

Pursuing the Promises of God
Faith Unlocks the Promise
Mark 5.25-34

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Review: Living in God's Promises is the Next Level

2 Cor 1:20-22 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. NASU

1. Time to get up quickly!
 - We usually have no idea how critical our response might be.
 - We have no idea what we're capable of doing until we do it!

If I could get up I would already be up!

- We can't see how powerless our enemies have become until we get up!

Herod knew Peter was a threat. The Canaanites knew the Israelites were a threat.

Review: Wednesday night

1. Think up - Get up from where you are
2. Look up - Go back and give thanks
3. Change up - Repent for the old
4. Get down - Humble yourself

1. Where does faith come from?

- Faith is given as a gift from God Ro. 12.3
- Faith increases as you hear God's word Ro. 10.17
- Faith grows stronger with use.

Rom 4:20, 21

20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. NASU

2. How is faith released?

- You release your faith with your words! Mark 11:22-23

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"Have faith in God." 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,

It has been argued that the actual article here should be of instead of in. In other words, speaking the word is the God kind of faith. There is better proof of that in the book of Genesis when God spoke the world into existence.

- You release faith thru worship! Psalm 27:13

13 I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. NASU

- You release faith by standing firm on the promise! Eph 6:13

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. NASU

3. How does faith unlock promises?

- Faith moves God!
- Faith destroys the enemy's hold.
- Faith reveals the purpose of the promise!