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**DARING FAITH: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH – Pastor Alton Trimble**  
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**Romans 1:17** *The Gospel shows us how God makes people right with himself - that it begins and ends with FAITH. The Scripture says those who are right with God will live by trusting in Him.*

**Hebrews 11:6** *Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

**Hebrews 11:1** *What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for IS going to happen and to be certain of things we do not yet see. (NLT)*

**Ephesians 1:18** *I pray that the eyes of your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see the wonderful future God has promised to those he called.*

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?**

**1. We exaggerate our difficulties.**

**Numbers 13:27-28** *It's a magnificent land BUT the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and large! What's more, we saw Anakim giants there!*

**Numbers 13:31-32** *...other spies said. "They'd crush us!" So the majority report of the spies was negative.*

**2. We underestimate our abilities.**

**Numbers 13:33** *"We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

**3. We get discouraged.**

**Numbers 14:1** *"Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they carried on all night!"*

**4. We start to gripe about our lives.**

**Numbers 14:2** *All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron....'We wish we had died in Egypt!' they wailed, 'Or even here in the wilderness!'*

**5. We eventually give up and blame God!**

**Numbers 14:3** *"Why is the Lord bringing us to this land to be killed with swords? We'd be better off going back to Egypt!"*

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?**

### **1. Faith shrinks my problems.**

**Genesis 18:14** *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"*

**Luke 1:37** *"For nothing is impossible with God!"*

### **2. Faith opens the door for a miracle.**

**Mark 11:22-24** *Jesus said "Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and you don't doubt, you could tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it would. Whatever you ask for in prayer will be yours, IF you only have the faith.*

**Matthew 13:58** *Jesus did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.*

### **3. Faith moves God to act on my behalf.**

**Matthew 9:29** *Jesus said, "According to your faith it will be done to you."*

### **4. Faith unlocks all the promises of God.**

**II Corinthians 1:20** *"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all "Yes" in Christ!"*

### **5. Faith turns God-given dreams into reality.**

**Ephesians 3:20** *Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do FAR MORE than we would ever DARE TO ASK or even DREAM of -infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. (LB)*

### **6. Faith gives me power to hold on in tough times.**

- Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm; it calms you in the storm.
- Faith produces persistence. It gives you the power to bounce back after a defeat:

**II Corinthians 4:8-9** *"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're not crushed and broken. We're perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We're attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up and keep going!" (NLT)*