

# **TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD**

**Sunday Service Sermon**

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**Main Text**

**1 Kings 17:13-14**

“Elijah said to her, ‘Don't be afraid. Go and do as you planned. But first make me a small cake and bring it to me; then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord God of Israel has said: The jar of flour will not be empty and the jug of oil will not run out until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

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**Introduction**

Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. Every believer must learn to trust God even when circumstances seem impossible. Often, God asks us to believe Him before we see the miracle. Faith is trusting God's Word above what our eyes can see and our minds can understand.

The Bible teaches us that those who trust in God will never be put to shame. God's faithfulness has not changed. What He did in Bible times, He is still able to do today.

## **What is Faith?**

Faith is complete trust and confidence in God without doubting His ability to fulfil His promises.

### **Hebrews 11:1**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Faith believes before seeing. It depends on God's character rather than circumstances.

A small child trusts his father completely. When the father says, "I will take care of you," the child rests without worry. In the same way, believers are called to trust their Heavenly Father.

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## **1. Faith Overcomes Fear**

### **The Widow of Zarephath**

## **1 Kings 17:8-16**

The widow was living during a severe famine. Her situation was desperate:

- She was a widow with no husband to support her.
- There was no food in the land.
- She only had a handful of flour and a little oil.
- She was preparing what she believed would be her last meal.
- She had lost hope of survival.

Yet God sent His prophet Elijah to her.

The first words Elijah spoke were:

"Don't be afraid."

Fear focuses on what we lack.

Faith focuses on what God can provide.

Many believers today are discouraged because of financial struggles, sickness, unemployment, family problems, or uncertainty about the future.

God still says:

"Do not be afraid."

## **2. Faith Obeys God's Word**

Elijah's request seemed unreasonable.

The widow only had enough flour and oil for one final meal for herself and her son.

Yet Elijah told her:

"First make me a small cake."

Human reasoning would ask:

- Why should I give first when I have so little?
- Why should I trust this promise?

But faith obeys God even when His instructions seem difficult.

The widow chose obedience over logic.

When she obeyed, God released a miracle.

### **Lesson:**

Many miracles are waiting on the other side of obedience.

## **3. Faith Unlocks God's Provision**

God promised:

"The jar of flour will not be empty and the jug of oil will not run out."

Notice that God did not give her a warehouse full of flour. Instead, He provided daily.

Every day she found enough.

God may not always provide abundance in advance, but He always provides what is needed at the right time.

### **The Results of Her Faith:**

- The flour never ran out.
- The oil never ran dry.
- Her household survived the famine.
- Her future changed because of one act of faith.

The same God who provided for the widow still provides today.

### **Philippians 4:19**

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

## **4. Faith Trusts God's Power Beyond Human Experience**

### **Peter's Miraculous Catch**

#### **Luke 5:4-7**

"Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Peter was an experienced fisherman.

He had:

- Worked all night.
- Used all his knowledge.
- Tried every method.
- Caught nothing.

Now Jesus, a carpenter by profession, tells him where to fish.

From a human perspective, Peter had every reason to doubt.

Yet Peter responded:

"Nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net."

That statement is one of the greatest expressions of faith in Scripture.

Peter trusted God's Word above his experience.

## **5. Faith Produces Extraordinary Results**

When Peter obeyed:

- The nets became full.
- The catch was so great the nets began to break.
- Another boat had to come and help.
- Both boats were filled to the point of sinking.

One word from Jesus changed everything.

What years of experience could not accomplish, obedience to God's Word accomplished instantly.

### **Lesson:**

God's power is greater than our limitations.

When God speaks:

- Barrenness becomes fruitfulness.
- Lack becomes abundance.
- Failure becomes success.

- Weakness becomes strength.

## **Characteristics of Genuine Faith**

### **1. Faith Believes God's Word**

Faith accepts what God says even when circumstances disagree.

### **2. Faith Obeys Promptly**

Delayed obedience often becomes disobedience.

### **3. Faith Perseveres**

Faith continues trusting God despite challenges.

### **4. Faith Expects Results**

Faith anticipates God's intervention.

### **5. Faith Gives Glory to God**

Every miracle points back to God and not to man.

## **Benefits of Faith**

### **Faith Brings Salvation**

### **Ephesians 2:8**

## **Faith Brings God's Favour**

**Hebrews 11:6**

## **Faith Brings Provision**

The widow experienced supernatural provision.

## **Faith Brings Breakthrough**

Peter experienced supernatural abundance.

## **Faith Brings Victory**

**1 John 5:4**

"This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

## **Conclusion**

The widow of Zarephath and Peter faced impossible situations.

- One had only a handful of flour.
- The other had empty nets.

Yet both experienced miracles because they trusted God's Word.

Today God is still asking us to trust Him.

No matter what challenge you face:

- Financial hardship
- Family struggles
- Sickness
- Delayed promises
- Unanswered prayers

Keep believing God.

The God who multiplied flour and oil can provide for you.

The God who filled Peter's nets can fill your life with His blessings.

**Have faith in God. Trust Him completely. Obey His Word. Your miracle may be closer than you think.**

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## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

Thank You because You are faithful and You never change. Forgive us for every moment we have doubted You. Increase our faith and help us trust Your Word above our circumstances.

Just as You provided for the widow of Zarephath and filled Peter's nets, provide for every need in our lives. Open doors that no man can shut. Let every spirit of fear, doubt, and unbelief be broken in Jesus' name.

Teach us to obey You completely and to walk by faith and not by sight. May we see Your power manifested in our homes, families, businesses, ministries, and finances.

We declare that our trust is in You alone.

In Jesus' mighty name,

**Amen.**

### **Prophetic Declarations**

1. I declare that fear shall not rule your life in Jesus' name.
2. Every lack and insufficiency is turning into divine provision.
3. The flour shall not run out and the oil shall not fail in your household.
4. God is opening supernatural doors of favour and opportunity.
5. Every empty net in your life shall be filled by God's power.

6. The season of fruitless labour is coming to an end.
7. Divine breakthroughs shall locate you and your family.
8. Your faith shall produce visible testimonies.
9. What seemed impossible shall become possible through God's intervention.
10. This week you shall experience the goodness and faithfulness of God in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.