

## **Pursuing the Promises of God**

*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*

### **Faith Unlocks the Promise Part 2 Matthew 8.5-10**

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Review:

#### **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*

#### **2. How is faith released?**

- You release your faith with your words! Mark 11:22-23
- You release faith thru worship! Psalm 27:13
- You release faith by willingness to stand on the promise! Eph 6:13

#### **3. How does faith unlock the promises?**

INTRO:

Last week we talked about how powerfully faith releases the power of each promise. The point is that promises do not have power apart from our willingness to believe the promise. This does not require extreme acts like throwing medicine away or writing off doctors. It does, however, require us to decide to believe His word rather than the circumstances. It requires us to take in the Word, the Truth and live lives of dependence upon our Father.

## **Faith Unlocks the Promise Part 2**

### **Matthew 8.5-10**

#### **I. Faith moves God! Mark 6:5-6**

*5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He wondered at their unbelief. NASU*

God is moved when we operate as He does, by faith! We mimic our Father and this glorifies Him.

- Jesus is willing to come but His word is all we need.
- Jesus makes a declaration about the man's faith not His power.
- Jesus makes clear that the man's faith determines the results.

#### **II. Faith destroys the limitations of time and space Matt 8:8-9**

*8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed." NASU*

- Faith makes the promise omnipresent.
- Faith makes it impossible for the promise to be late.
- Faith removes all human intervention except yours!

#### **III. Faith reveals the purpose of the promise! Matt 8:13**

*13 And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed that very moment. NASU*

Abraham's walk of faith was not for his good but for the good of the kingdom!

- The promise will be fulfilled to bring you joy.
- The promise will be fulfilled to build your faith.
- The promise will bring glory and honor to God!