

Acts 14:5-7 (NKJV) ⁵ And when a **violent** attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, ⁶ they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. ⁷ And they were preaching the gospel there.

Acts 14:8-10 (NKJV) ⁸ And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. ⁹ *This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰ said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

Romans 1:17 (NIV) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) 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.

Where are you at in your faith? Where are you going? How are you planning on getting there?

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The world's message is a message of unbelief, the opposite of faith.

Hebrews 10:37-39 (NLT) ³⁷ "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. ³⁸ And my righteous ones will live by faith. **But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.**" ³⁹ But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

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

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Faith brings an attitude of mind towards the future and the unseen that affects your confession and behavior here and now in the present.

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV) ¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV) So we fix our eyes **not** on what is seen, but on what is **unseen**. For what is seen is **temporary**, but what is **unseen is eternal**.

Matthew 14:22-33 (NKJV) ²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Peter was looking in the wrong direction.

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Hebrews 11:32-40 (NKJV) ³² And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: ³³ who **through faith** subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, **out of weakness were made strong**, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- ³⁸ **of whom the world was not worthy**. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, **⁴⁰ God having provided something better for us**, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.