

Faith Actions

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The English word “faith” is like the word, “walk.” To take a walk (here “walk” is used as a noun) means to move your legs faster than standing still, and to move in a direction. So “walk” is a noun describing an action. The word “run” is similar. If I am going to “take a run,” I am going to move my legs faster than walking. Here both words, “walk” and “run,” are verbs used as nouns that describe action. No corresponding physical action, and you are neither walking nor running. You may claim you are walking or running, but with no physical evidence, you are not speaking truth. The word “faith” is similar, it is a noun describing physical action, the actions of “faithing” or “believing.” Without action there is no faith or believing (See James 1:22, 2:20; Matt 7:21).

Note: For a fuller treatment of *faith actions*, see our book, *Faith Evidence. Receive*

The Greek Bible word translated as faith, *pistis* (Strong’s NT 4102), is based on a verb, *pisteuo* (Strong’s NT 4100). The original language words of *aman* (Strong’s OT 539), and *pisteuo*, both translated as believe, are verbs, indicating action, and both mean “continued actions to nurture, re-persuade, maintain and hold in your heart, and against the devil, and the current negative reality and thoughts, the assertions of the facts and promises of God, unto exuberant behaviors.” The noun *pistis*, translated as faith, means “to be in this holding and nurturing process of *pisteuo* believing. This process or behaviors of *pisteuo-aman* believing are called “*faith actions*.”

The Bible uses the word “faith” or “believing” to describe the daily heart or soul maintenance faith actions, as well as how you operate in the face of trials or negative conditions to get the promises of God to manifest. In both situations the actions are similar, but the emphasis may be greater in a trial than in daily heart maintenance.

Understanding and doing faith actions is critical to our walking in the promises of God unto answered prayer and miracles. God tells us: “The just shall live by faith.” Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11, Heb 10:38

In expanded form: The just (those who get born again of God and therefore made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus by celebrating that God raised Jesus from the dead 2000 years ago)

Shall *zao* live (operate in the life, nature, character, *dunamis* miracle working power and *agape* love of God)

By faith (the faith action lifestyle continually – multiple times per day on a set schedule and as occasion serves)

So if you want to walk like Jesus, which is how God says to do it, do this.

This biblical believing, or faith, includes three main elements:

1. The Bible facts of God and His goodness in His Bible promises, especially as seen in our redemption in the work of Jesus, the nature and character of God as seen in Jesus, and the promises of God in the Bible.
2. The exuberant faith or believing actions of applying, celebrating and enforcing these facts to the various situations of life BEFORE and UNTIL you see the promises of God manifest on earth in this life, i.e., “not slothful” (Heb 6:11-12). Note: Doing this element in trials and temptations is included in terms like “having faith,” “trusting God,” “standing on the Word,” “stirring up,” and “loving God.” Alternate Old Testament words for faith actions/trusting include “waiting,” “seeking,” “cleaving,” “faithfulness,” and “courage.”
3. The current status of your strength, nurturing or adherence to faith facts and actions, in the face of conflicting information, feelings and offenses. For example you do confessions or affirmations of Bible truths to develop confidence/faith in them, and then you do them because you now believe them, and as you need them to establish confidence and courage in God by His promises in the face of trials.

The supporting actions of faith or believing are found throughout the Bible and summarized here. These are the things we do that mix the Word of God into our hearts and release *zoe* life for blessing (Heb 4:2; 6:11-12). The only faith action that appears to be unique in emphasis in the New Testament is speaking in Holy Spirit tongues, and of course the shift from the repetitive temple sacrifices to the one-time sacrifice of Jesus.

Faith Actions: (The following is not exhaustive and some may be duplicative for clarity.) The basic actions or elements of believing/faith actions are to take the information of the “faith,” in the covenant promises of God (2 Cor 1:20), our Redemption in the blood of Jesus (Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Heb 9:12-14; Rev 12:11), and established that God is good, His mercy and grace are everlasting, and His truth endures and triumphs over all generations (Ps 100:5; 34:8; 86:5; 118:29), and make this biblical information stir you up into exuberant thanksgiving (2 Cor 4:15; Eph

5:20; Col 1:12; 3:17, 1 Thess 5:18), praise (Heb 13:15), joy (Phil 4:4; 1Thes 5:16), blessings (James 1:9-10; Eph 1:3-6; 1 Pet 1:3-5), courage (Josh 1:5-11; Ps 31:24; Acts 28:15), patience/consistency (Luke 21:19; James 1:2, 4; Heb 10:36), magnetizing your heart to God with affirmations of God's truth (Heb 3:1; Ps 1:2; Ps 105:1; Hab 2:2), *aitéo* commands in prayer as if God were speaking through you (2 Cor 4:13; Matt 6:8-13; 7:7-11; John 14:13-14; 15:7-8; 16:23-24; Phil 4:4-9; 2 Cor 4:13; 1 John 5:14-16), right fasting (Matt 6:18), right Holy Communion (1 Cor 11:30), operating gifts of Holy Spirit, especially prophecy and diverse tongues (1 Cor 12 and 14), Bible study and meditation by chewing the Word in your mouth to manifesting every aspect of salvation as needed to show yourself an approved workman of God (2 Tim 2:15, Josh 1:8; Ps 119:97; Ps 143:5) and able to manifest any aspect of salvation as needed (2 Tim 3:15, 2 Cor 1:20; 1 Tim 4:15), right consideration and self-talk, like Abraham did (Rom 4:12-21; Heb 3:1), recalling and telling of God's recorded miracles and testimonies (Ps 77:10-12; 78:3-7; 105:1; 119:99; 111:4; 143:5; 145:12; Isa 38:19; 63:7; Jonah 2:7; Matt 22:29; 2 Cor 1:4; Rev 12:11); active patience in continual faith actions (Rom 5, James 1; Phil 4:4-9; and 1 Peter 1:5-11), right judgment like Jesus did (Matt 7:2; John 5:30; 7:24 and 12:47), raising/lifting hands to God (Ps 28:2; 63:4; 119:48; 134:2 and Lam 3:41), attacking every worry, fear or anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving (Phil 4:4-9), working faith contracts (Hab 2:2), speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things of redemption to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus, submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God (Eph 5:19-21), daily exhortations by others or yourself (Heb 3:13), operating all the gifts of Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12 and Rom 12), public reading of the Scriptures (1 Tim 4:13), and doing acts of *agape* love, all in the name of Jesus (Matt 10:8; 22:39; 28:19-20; Mark 12:31, 16:15-20; and Luke 10:9).

A simpler statement can be: faith actions are to take the facts of redemption in the blood of Jesus, the nature of God, and the some 8000 promises of God, all in the Scriptures, and apply, celebrate and enforce them unto manifestation with exuberant behaviors of thanksgiving, praise, joy, righteous *aitéo* commands, right Holy Communion, right affirmations, right considerations, doings acts of *agape* love, exposing yourself daily to right exhortations to keep your heart from the deceitfulness of sin, studying and doing the word of God to show yourself a workman approved of God with answered prayer and miracle manifestations, and keeping yourself in the love of God with continual speaking in tongues.

Note: Faith contracts are a written tool where you gather the appropriate scriptures, summarize your commands, and if people are involved, intercession for them, and then keeping it handy for faith actions until the promise manifests. Put it (or them) in a visible place, and every time you go past it (them), repeat with thanksgiving. You can put these on note cards or your electronic devices to have them with you wherever you go. Even better is scheduled faith action reminders of your faith contract(s) on your electronic devices. Your goal is to do faith actions over each faith contract at least twice a day. More is better.

The acts of *agape* love are listed throughout the Bible. We summarize them as *agape*/loving God continually and exclusively with all your heart, mind, soul, strength, believing on the name of Jesus, loving one another as He does, and doing unto others what you would want done unto you. They are to be built on a foundation of gladly *agape*/loving your parents, spouse, children, neighbors and strangers. These acts of *agape* love include gifts, alms, hospitality, respect and kindnesses to others, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, sheltering the destitute, delivering the poor, attacking worry, encouraging and giving grace to others, speaking so others receive grace to be more like Jesus, overcoming evil with good, seeking first the Kingdom of God for yourself to community and national betterment, evangelism, personal piety, blessing those that curse you and praying for them that despitefully use you, including casting out the devil in and over them, helping widows, orphans, the weak and innocent, working godly justice, and producing the signs of true Jesus believers by operating in the name and power of Jesus to heal the sick, restoring the maimed, blind and deaf, raising the dead, casting out devils and cleansing the lepers as recorded for Jesus and the early believers.

So when someone says, "Have faith," "Stand on the promises," "Believe God," or "Trust God," your first response should be to start doing faith actions over scripture facts and God's promises that can apply for that situation, and then commit to a regular schedule of 3-6 hours a day in continual, on a regular daily schedule of multiple events, and as occasion serves, faith actions UNTIL victory. As the psalmist wrote: Psalm 119:164 "**Seven times a day** do I praise Thee for Thy righteous judgments (*against the devil and for my/our/their blessing and prosperity*"). And, of course, see: Ps 34, Ps 55:17; Eph 5:14-21; Col 3:14-17; 1 Thess 5:16-18; and Heb 6:11-12; 13:15.