

## **PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE!**

### **REVIEW**

**2 Peter 1:3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.**

**2 Peter 1:4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.**

**2 Peter 1:5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,**

**2 Peter 1:6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,**

**2 Peter 1:7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.**

### **ADD TO YOUR FAITH.....**

**MORAL EXCELLENCE  
KNOWLEDGE  
SELF CONTROL  
PATIENT ENDURANCE  
GODLINESS  
BROTHERLY LOVE  
GLOBAL LOVE**

### **1. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS LIVE BY FAITH ALONE**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ

## **2. FAITH CAUSES THE IMPOSSIBLE TO BECOME POSSIBLE**

**Matthew 17:20** “You don’t have enough faith,” Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.

## **3. FAITH APPROPRIATES EVERY THING YOU WILL EVER NEED**

**2 Peter 1:3-7**

## **4. PRAYER IS THE NATURAL RESPONSE TO WALKING BY FAITH**

**Mark 11:22** Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. 23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. 24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.

## **TODAYS TEXT**

**Romans 4:19** And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb.

**Romans 4:20** Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.

**Romans 4:22** And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous.

**Romans 4:23 And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded**

**Romans 4:24 for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.**

**Romans 4:25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.**

## INTRODUCTION

**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH BECAUSE FAITH IS ALWAYS A FIGHT. PRAYER IS A FIGHT. NOT ALWAYS BETWEEN GOD AND THE DEVEIL BUT MORE OFTEN BETWEEN MY BORRN AGAIN SPIRIT AND MY RAGGEDY FLESH. FAITH IS THE ONLY WAY I WIN SO I MUST LIVE CONFIDENTLY BY FAITH.**

### 1. YOU HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH

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**2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ**

### 2. YOU HAVE TO FIGHT USING THE PROMISES THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED!

**2 Corinthians 7:1 Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.**

**1 Timothy 6:11 But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.**

**12 Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.**

### **3. YOU HAVE TO PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1 John 5:14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.**

**15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.**

**Ephesians 6:13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.**

**Ephesians 6:14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.**

- @. YOU HEAR ME WHEN I PRAY
- @. YOU PROTECT MY HEART WHEN I PRAY
- @. YOU EXPECT ME TO STAND WHEN I PRAY

**James 1:6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.**

**James 1:7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.**