

## CHANGING MY ATTITUDE

By changing my attitude of doubting God to an attitude of faith in Jesus, I will be able to please God through faith, and continually fulfil His purpose for my life.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ The story of “the little engine that could” demonstrates the benefits of having faith. Faith propels action towards the achievement of a goal that could be viewed as unattainable.
- ❖ Action fueled by faith enables the achievement of goals, be they educational, career or personal goals.
- ❖ Faith in ourselves, our support systems (family, friends, etc.) and human institutions (government, education, health care) lead to a degree of success; however, it will not allow us to achieve the spiritual goals described in the Bible.
- ❖ To achieve spiritual goals, we must put our faith in Him. We need a change of attitude.
- ❖ A change of attitude is the process of transitioning from a position of doubt in God to a posture of having Faith in Jesus – moving from an attitude of doubt to an attitude of faith.
- ❖ This is one of the most impactful changes of attitude that a person can experience: to reject the belief that they do not have value in the kingdom of God to having faith that God can use them to accomplish amazing things.
- ❖ The sentiment that “I can do all things through Christ” (Philippians 4:13) reflects the type of attitude change we are speaking about.
- ❖ Having an attitude of doubt in God is debilitating to our spiritual growth, because doubt has the effect of stalling or limiting action.
- ❖ For example, the children of Israel were not able to enter into the land that God had promised them because they had an attitude of doubting God.
- ❖ They did not anticipate the obstacles or challenges they would face in living out their faith in the word of God.
- ❖ It is important to recognize that we will experience challenges, obstacles and even failure as we try to grow our relationship and faith in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Paul experienced a similar dynamic when he noted that a great and effectual door was opened to him, but that there were adversaries present ( 1 Corinthians 16:9).
- ❖ To please God and achieve spiritual goals we need to place our faith in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Faith in human institutions will produce earthly goals; faith in Jesus will produce spiritual goals.

### KEY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 13:26-33

- ❖ A change of attitude begins with a change of mind (Romans 12:2).
- ❖ As people of faith, we need to see ourselves the way God views us (Deuteronomy28:13, Psalm 139:14).
- ❖ Gideon struggled with how he was described by the word of God (Judges 6:15).
- ❖ By contrast, Nehemiah accepted how the word of God described him and it positively impacted his relationship with God.
- ❖ Nehemiah understood that he was a servant of God and that he had a purpose to fulfill (Nehemiah 6:10-12).
- ❖ Back to the children of Israel: God had promised them the land of Canaan as an inheritance, but they were not able to attain it because they couldn’t believe past the obstacle of the giants.
- ❖ If we are going to be pleasing to God and accomplish His purpose for our lives, we must have a change of attitude. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
- ❖ The Lord had already prepared the path for the children of Israel to be successful in conquering the land He had promised to them; they simply needed to act on His word and change their attitude (Joshua 2:8-11).
- ❖ We need to recognize that God is from eternity to eternity. When He says something, it has already happened.
- ❖ Even if what Jesus says does not exist when He says it, that thing become a reality after it has been spoken by God.
- ❖ When I have a change of attitude, moving from an attitude of doubt in God to an attitude of faith in Jesus, I will be able to please God through faith and continually fulfil His purpose for my life.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. How would you describe an attitude of faith in Jesus Christ?
2. List and describe 3 types of giants (challenges to faith in Jesus) we may face in 2020?
3. Why is the word of God important to the development of faith in Jesus?
4. Describe two spiritual goals that can be achieved by having faith in Jesus Christ?

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, please help my faith to grow in You so that I can live in an attitude of ‘faith in Jesus Christ’.

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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*Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD  
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline*

Start-up: Once you have formed an opinion of a person/circumstance, how easy is it for you to change your views later on?

## "WE PRAY" FS FACEBOOK GROUP

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/wepprayatfaithsanctuary/>

**PRAYER FOCUS: Personal spiritual growth**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### October

Thursday 1: "Freedom Session" meetings begin (Zoom)

Friday 2: Faith Family Prayer (Facebook and YouTube)

#### TO SUBMIT A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Obtain approval from Head of Department and send to [announcements@faithsanctuary.com](mailto:announcements@faithsanctuary.com)

by Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m. (If projection is desired send to [media@faithsanctuary.com](mailto:media@faithsanctuary.com).)

#### To register for in-person Sunday services;

Go to [www.faithsanctuary.com](http://www.faithsanctuary.com) > click the "Eventbrite" link in the top menu and follow prompts

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#### FREEDOM SESSION – FALL 2020

**\*An exciting journey of self-discovery and healing\***

Start Date: Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Time: TBA

Medium: Zoom Meetings

Contacts: Sis. Melva Meredith-Lewis, Sis. Kaye Anderson,

Bro. Bob Banton and Bro. Wayne Ellis

#### **FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES:**

Bible Study – 10:15 a.m.

Morning service – 11:00 a.m.)

- Go to [www.faithsanctuary.com](http://www.faithsanctuary.com) >click "livestream" link (or type in [www.faithsanctuary.com/live](http://www.faithsanctuary.com/live))
- Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) >search for "Faith Sanctuary"
- Sign in to Facebook >search for "Faith Sanctuary"
- Call 1-844-268-4848 for toll-free telephone access

**In-depth Bible Study: Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Facebook and Zoom)**

## FAITH FOUNDATIONS

### GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

  
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SANCTUARY  
Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Share Jesus

*2020 ~the year of vision~ 2020*

**Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie**

*"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."  
Revelation 21:2-3 NKJV*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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