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YOU CAN BELIEVE



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“Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”
Mark 9:23 NKJV

What does it mean to believe? Believing is vital because it is how we receive from God. However, many of us struggle with the concept of believing. If we get tripped up with negative thoughts and feelings, we conclude that we aren't believing. Well, I have good news for you! Your faith will work in your heart even when you have doubt in your head. I want to encourage you that you can believe, even in a very challenging situation.

HELP MY UNBELIEF!

Jesus said, “**If you can believe**, all things are possible to him who believes”. (Mark 9:23 NKJV) These were Jesus' words to a desperate father, seeking healing for his demonically influenced child. This father was so overwhelmed by his child's condition and by feelings of doubt that he struggled to believe. “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’” (Mark 9:24 NKJV) Like this father, many of us struggle to know whether we're believing or not, especially in times of great crisis.

BELIEVING VS FEELING

Let's clarify some facts about believing. You can't believe God with your natural senses. You believe with the heart. We can take a lesson from the disciple Thomas' experience. He wanted to see Jesus physically before he would believe that he had risen. When Jesus appeared to the disciples, Jesus corrected Thomas by saying, “do not be unbelieving **but believing**.” (John 20:27 NKJV) Jesus continued by saying, “blessed are those that **who have not seen, and yet have believed**.” (John 20:29 NKJV) Peter, another disciple, wrote this in his letter: “though now you **do not see Him, yet believing** you rejoice...” (1 Peter 1:8 NKJV) Believing is not dependent on our senses or our natural experience. Instead, we believe with the heart. Believing is how we receive salvation and it is the

same way we receive anything from God. Romans 10:9 tells us, “if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (NKJV) We can see in these scriptures that believing is a matter of the heart.

WHAT IS BELIEF?

According to Strong's Lexicon, the word “belief” comes from the Greek word “pisteuo”. It has its roots in the Greek word “pistis,” which is the word for faith. W.E. Vine's New Testament dictionary defines pistis as “a firm persuasion; a conviction based upon hearing”. This word is used in Acts 16:31 when the Apostle Paul tells the jailer to “**believe** in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved”. In other words, he was to put his trust in, rely on and place his total confidence in Jesus alone for salvation.

RESIST DOUBT

While we live in this natural realm, we will always need to fight off thoughts of doubt. Martin Luther was known for this famous quote: “You can't stop the birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair!” It is our responsibility to pull down thoughts of doubt, not allowing them to take root in us. We have the authority to dismantle doubts and human reasonings, as we see in Paul's exhortation to the Corinthian church: “We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.” (2 Corinthians 10:4 NLT) Refuse to act on your doubts, instead act on what you believe!

ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE

The account of Bartimaeus demonstrates how someone acted on what he believed and received his answer. Bartimaeus was a blind beggar sitting at the side of the road when he heard Jesus was coming by. He started to shout, “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus heard his insistent request and called for him. As an act of faith, Bartimaeus threw off his beggar's cloak in

anticipation of being healed. Evidently, this blind man knew something about the Son of David and the mercy of God. Because he acted on what he believed, he received his healing. “And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.” (Mark 10:52 NLT)

Believing God means you depend solely on the word of God. You trust God’s Word regardless of how you feel, what you think or what experts say about your situation. Proverbs 3:5 tells us to, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not

depend on your own understanding.” (NLT) You believe with your heart, which is your spirit, by relying completely on the promises of God. You are a believer, therefore you can believe!



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Dr. Roma J. Fisher

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John 3:16 CEB

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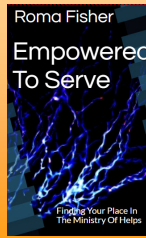
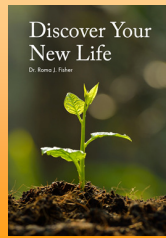
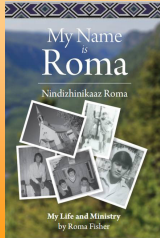
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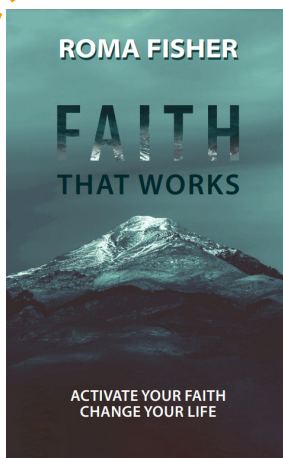
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