

Eight Levels of Faith Lesson 6 - Review and Assessment

I. Lesson 1: More Than Expected

1. “God, I believe today you are going to blow my mind with your awesome greatness, doing greater than I expect!”

II. Eight Levels of Faith Lesson 2: Underwater Faith

1. *Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*
2. *John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I am** he, ye shall **die in your sins**.*

A. Level 1: No faith

1. Evidence: When experiencing extreme situations: either major wealth/success, or life-threatening tragedy or peril.
2. Evidence: Successful and trusting in self (Deuteronomy 32:15, 20) or on the opposite end, when suffering great loss, experiencing fear, feelings of no hope, thinking Jesus doesn’t care. (Mark 4:37-38, 40)
3. Evidence: preaching doesn’t help. (Heb 4:2)
4. Dangers: it ends in lake of fire. (Rev 21:8)
5. Help: Are you at the place of no faith? faith under water? Jesus is on board with you and He isn’t afraid. (Mark 4:37-40)
6. Help: Exchange that unbelief and fear with trust in the true Provider, the One who calms storms. Then that can lead, at least, to little faith.
7. Hope: It can be temporary, you can get out by trusting God. (Ps 56:3)

B. Level 2: Little faith

1. Evidence: taking too much thought or spending too much time focusing on the trouble during times of suffering lack. (Matt 6:30-31, 33)
2. Help: “**take no thought**,” or “don’t worry,” in other words, do not focus on the lack. Seek Him first and He will add back what you lack.
3. Help: Look back and remember the time when the loaves and fishes were multiplied, so if He did it before, He can do it again. (Matt 16:8-10)
4. Help: Look up, not at the storm about you. You can still reach up and touch Jesus before you sink. (Matt 14:29-31)
5. Hope: It may only be temporary.

C. Level 3: Weak faith

1. Evidence: it is a struggle to believe God’s promises because of the evidence against you. Another symptom of weak faith is that it silences your praise and worship. Romans 4:19-20
2. Evidence: weak faith wavers and therefore does not receive, continuing the cycle of weak faith. James 1:6-7
3. Help: Admit your unbelief asking for help (Mark 9:24)
4. Help: Fasting helps rise up out of weak faith (Mark 9:29) as does praising God in advance (Rom 4:20).
5. Help: Ask this question: Which is more certain, my problem, or Jesus’ promise?
6. Hope: It may only be temporary.

III. Eight Levels of Faith Lesson 3: Faith that Rises Above

A. Level 4: Measure of Faith

1. Evidence: this is the level of faith that is necessary to be saved, and the good news is that God makes this level of faith available to all people so they can be saved. (Romans 12:3)

2. Evidence: gives the person access to gifts that God graces them with like: prophesy [as in a bold, anointed testimony], serving others, encouraging others, giving, leadership, and kindness. (Romans 12:6-8)
 3. Evidence: you have repented, been baptized, and been filled with the Holy Ghost, plus, you are using your gifting to help the church and others.
- B. Level 5: Gift of Faith
1. One of the nine spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4, 9)
 2. Evidence: God imparts the gift of faith to help a person manage a crisis or a critical moment allowing God's purposes to turn around what would have been a tragic situation.
 3. Evidence: You may come upon an accident and God pushes you to pray for the injured person to build their faith, and they raise up.
 4. Evidence: During an emotional crisis God imparts the gift of faith to calm the situation.
 5. Evidence: In a heaven or hell crisis at the altar, and God imparts the gift of faith to pray for them to pull them from hell onto the path to heaven.
 6. Evidence: It may be temporary based on need.
- C. Level 6: Strong in Faith.
1. Evidence: not a temporary level but is a level where one can live to help maintain an even and level path while walking through life's ups and downs. (Romans 4:20)
 2. Evidence: strong faith pushes through great obstacles and sorrow toward the promises of God, especially when the promises seem impossible to reach.
 3. Evidence: leaving familiar territory of home country and family to follow God's promise to a land full of unknowns. (Gen 12:1-3)
 4. Evidence: when God's promises were laughable, stagger not, do not waver. Keep moving ahead toward the promise, like an icebreaker ship.
 5. Hope: Abraham eventually arrived at Strong Faith, but early on his journey, he did not always demonstrate faithfulness or even godliness.
- IV. Eight Levels of Faith Lesson 4: Faith that Builds Bridges
- A. Level 7: Great faith
1. Evidence: It works when strong prejudice between different nationalities exists, and steps graciously over human barriers to make significant contributions.
 2. Evidence: Reached beyond the cultural biases with great faith: (Luke 7:9)
 3. Evidence: Demonstrates a purer focus on truth and faith, worshiping Jesus, and pressing ahead with requests. (Matt 15:28)
 4. Evidence: Great faith crosses over what would be difficult barriers between people, even those caused from bias and hurtful words, in order to see God's miracles and deliverance accomplished.
- B. Level 8: Full of faith
1. Evidence: rises above cultural biases within a group, and biases based simply on mistrust.
 2. Evidence: demonstrates thoughtfulness and compassion to stop murmuring in the church; exceeds expectations required of the position. (Acts 6:8)
 3. Evidence: **Full faith does its best work without a stage or spotlights.**
 4. Evidence: remains faithful and forgiving under the threat of death. (Acts 7:58-60)
 5. Evidence: comes alongside others to minister financially and to encourage. (Acts 4:37)
 6. Evidence: is drawn to young converts to help them be accepted and grow; is not threatened by the success of others. (Acts 11: 24)