



Run the Race  
Marked Out for You  
Part 6

A 3D illustration of a large white cross floating in the air. A small figure of a person in a green shirt and purple pants stands on the vertical arm of the cross, looking up. A bright, conical beam of light shines down from the top of the frame onto the person. The background consists of several large, overlapping, semi-transparent circles in shades of orange and yellow, set against a light blue sky.

**Look to our Lord Jesus Christ  
to Perfect our Faith**

## Hebrews 12:1 - 2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

<sup>2</sup>Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Look to Jesus Christ to Perfect our Faith

Why **PERFECT** -  
**COMPLETE** our Faith?



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Why **PERFECT - COMPLETE** our Faith?

**Doubts**

**Discouragement**

**Disappointments**

**Distractions**

**The Birds of the air seeking  
to steal away the word**

**Spiritual  
Attacks**

**Don't want to be disqualified  
from running the race**

**Not Sure of  
the Word**

# TO PERFECT MEANS

- ✓ To make **Complete** -  
like a missing piece of a jigsaw puzzle.
- ✓ To **Finish** as in not leaving the job partly done.
- ✓ To **Mature** or ripen like a fruit ready to be eaten.



# TO PERFECT MEANS

- ✓ To make Whole as in filling up whatever gaps remaining.



For the Situation and the Issue.

For the Journey of our walk on this earth.

A woman in a green top and purple skirt stands on a large, white, three-dimensional cross. A bright spotlight shines down on her from above. The background consists of large, overlapping, semi-transparent circles in shades of orange and yellow, set against a light blue sky.

# PRINCIPLES

to look to our Lord Jesus Christ  
to Perfect our Faith



I. Our Faith is **FOUNDATIONAL**  
for Living.



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## 2 Peter 1:5

But also for this very reason, giving all **diligence**,  
**add to your faith** virtue, to virtue knowledge ...

## Matthew 7:24

Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine,  
and **does them**, I will liken him to a **wise** man  
who **built his house on the rock**

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### 1 John 5:4 - 5

<sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God  
overcomes the world.

And this is the victory that has overcome  
the world — our faith.

<sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world,  
but he who believes that  
Jesus is the Son of God?

## II. Our Faith overcomes the WORLD.

### 1 John 5:19

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

### John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart! I have overcome the world.

**Trouble in the world because of the Fall of Man.**



# Examples of rain, flood and the wind that comes against us

When our lives  
are threatened

When your teenage child  
turns rebellious

When there is  
a family crisis

When we are  
retrenched

When you meet  
a car accident

Terrorists

When a loved one is taken very ill

When someone you depended on  
very strongly is no longer around

# Examples of rain, flood and the wind that comes against us

Fears for  
Tomorrow

Anxiety for  
loved ones

Betrayed by  
a close friend

Falling Sick

Stress of Work

Emotional Conflicts

Strife in the home and work place

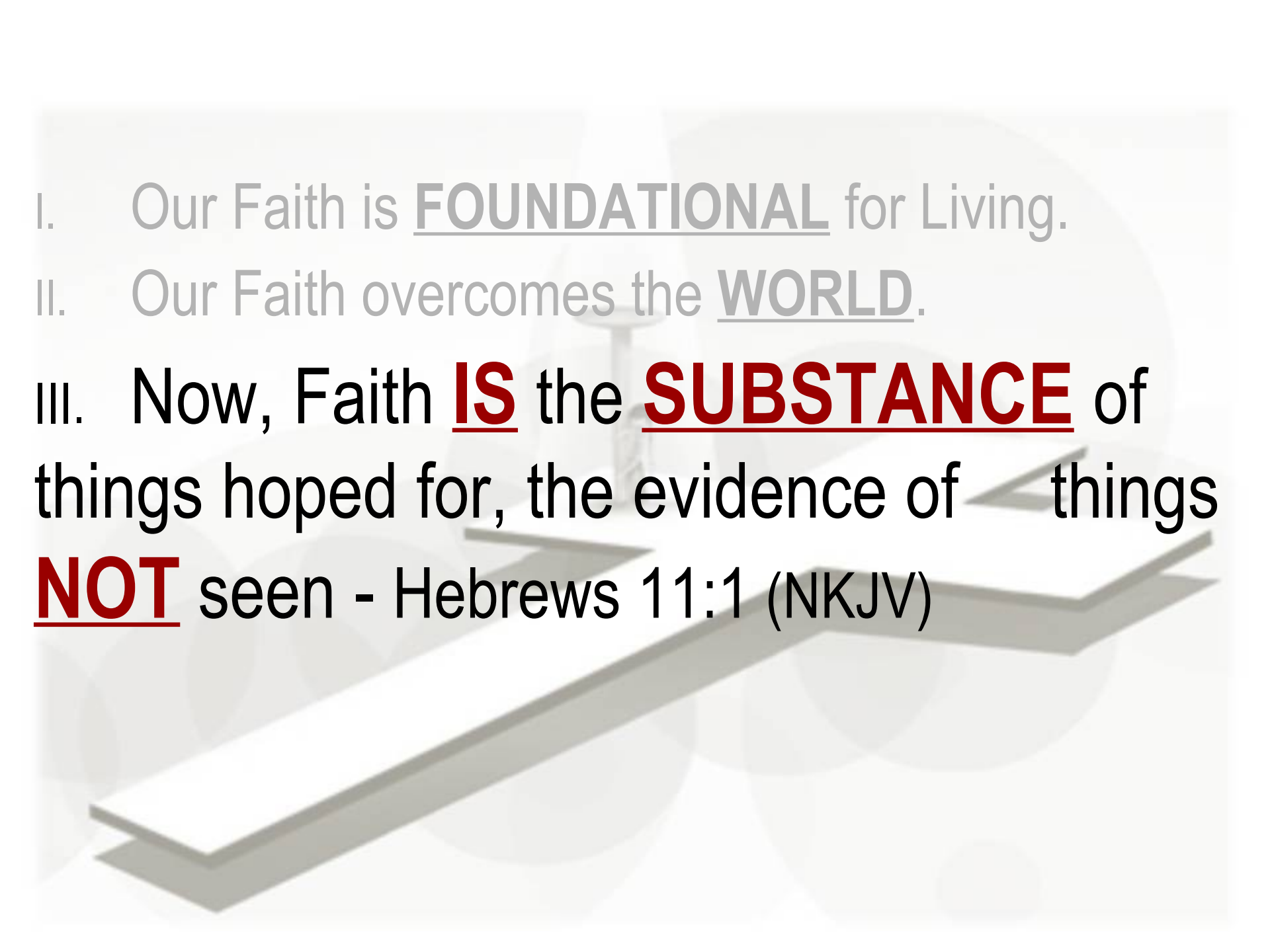
Loss of a Job

When your “god-father” in your workplace /  
business venture is no longer around

## II. Our Faith overcomes the WORLD.

### **Matt 7:25**

and the rain descended, the floods came,  
and the winds blew and beat on that house;  
and it did not fall,  
for it was founded on the rock.

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III. Now, Faith IS the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT seen.

1. The word “Faith” is sandwiched between the word “Now” and “Is” which indicate that faith involves believing in the God who operates in the present tense, as opposed to just believing some historical records of bible stories or that he will do something for us in the future.



III. Now, Faith IS the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT seen.

2. Faith and Hope are distinguished in this passage as being different from one another.



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3. Hope comes from our belief system - bible knowledge and doctrine that give us the foundation for knowing the promises of God, appropriating the grace of the divine exchange, etc.

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4. Faith converts our belief (hope) and makes it a present reality.

5. Hope is believing that something will happen in the future.

Faith does this by giving “substance” to hope i.e. it makes it something tangible for the “now”.

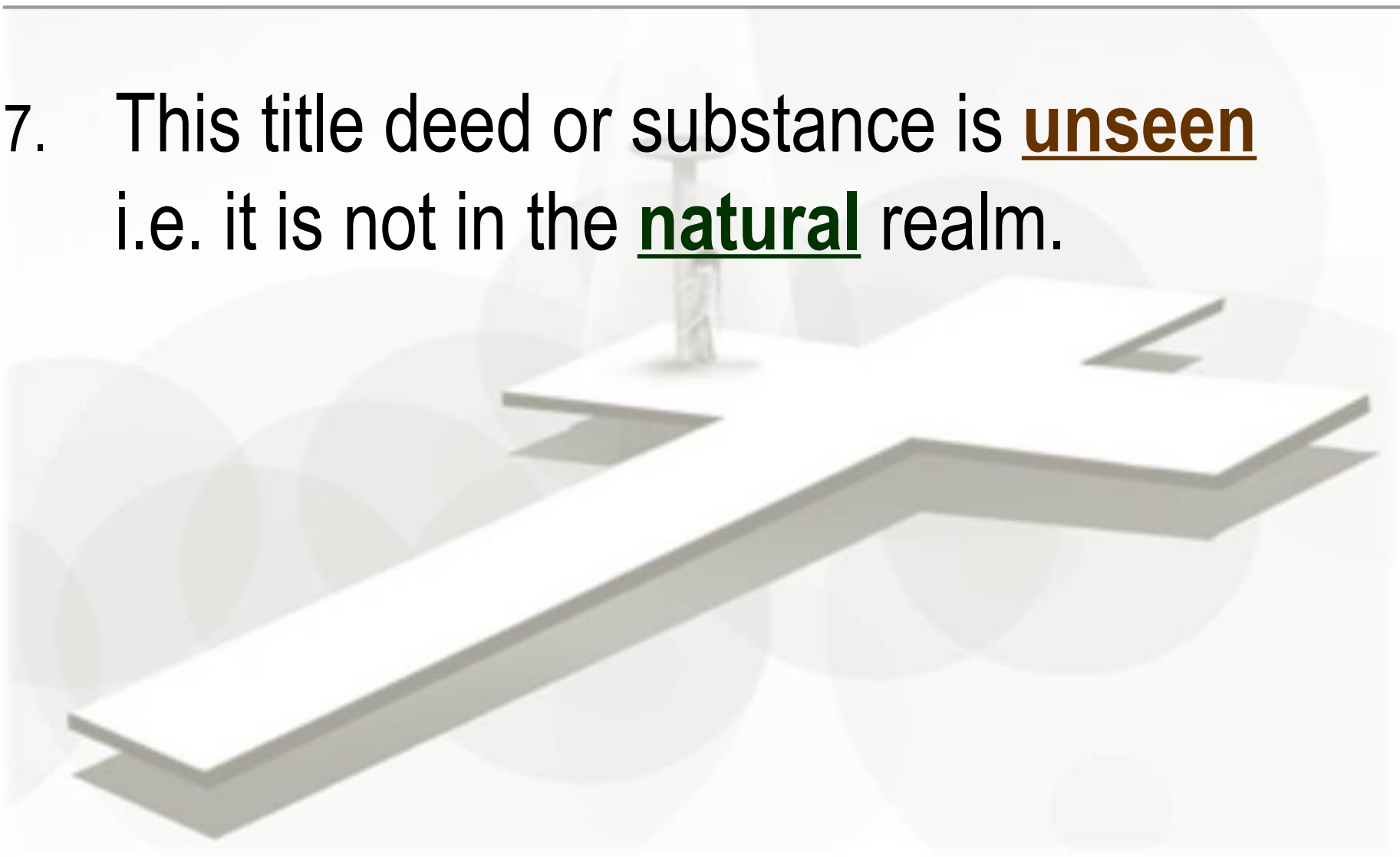
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6. Faith is the title deed of things hoped for.

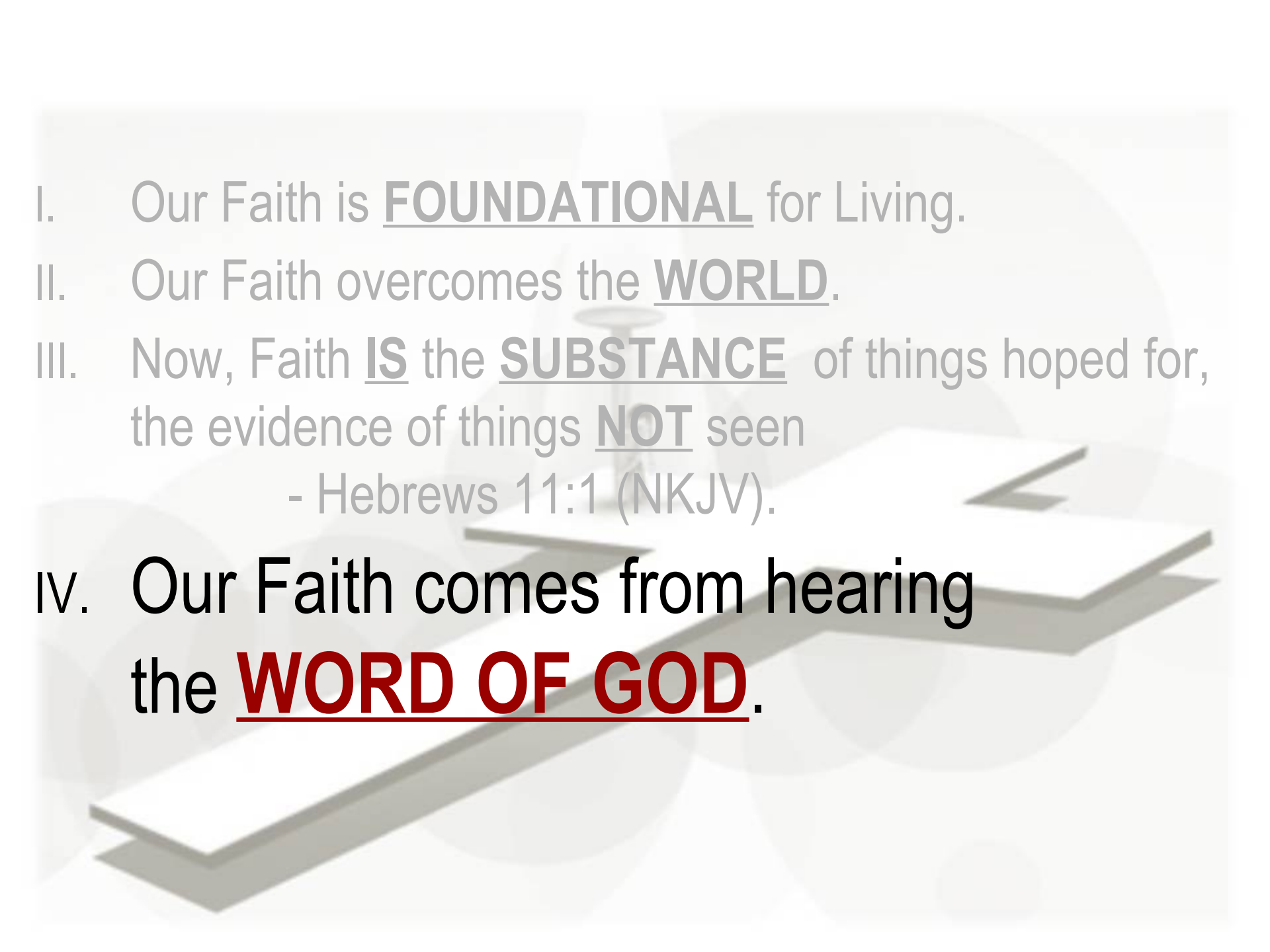
A title deed is something that assures us or guarantees that the house we have purchased is ours even if we don't physically see it, touch it, or have it in our possession.

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7. This title deed or substance is unseen  
i.e. it is not in the natural realm.





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### Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing,  
and hearing by the word of God.

**Rhema** - specific direct word for our life  
at that time / season / situation.

## IV. Our Faith comes from hearing the WORD OF GOD.

This means that faith is:-

1. Born out of our Relationship with God.

i.e. faith is not a formula, ritual or procedure to follow.

1 Timothy 1:19 - faith and  
conscience

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This means that faith is:-

2. Based on Revelation knowledge of the Word of God.

Revelation comes as we partake of the Word of God in our relationship with the Holy Spirit - John 15:7

# IV. Our Faith comes from hearing the WORD OF GOD.



Five forms of intake  
of the Word





## 1 Peter 2:2 - 3

<sup>2</sup>as newborn babes, desire the pure milk  
of the word, that you may grow thereby,  
<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

The GOAL of the intake of the MILK of the Word  
is to EXPERIENCE the reality of the Promises  
of God / Word in your life.

## Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, “It is written,  
‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by  
every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

The GOAL of the intake of the BREAD of the Word  
is to regularly hear what the Lord is SPEAKING  
to you in your daily living.

## Hebrews 5:14

But **solid food** belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The **GOAL** of the intake of the **MEAT** of the Word is to sharpen **DISCERNMENT** as you apply the Word to the situations of your life.

# IV. Our Faith comes from hearing the WORD OF GOD.

Unless you are continually partaking  
the **LOGOS** Word,  
you are unlikely to hear and receive  
the **RHEMA** Word.



## IV. Our Faith comes from hearing the WORD OF GOD.

What are the ways the **LOGOS**  
become the  
**RHEMA for you?**



## IV. Our Faith comes from hearing the WORD OF GOD.

1. During prayer or worship in the Presence of God, you sense the Holy Spirit **speaking** to you about something He wants you to do, thus giving you faith for it.
2. While meditating on the scriptures, a verse becomes **alive** to you which God is using to speak directly to you.



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3. Someone gives you a “**Word from the Lord**”.

Weigh it and if it bears inward witness, receive it as such.

4. While you are sitting under the Word, the message speaks to your heart and the Holy Spirit convicts you or exhorts you.



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5. While in fellowship, someone encourages you and faith arises in your heart to believe God for something.



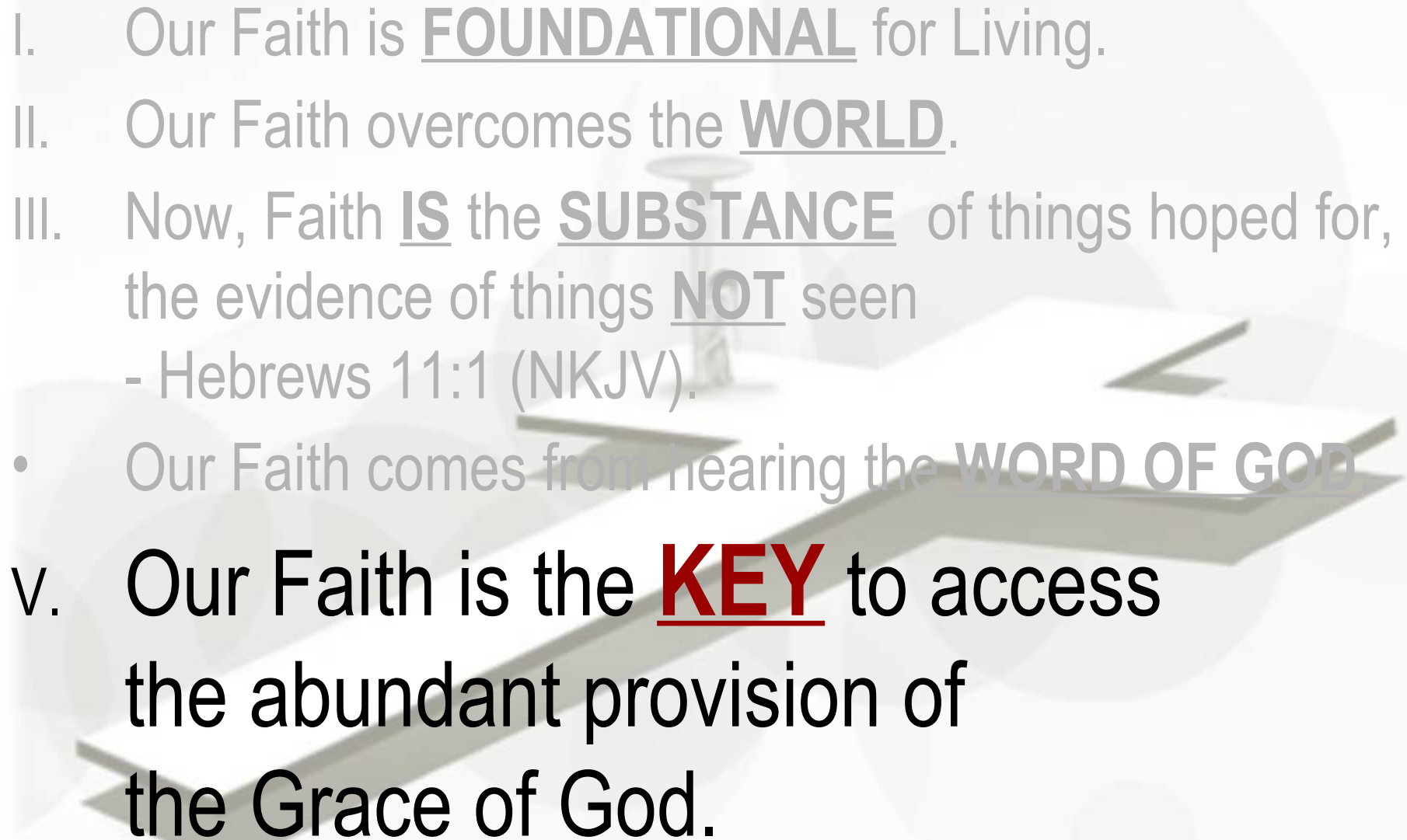
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**John 6:63**

... the words that I speak to you are spirit,  
and they are life.

Greek - Rhema =

Spoken word which you hear  
that creates Faith

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## Romans 5:2

through Whom **[JC]** also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

V. Our Faith is KEY to access the abundant provision of the Grace of God.

**2 Peter 1:3**

... His divine power has given to us  
all things that pertain to life and godliness ...

**Ephesians 1:3**

... blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ

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## 2 Corinthians 4:13

And since we have the **same spirit of faith**,  
according to what is written,  
“I **believed** and therefore I **spoke**,”  
we also **believe** and therefore **speak**



VI. Faith is released by the SPOKEN word.  
This is the SPIRIT of faith.

e.g. 1 - Genesis 1 : God spoke creation into being.

e.g. 2 - Proverbs 18:20 - 21 : power of the tongue.

e.g. 3 - Mark 11:23 : we will have whatever we say if we believe and do not doubt in our heart.

The Principle of the Spirit of Faith is to:

**Believe** and **Speak**

in order to **Receive**

The Principle of the Spirit of Faith is to:  
Believe and Speak in order to Receive.

We grow in the spirit of faith as we :

**Meditate and Confess**

**Believe and Speak forth**

**the Revelation of the Specific Word  
in our hearts**

# Believing and Receiving - Meditate and Confess Word

Example 1 :

**Being Saved**



# Believing and Receiving - Meditate & Confess Word

## Example 1 : Being Saved

### Romans 10:8 - 10

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

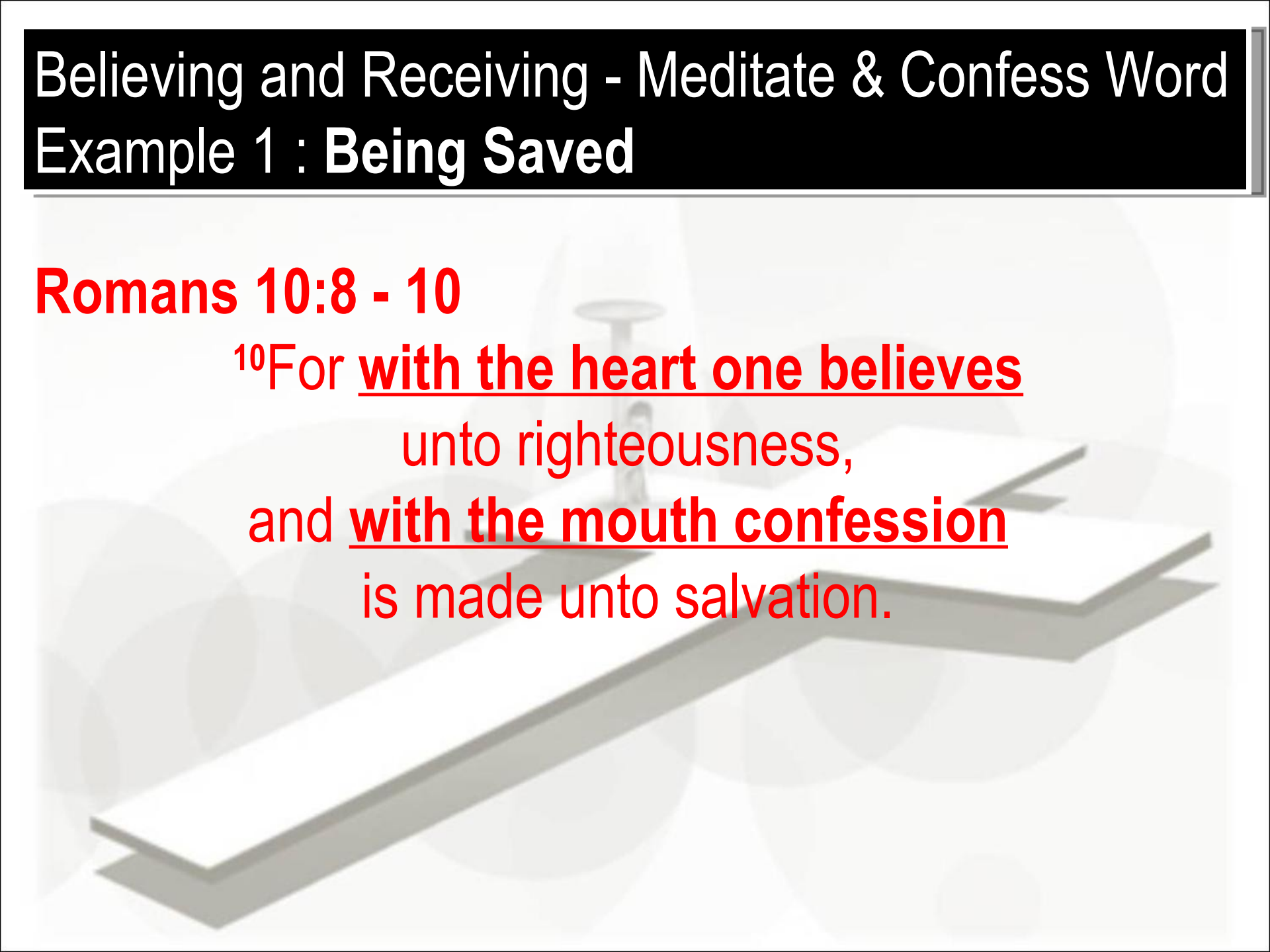
“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

# Believing and Receiving - Meditate & Confess Word

## Example 1 : Being Saved

**Romans 10:8 - 10**

**<sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes  
unto righteousness,  
and with the mouth confession  
is made unto salvation.**



# Believing and Receiving - Meditate and Confess Word

Example 2 :

**Receiving Provision**

A faint, stylized background illustration featuring a balance scale and an open book. The scale is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its beam extending from the bottom left towards the top right. The book is open and lies flat, with its pages visible. The overall style is minimalist and symbolic, suggesting themes of justice, balance, and knowledge.



# Believing and Receiving - Meditate & Confess Word

## Example 2 : Receiving Provision

**Matthew 6:25, 27, 31, 34**

- Do not Worry -

**Matthew 6:33**

But seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness,  
and **all these things** shall be added to you.

**Philippians 4:19**

**Psalms 23:1**

# Believing and Receiving - Meditate and Confess Word

Example 3 :

**Protection**



# Believing and Receiving - Meditate & Confess Word

## Example 3 : Protection

**Psalm 91**

**Psalm 27**



# Believing and Receiving - Meditate and Confess Word

Example 4 :

**Faith To Move Mountains**



# Believing and Receiving - Meditate & Confess Word

## Example 4 : Faith To Move Mountains

### Mark 11:22 - 24

<sup>22</sup>So Jesus answered and said to them,  
“Have faith in God.

<sup>23</sup>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.

# Believing and Receiving - Meditate & Confess Word

## Example 4 : Faith To Move Mountains

### Mark 11:22 - 24

<sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you,  
whatever things you ask when you pray,  
believe that you receive them,  
and you will have them.

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## SUMMARY

- v. Our Faith is the KEY to access the abundant provision of the Grace of God.
- vi. Faith is released by the SPOKEN word.
- vii. Faith requires ACTION.

## VII. Faith requires **ACTION** i.e. Works of Faith - James 2:14 - 26

e.g. 1 - Luke 5:16 - 18

### **THE PARALYTIC AND 4 FRIENDS**

Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic and  
the faith of his four friends.

## VII. Faith requires ACTION i.e. Works of Faith - James 2:14 - 26

e.g. 2 - John 5

# THE MAN AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA



## e.g. 2 - John 5 : The Man at the Pool of Bethesda

- He lost the will to be healed,  
has fallen into despondency and self-pity.
- To get up and walk would be an act of faith.
- Jesus was steering a faith response  
from this man to do something  
to demonstrate faith.

## VII. Faith requires ACTION i.e. Works of Faith - James 2:14 - 26

e.g. 3 - John 9

### **THE BLIND BEGGAR**



## e.g. 3 - John 9 : The Blind Beggar

- Jesus spat on the ground, made clay, anointed this man's eyes, told him to go to the Pool of Siloam to wash it in order to be healed of his blindness.
- Jesus was giving this man a way of acting in faith.
- The Pool of Siloam was over half a mile away.

## e.g. 3 - John 9 : The Blind Beggar

- The man could have succumbed to embarrassment and written the whole thing off as foolishness, wiped the clay from his eyes, and resumed begging.
  - The fact that he obeyed Jesus' instruction revealed that there was faith in his heart.

## e.g. 3 - John 9 : The Blind Beggar

Some degree of faith have always to be present:

in the person ministering the healing

and / or

in the one who is receiving the healing

and / or

in an intercessor who is standing in for them.



e.g. 3 - John 9 : The Blind Beggar

- Some degree of faith have always to be present:

In Jesus' hometown - **Mark 6:5 - 6**,

Jesus **COULD** not (not **WOULD** not)  
do any mighty works  
because of the people's unbelief.

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e.g. 4 - Luke 8:43 - 48

# THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD



## e.g. 4 - Luke 8:43 - 48 : The Woman with the Issue of Blood

- *Many needing healing around Jesus but this woman is the only person mentioned who received healing.*
- The difference was the touch of faith.
- She **believed** that she would be healed if she could just touch Jesus.
- This is the **Law of Faith**.

## e.g. 4 - Luke 8:43 - 48 : The Woman with the Issue of Blood

- God is already willing to heal.
- What is left is for the sick to seek Him in faith.
- This instance illustrates that it is not just prayer that saves the sick but rather the prayer of faith - James 5:15.

## e.g. 4 - Luke 8:43 - 48 : The Woman with the Issue of Blood

- Healing is governed by law and not by any random feeling or act of God.
  - This woman received her healing by the Law of Faith even before Jesus knew anything about her – “**who touched Me?**”
  - Healing requires Faith.

## VII. Faith requires ACTION i.e. Works of Faith - James 2:14 - 26

e.g. 5 -

**PETER WALKING ON WATER**  
**JESUS SAID : “COME!”**  
**PETER DID AS JESUS SAID.**

e.g. 5 - Peter walking on water  
Jesus said : **“COME!”**  
Peter did as Jesus said.

That word by **Jesus - God Himself** -  
contains the power and anointing  
for Peter to walk on water.

**Today, if we believe and act on God's Word,  
we will release the same power and anointing.**

Time to leave the security of our natural senses  
*(get out of the boat)*  
and put ourselves in a position where  
there has to be a miracle from God to hold us up!

**COME!**

Instead of looking at  
the waves of our situation,  
Look to Jesus -  
the Author & Finisher of our  
faith!



# CONCLUSION

## Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him,  
for he who comes to God must believe that  
He is, and that He is a rewarder of  
**those who diligently seek Him.**



*come* and stand on  
the water of His Word!