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“Pillars of Faith”

“...If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.” (Isaiah 7:9)

Point of Entry

1 Kings 7:21 – “(Solomon) set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the south and called its name Jachin (*Establish, It is Firm*), and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name Boaz (*In Strength*).”

Romans 10:9-10 – (9) “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

(10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, - **(confidence)**
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” - **(commitment)**

Practice of Entrusting

Psalm 24:6-10 – (6) “Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (7) Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (8) Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! (9) Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (10) Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!”

Galatians 2:20 – “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh *I live by faith in the Son of God*, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Key Point: The Work of Faith is the Surrendered Will

Response:

Focus on God

“In hope (Abraham) believed against that he should become the father of many nations, that he should, as he had been told, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ He when he considered his own body, did not weaken in faith which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.” (Romans 4:18-21)

Don't Focus on Self

“Then Samson called to the LORD and said, ‘O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.’ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. And Samson said, ‘Let me die with the Philistines.’ Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life.”

(Judges 16:28-30)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I desire to strengthen my faith in God? (Acts 16:5; Rom. 4:20)

Has doubt/unbelief crept into my heart recently? What are some specific areas of unbelief?

Am I close to other believers that can strengthen, encourage and reinforce my faith? (Heb. 10:22-25)

Do I tend to focus more on myself than on Jesus? (Numbers 13:33; Heb. 12:2)