

Heroes of Faith Scriptures Week 4

8 FAITH CONNECTORS - Avoid Living in a Short Circuited Faith

Short Circuit - Loose wires, Broken wires - Faulty connection

1. Faith/Hope Connection

True Faith is Connected to Hope

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

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

Romans 15:4 NKJV

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 NKJV

2. Faith/Love Connection

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision vails anything, but faith working through love." Galatians 5:6 NKJV

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing." I Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

I Corinthians 13:4-5, 7-13 NKJV

3. Faith/Forgiveness Connection

"So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."" Mark 11:22-26 NKJV

- Story of The Unforgiving Servant -

"Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." Matthew 18:21-35 NKJV

4. Faith/Patience Connection

"that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Hebrews 6:12 NKJV

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,".

I Thessalonians 1:2-3 NKJV

5. Faith/Wisdom Connection

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." James 1:5-8 NKJV

6. Faith/Finishing Connection

"For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." Hebrews 10:36-39 NKJV

"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

Acts 20:22-24 NKJV

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." II Timothy 4:6-8 NKJV

7. Faith/Humility Connection

"Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,". I Peter 5:5-6 NKJV

"Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." James 4:5-6 NKJV

"A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor." Proverbs 29:23 NKJV

8. Faith/Grace Connection

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Il Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

ENDING SCRIPTURES FOR THIS TEACHING

"By faith Moses, when he became of age, <u>refused</u> to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <u>choosing</u> rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches <u>than the</u> <u>treasures in Egypt</u>; for <u>he looked to the reward</u>. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as <u>seeing Him who is invisible</u>." Hebrews 11:24-27 NKJV

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a <u>far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory</u>, while we do not look at the things which are <u>seen</u>, but at the things which are <u>not seen</u>. For the things which are <u>seen are temporary</u>, but the things which are <u>not seen are eternal</u>." Il Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJV

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