

## Solution to Study 0015

[A] First, we need to sort out an essential issue about faith in God. Using the scriptures below, establish these fundamentals.

- **Mark 10:27.** *Although some things may be impossible with men; with God all things are possible.*
- **Luke 1:37.** *With God nothing shall be impossible.*
- **Mark 9:23.** *If I can believe, all things shall be possible unto me!*
- **Mark 11:22-26.**
  - (a) *My faith should be in God.*
  - (b) *Whatsoever I ask in prayer, if I believe that I have it; then I shall have it.*
  - (c) *However, I must first make sure that I am not holding anyone in unforgiveness before I ask for 'whatsoever' in prayer.*
  - (d) *My prayer of faith is useless if I am living in sin.*
- **Luke 17:6.** *With the faith that I received when I first believed God for my salvation, I can move any mountain.*

[B] With these essentials out of the way, we can now look at examples of those who put their faith in God. Using the scriptures below, note the issues that made for the faith of the people involved in these scriptures.

- **Mark 10:46-52. FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE:** *Blind Bartimaeus believed that Jesus could give him his sight; so when he heard that Jesus was passing by he kept on calling to Him until he got Jesus' attention and his miracle.*
- **Matthew 8:1-3. FAITH AND SURRENDER:** *the leper believed that Jesus could cleanse him of leprosy, so he came and worshipped Him, so that Jesus would.*
- **Mark 5:25-34. FAITH AND DETERMINATION:** *the woman with the issue of blood believed that if she could touch the hem of Jesus' garment, she would be healed; so she pressed on until she touched Him.*
- **John 6:5-13. FAITH AND WHO/WHAT YOU LOOK TO/AT:** *Jesus did not look at the number of people to be fed, neither did He look at the small quantity of food available, but looked to God, His Father, giving thanks, and fed 5,000 men (not counting women and children).*
- **Mark 2:1-12. FAITH AND DOING WHAT IT TAKES:** *the four friends believed that if they could get their sick friend before Jesus, he would be made whole; so, in spite of the dissuading factors, they did what needed to be done to achieve their goal of getting their sick friend in front of Jesus; who, seeing their faith, healed their friend.*
- **Acts 14:8-10. FAITH AND ACTION:** *the lame man had faith, but it was Paul who challenged him to put his faith into action; and when he did, he was able to walk.*
- **Joshua 2:7-26. FAITH AND OBEDIENCE:** *Rahab believed that God had given Jericho into the hands of Israel; so, she asked for salvation/deliverance for herself and her family. She was told to do certain things which if done would bring about her salvation and her family, and she obeyed.*

[C] Now it's time to apply the principles you've learnt above to your everyday life. Again, using the scriptures below, note what you would be doing in situations that are similar to those above, as well as to fresh issues.

- **2 Corinthians 4:13.** *Whatever it is that I believe of what God can do; I speak it forth.*
- **Romans 10:8-13.** *Whosoever calls on the name of Jesus shall be saved; so I will call on His name for my salvation, deliverance, healing, etc., because as I have believed in my heart, so shall I speak with my mouth.*
- **1 John 5:4-5.** *To overcome the lure of the world, I must exhibit my faith absolutely in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
- **1 John 5:14-15.** *If my prayer is based on the will (word) of God; then whatever it is that I have asked God for is mine.*
- **James 5:13-16.** *If I can keep myself unspotted, and I pray in faith, then I will get the result I want in prayer.*

## CONCLUSION

- Faith is neither fact, nor fiction; but truth.
- Faith is only faith when it is directed at God and His word.
- Things that are impossible to men are not to God.
- To be able to exercise faith in God, we must 'painfully' release ourselves from anyone or anything we are depending on, holding on to, believing, trusting, or being confident about.
- A major mark of faith in God is our obedience to His every word.
- If only we would believe God and His word, all things will be possible to us.