of stoning them, but God intervened.

Numbers 14:7-10, And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.**8** If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. **9** Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not.**10** But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

5. Peter Loved JESUS but His Faith Was Tested

1Peter 1:7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

6.Nehemiah was a man who silenced the Nay Sayers and did what they said he couldn't do. Then I replied to them, **Nehemiah 2:20** "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem."

7. Job was a man whose life and resolve was tested beyond imagination, yet did not curse God. Job proved his Faith to GOD but it wasn't until he forgave, that is when his suffering ended.

Job 1:22 "In all this, Job did not sin or charge GOD with wrong."

8. Joseph was a man who was completely devoted to the Lord even in times of injustice, betrayal, and temptation.

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

9. Ruth was a woman who left everything she had for something far more greater than anything she'd ever imagined.

Ruth 1:16-18 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more."

10. Esther was a woman who understood her times and seized the day not only for her people but also for God.

Esther 4:14 "For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

11. Daniel was a man whose integrity and prayer life Helped him to see unbelievable miracles and prophetic mysteries.

Daniel 6:10 "He went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done."

12. Elijah was a man who availed himself in such a way to God. As a result, Gods used him mightily. **2 Kings 1:15** *“Then the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, “Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.” So he arose and went down with him to the king.”*

13. Paul was a man so passionate for the lost, that he literally would have walked upon broken glass just to reach the next person.

Acts 21:10-14 *“A prophet named Agabus came down from Judea... took Paul’s belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, Thus says the Holy Spirit, ‘This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles... For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

14. Phillip was a man who chose to live by the spirit; follow His promptings; and be used by the Spirit. **Acts 8:25-40** *“Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place... And there was an Ethiopian.”*

We Learn Faithfulness

Deuteronomy 32:4 The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he...

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Psalms 100:5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

> God is reliable, dependable, trustworthy. There is a deep connection between God’s steadfast love (love that never stops) and his faithfulness.

JESUS CHRIST is the Supreme Example of Faithfulness

Luke 22:42 He always did God's will and spoke God's words. He had only one desire, "...not my will, but thine, be done. Jesus' obedience did not come naturally. This we are told in the Book of Hebrews. Even for Jesus, faithfulness was something to learn.

Hebrews 5:8 "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered"

“We Too, Can Learn Faithfulness”

Luke 16:10-12 "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

As we grow more faithful in one area of our life, that faithfulness can carry over into other areas.

Faithfulness toward God begins with faithfulness toward family, faithfulness on our job, and faithfulness in financial dealings. We can't wait to show our faithfulness until someone trusts us with something big.

We must be faithful now with whatever has already been entrusted to us.

Let us not be too quick to say or promise anything. God judges us when we make promises: will we do the thing that we have said? "...draw near to listen [in the house of God] rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools;... Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of

God...When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay."

"We Too, Can Learn Faithfulness"

Men of Faith

1 Peter 1:8-9 *"[Jesus Christ] Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."*

Faith Defined

The great "Hall of Faith" in the Bible gives the best definition of faith that can be found. The writer opens Hebrews 11 with this very familiar verse:

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

Things Hoped For (**Hebrews 6:19**)

Hope in the Bible is illustrated with an anchor. It is said to be steadfast and sure. Just as when you are on the water in a boat and you throw out your anchor you expect that it will hold you in that spot on the sea.

Faith is what we need for salvation because the Bible says we are saved by grace through faith (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). You can't see it but it is **faith** that brings you to salvation. Some call this "saving" faith. Faith brings us to salvation and hope assures that our salvation is secure, just like an anchor.

(**Romans 5:1-2**) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Evidence of Things Not Seen

Faith is not only the conduit that brings us to salvation, it is also faith that enables us to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit to do the things that please the Lord. The Bible tells us that it is impossible to please God unless we first know that "

He is" (**Hebrews 11:6**). As we go through life, walking in the Spirit, we should notice things changing, to the glory of God. This is the evidence of that faith. Evidence includes **Blessings** and even how we handle trials and temptations in our life. James says it this way:

(**James 1:2-3**) "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Mustard Seed, The Smallest Seed in the World,

JESUS fixed it so we don't have to have the Faith of Noah, Job, Abraham, Joshua, Moses, Ruth and even Peter. GOD said all we need is the Faith of a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world.

"Great Faith Heal the Sick"

Jesus talked about faith continually with his disciples. In one such account Jesus had just returned to Capernaum and when he arrived the town's folk all knew he was there. So many wanted to come hear Jesus speak that basically there was standing room only in the place where He preached. Among the crowd was a sick man (with the palsy) and since there was no way to get to Jesus through the crowd some of the others tore a hole in the roof and lowered the sick man in his bed to see Jesus. Mark recorded Jesus' reaction to such an act of faith:

(Mark 2:5) “When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”

“Doubting Faith can Drown You”

In another account, when Jesus needed time alone with His Father to pray He sent His disciples away on the sea in a ship. By the time Jesus returned the ship was in the middle of a storm on the water and so Jesus walked on the water to get to the ship. When the disciples saw Him they thought he was a ghost and they were frightened. Jesus called out to assure them that it was He. Peter was unsure that it really was Jesus and asked Jesus to prove it to him by allowing Peter to walk on the water as well. Peter did walk on the water until he allowed the wind and the rain to interfere with his faith. His doubt made him sink only to be rescued by his Savior and Lord. **Matthew 14:31** “Jesus spoke these words to Peter: “...O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”

“As We Walk in the Spirit Our Faith Grows”

“Faith is Produced”

In addition to “saving” faith is faith produced as part of the fruit of the Spirit. As we walk in the Spirit our faith grows. Our good works and our attitude as a result of salvation help others to have that “saving” faith. This is what Paul is saying when he says that we should “work out your own salvation”. When we wear our faith on our sleeve and we have the “mind of Christ” others will want to know about Jesus.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Galatians 5:22-25 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

“We Should Pursue Faith”

As Paul was training Timothy in the ministry he gave him much advice. Part of his charge to Timothy was to pursue faith and fight the fight of faith. He told him to claim his eternal life. He admonishes Timothy to stay away from the things of this world that make men “err from the faith”. Take a look at these words of wisdom:

“A Measure of Faith; Faith Increased”

As you read about faith in the Bible you will see that God promises that everyone has a measure of faith. This goes back to the idea of faith that grows. As a baby Christian we have that “saving” faith that God gave us His Son to satisfy our sin debt. The only way that your “measure of faith” can grow is for us to learn more about our God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The way that we do this is by reading God’s Word, the Holy Bible. Reading about what God said He would do and then reading about the fulfillment of those prophecies will increase faith. The Holy Spirit inside of you will continually bear witness that what you are reading is truth – God’s truth, thereby also increasing your faith. Just as a baby begins by drinking milk, we must begin our walk with the Lord with the milk of the Word (the simpler things). As that baby grows he begins to eat more solid foods, just as when our faith grows we are able to handle the meat of the Word (the more complex things). The only way our measure of faith can increase is by spending time meditating upon the Word of God.

Romans 12:3“ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

“Faith Decreased”

Moses led the Israelites through the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. During that time faith decreased. In fact, the Bible tells us that Moses’ faith decreased so much that he never entered the Promised Land.

Instead, God declared because of Moses' lack of faith that only the people who were 20 years of age and younger would enter in. The new generation was led by Joshua, a man of faith.

Numbers 20:12 "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them."

"Some Were Counted Righteous by Faith"

The Bible talks of many who have gone before us that were justified by faith. In all cases when God said He would do something, He did it. Holy men and women of God had faith in what God said and they were considered righteous because of that faith. Here is what the Bible says about some of these believers:

- **Abel**

(Hebrews 11:4) "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."

- **Enoch**

(Hebrews 11:5) "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

- **Noah**

(Hebrews 11:7) By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

- **Abraham**

(Hebrews 11:8-10) "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

(Hebrews 11:17-19) "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."

- **Sara**

Hebrews 11:11 "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised."

- **Isaac, Jacob, Esau & Joseph**

Hebrews 11:20-22 “By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.”

- **Rahab**

Hebrews 11:31 “By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.”

I have only scraped the surface and as you can see faith is a popular and powerful concept in the Bible. Faith in Jesus and in the promises of God brings joy unspeakable. Have you trusted your life to Jesus. My prayer today is that you accept God’s gift of grace and become a child of God. For a related article check out:

The Beauty Of it all is, GOD says we don’t have to have the faith of Noah, Moses, Abraham, Joshua or even Peter who JESUS said had little faith. GOD said if we have the faith of a mustard seed we are considered faithful.

Scriptures On Faith

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Mark 11:22-24 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

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

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Hebrews 11:1 - 13:25 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1Corinthians 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

2Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

James 2:14-26 What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

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Scriptures On Forgiveness

Proverbs 17:9 Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Matthews 6:14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Luke 6:37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Micah 7:18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

Psalms 86:5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Acts 13:38-39 Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

1John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Joel 2:13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Psalms 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Matthews 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

2 Chronicles 30:9 For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

James 5:14-15 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Acts 17:30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

Jeremiah 3:12 Return, faithless Israel,' declares the Lord, 'I will frown on you no longer, for I am faithful,' declares the Lord, 'I will not be angry forever.'

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Nehemiah 9:31 But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

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FOLLOW THE PROCESS OF FAITH & FORGIVENESS

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The "faith only" doctrine says that **faith** is the **only** prerequisite to **forgiveness**. Acts of obedience all come **after forgiveness**, and none are essential to receive **forgiveness**. But consider:

- **1 Peter 1:22,23** - We **purify our souls** in **obeying** the truth.

Romans 6:17,18 - Servants of sin must **obey** from the heart in order to be made **free from sin**.

- **Hebrews 5:9** - Jesus is the author of **eternal salvation** to all who **obey** Him.
- **James 2:24** - Man is **justified by works**, not by "faith only."
- **Acts 11:14; 10:34,35** - Peter told Cornelius words whereby he would be **saved**. But the first words He said were that, to be accepted by God, people must **work righteousness**. This is true for all people, for God shows no partiality!
- **Matthew 7:21-27; Luke 6:46** - To accept Jesus as Lord (ruler, master) and enter the kingdom of heaven, we must **do what He says**. We may believe and confess Him yet be rejected, because we did not obey.
- **2 Thessalonians 1:8,9; Romans 2:6-10** - Receiving eternal life requires us to **do good**. Those who do not obey will be destroyed.
- **1 John 5:3; John 14:15,21-24** - Loving God requires us to keep His commands. If we do not obey, we do not love Him. Can one be saved if he does not love God
- **1 Corinthians 16:22; Matthew 22:37-39)?**

The doctrine of "faith only" denies the necessity for **all** obedience to commands. All the passages we have just studied show that such a view is false doctrine.

- **Rev. 20:12-15; John 5:28,29; 1 John 2:17.)**

“GOD IS SERIOUS ABOUT FAITH & FORGIVENESS”

Without faithfulness and forgiveness we will live in a world of heartache and mistrust. Yet with faithfulness the harshest heartache and the deepest mistrust may be healed with forgiveness and hope.

“TrueStory”

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