



# Faith Lifestyle Series



## Part 3



# Discern the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

## Exodus 12:11 (NKJV)

**11** And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It *is* the LORD's Passover.

## Ephesians 6:14a, 15 (NIV)

**14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, ...

**15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

## Exodus 12:13 (NIV)

**13** The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

# **TYPES OF FAITH IDENTIFIED IN SCRIPTURE. Cont'd**

- 13) Little Faith**
- 14) Shipwreck Faith**
- 15) Misplaced Faith**
- 16) Shield of Faith**
- 17) Gift of Faith**

# 13) Little Faith

## Jesus Calms the Storm

### Matthew 8:23-27 (NIV)

**23** Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him.

**24** Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.

**25** The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

**26** He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

**27** The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

# Little Faith

## Peter walks on water

### Matthew 14:28-31 (NIV)

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

# Little Faith

## The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

### Matthew 16:5-10 (NIV)

- 5 When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread.
- 6 “Be careful,” Jesus said to them. “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”
- 7 They discussed this among themselves and said, “It is because we didn’t bring any bread.”
- 8 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, “You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread?”
- 9 Do you still not understand? Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?
- 10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?

# Hallmarks of Little Faith

- Little faith fears.

## Matthew 8:26 (NIV)

**26** He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?”

## Matthew 14:30 (NIV)

**30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

- Little faith panics and confesses negatively.

## Matthew 8:25 (NIV)

**25** The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

# Hallmarks of Little Faith

- Little faith is distracted by sight

## Matthew 14:30 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

- Little faith doubts.

## Matthew 14:31 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

# Hallmarks of Little Faith

- Little faith has a short memory.

## Matthew 16:9-10 (NIV)

**9** Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand,

and how many basketfuls you gathered?

**10** Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?

# How to grow from Little faith

- Feed on the word of God frequently and learn to hear Him.
- Manage your words such that it aligns with the Word.
- Depend on the Word of God, not by what you see and the instability of your environment and circumstances.
- Choose to focus on Jesus.
- Choose to believe.
- Rehearse the what God has told you and what God has done.

# 14) Shipwreck Faith

## Timothy's Responsibility

### 1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NIV)

**18** Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well,

**19** holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

**20** Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

# Shipwreck Faith

## The role of conscience in faith

### 1 Timothy 3:9 (NIV)

9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

### 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NIV)

1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

# Definition

## - Shipwreck definition.

The destruction of a ship at sea by sinking or breaking up, e.g., in a storm or after running aground.

## - Conscience definition.

an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior.

Like a ship that hits the rocks and is broken up; when we ignore our consciences, we eventually suffer spiritual damage.

We should be careful about what we listen to and what we make light of, in the kingdom

# What leads to Shipwreck Faith?

1) Shipwreck in faith happens to someone who had once professed the faith and now their faith is being destroyed (wrecked).

It could be as a result of slowly veering off course into the dangerous rocks of false teachings.

## No Other Doctrine

### 1 Timothy 1:3-7 (NKJV)

**3** As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

**4** nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

**5** Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith,

**6** from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,

**7** desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

# What leads to Shipwreck Faith?

2) Intentional rejection (pushing away; repulsing) of faith and a good conscience (the voice of the Holy Spirit gently nudging you).

- Blasphemy.

You blaspheme when you see the Holy Spirit testifying about Christ, through answered prayers in the name of Jesus – miracles, signs and wonders, and then you give credit to the devil.

Believers must endeavor not to fall in the blasphemy trap like Hymenaeus and Alexander.

# Shipwreck Faith

3) A deliberate violation of conscience lead to shipwrecked faith.

## Hebrews 6:4-6 (NLT)

**4** For it is impossible to bring **back to repentance** those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit,

**5** who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come—

**6** and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people **back to repentance**; by **rejecting** the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.

# 15) Misplaced Faith

Luke 8:25 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup> Then he asked them, **“Where is your faith?”**

The disciples were terrified and amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!”

Is your faith in God?

Is your faith in man?

Is your faith in yourself?

Where is your faith?

## 16) Shield of Faith

### **Ephesians 6:16 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

# 17) Gift of Faith

- **1 Corinthians 12:4-9 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> There are [\[d\]](#) diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works [\[e\]](#) all in all. <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: <sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by [\[f\]](#) the same Spirit,

# Our Faith Stance and Declaration

- **Galatians 2:20-21 (NKJV)**

**20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live **by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**21** I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

## **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)**

**7** **For we walk by faith, not by sight.**



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