

Sermon Outline – January 25, 2015 – A Sure Faith in our series “The Lord is taking us Deeper”

Text: Hebrews 11:1, Romans 10:17

1. *Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*
2. *Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*
3. *Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*
4. Pastor Oscar’s Mothers testimony – How she was healed from cancer.
 - a. *Psalm 102:3-5 Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
5. Today we will discuss three reasons people may lose their faith.
 - a. 1. The **first reason** people may lose their faith is they are I _____
6. *Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*
7. *2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*
8. There are good results when we are patient.
 - a. Testimony of Mary Frenter praying for her husband Lyle for 35 years to come to faith.
 - b. *Psalm 27:14 - Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*
9. The **second reason** people may lose their faith - When people are confronted with the impossible they find it hard to believe in miracles from the Lord.
10. The invisible realm; the unseen is a challenge even for Christians.
 - a. *Joshua 6:1-5 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. 2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."*
 - b. *2 Kings 6:17 - And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*
11. The **third reason** people may lose their faith is F _____.
12. Job 1:1-22, Job – 19:25-27
13. What is the Lord speaking to you about in the message today?
