

2 **SPLENDID** Season 2 *'Leaf of life'*

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YOU HAVE FAITH

'...according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.'

Romans 12:3

The opening scripture lets us know that God has dealt alike with every man among the church concerning faith. At this, I begin to understand that every Christian has faith.

Faith is not an issue to the church.

That's why in 2 Peter 1:5, He says for us to add to our Faith certain qualities.

After these qualities are added, he says;

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Vs 8

These things cause you to bear results in your faith. It means that Faith is already there but it isn't a guarantee that you will live the life that God has called you to live.

Faith is actually a fruit of the Spirit. Already embedded in every child of God. (Galatians 5:22)

He calls His gift to us. For by grace are we saved through faith; and that not of ourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Ephesians 2:8. He says the faith that saved every one of us was **THE GIFT OF GOD!** The reason for that was that the promise should be sure to all the seed. He wanted it to be by grace. Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; Romans 4:16

So we all have the same starting point. The

Christian who is ministering healing to the sick and the other who is getting sick had the same deposit of Faith.

God dealt to every one of THE MEASURE of Faith. He used the same gauge in distributing this Faith to us. If it was a spoon, all of us received a spoonful. If a wheelbarrow, all of us had the same start.

The only difference is that some have grown and strengthened their faith, while others have not been diligent in the thing they received. They neglected this precious faith. They didn't give themselves wholly to it.

Nonetheless, even the least Faith would do great stuff. The Lord said if you had faith as small as a mustard seed, you would relocate to a physical mountain. Matthew 17:20

Here, the Master spoke about little but strong Faith. See the Bible speaks of thus of Faith;

- ◆ **Little Faith Versus Much/great Faith** [Mtt 8:26, Mtt 16:8, Luke 12:28, Mtt 15:28, Luke 7:9]
- ◆ **Weak in Faith Versus Strong in Faith** [Rom 4:19, 14:1; Mtt 16:13, Rom 4:20]
- ◆ **Dead/vain Faith Versus Live/working Faith** [James 2:17, Rom 4:14, Gal 5:6, 1 Tim 5:12]

Please follow with us as we explore more about these dimensions and categories of faith in the next issues

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**QUOTE OF THE
WEEK**

Ancient Paths

I am crucified with Christ...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God... Galatians 2:20

With Pr. Scott

In our last issue we studied the distinction in the western concept of faith versus the biblical Hebrew concept of Faith. We took a look at the Hebrew word 'Emunah' translated as Faith and realized that it actually meant faithfulness, loyalty, and unwavering, unshakable support.

Emunah says since God is real, 'what must I do?' How must life be lived out because I believe who he declares himself to be. How should I view life? The great Missionary Apostle Paul taught in Galatians 2:20 saying; ***when the messiah was executed on the stake as a criminal, I was too; so that my proud ego no longer lives. But the Messiah lives in me, and the life I now live in my body I live by the same trusting faithfulness that the son of God had, who loved me and gave himself up for me.*** (Complete Jewish Bible)
The KJV reads; I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Real Emunah occurs when your 'flesh' what ancient Rabbis referred to as the 'evil inclination' is crucified. Real faith is committed to a set-apart and sanctified life. To be in the Faith isn't simply belief in doctrine, or simply reciting a creed. Yeshua taught:

Luke 9:23-24 -And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. In Genesis 22 we come to a chapter referred to by ancient Hebrew sages as the 'Akedah' which means 'binding'. In this chapter, Adonai (the Lord) tests Abraham to sacrifice his son and heir, Isaac. Abraham whole heartedly gives up, knowing that the most high would resurrect him!
Hebrews 11:17-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son. Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. This was the Father of all that would believe. (Galatians 3:7)

Abraham's Emunah in Elohim (GOD) was so dedicated that he was willing to offer up to God His most valuable possession. Something He had long expected. What are you willing to offer up to Yeshua to obtain such testimony of pleasing God?
Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. It can only be by Faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to participate in a Google digital skills training. Learn how to make some money with your phone!

Happening at UMA multipurpose Hall this Thursday from 2:00pm.

Hosted by Phaneroo.

Entrance is free and certificates will be issued after training.

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Tuesday ---Rays Of Grace meeting
6pm-8:15pm

Wednesday—WordPower Meeting
6pm-8:15pm

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