

Series: Pursuing the Kingdom
Restoring Faith in the Kingdom
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REVIEW: Pursuing Faith in the Kingdom

INTRO: Faith is the transportation system of the kingdom of God. You just can't get anywhere without it. Some people are on a bike, others a Mercedes, others a jet... but all Christians have some measure of faith.

2 Cor 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight —

*Heb 10:38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.*

1. God is looking for a dwelling place

- The giver discerns God moving.
- The giver looks for opportunities to give.
- The giver makes a place for God.

2. God is looking for someone He can give life to.

- He releases you into a season of change

She didn't have the baby the next day, next week or next month....

3. God restores the life that He gives.

The woman experiences the pain of loss, not just any loss, but loss of what God gave her.

- The woman had to move forward in faith.

She boldly declared that "It was well"

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Intro – Faith works to restore what’s been lost and often times requires us to try more than once.

Matt 7:7-9 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. NASU

1. The key to faith working is allowing Him to lead you! Romans 8.14

“Led by the spirit of God are the sons of God”

- He will lead us into lonely places in order to bless us!
- Bethsaida - Lk 10:13- hard hearted city, John 5.2 Man healed sick 38 years, John 1.44 - city of the disciples; Phillip, Andrew and Peter
- Take you by the hand and walk with You

2. The key to faith working is walking in humility! Mt. 15.26

26 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." NASU

- Spit in his face- what do you do when He embarrasses you
- Laid His hands on Him – the opportunity to be close to Him
- What do you see?

3. The key to faith working is persistence! Luke 18:5-6

5 "Yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out." NASU

- Jesus prays and it still does not happen automatically!
- The man’s ability to “keep believing” is tested.
- In time he saw everything clearly....