

Message Title: How to Live by Faith

Theme: This message explains clearly why it is so hard to live by faith and what all the Disciples failed to understand that caused Jesus to ask them, “Why are you so fearful? how is it that you have no faith? (see Mark 4:40).

Faith is essential for living without fear. It allows us venture into areas that are dangerous and still stay focused on a task at hand. There are over 32,000 vehicle accidents daily in the U.S. but we calmly take to the road and trust other drivers to avoid us. This trust is developed through experience. The scriptures explain it as a progression, tribulation leads to patience which leads to experience and that leads to hope and faith is the substance of things hoped for (see Romans 5 and Hebrews 11). The more faith we have the less fear we feel and the more peace we enjoy.

For believers we are told that “without faith it is impossible to please God” and that God created everything for His pleasure, so it is impossible to accomplish the very reason for our existence without faith (see Revelation 4:11).

Message Illustration: This is the image referred to near the end of the message.



Salient Points: The lukewarm church, From serving God to serving men, Losing sight of God, Focusing on the local church, Doing right for the wrong reason, Why to do your best, For God’s glory, How God can benefit from everything we do, How much is God doing, Is God just in the good stuff, God the last resort, Focused on self, If God took away our problems, Look for God’s purpose in the problems, Realizing the lesson, Pray for a right response, Serving the Master, Wrestling with God, Prayers that are against God’s will, Peace from God not a lack of trouble, The way to live by faith, Let God work in you, The mistake of blaming the wrong source, Opposed to God’s will or getting in it.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons.

This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought me to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of my dying wife. It reads, *"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me"*. Following this I prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can".

The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again".