The Word On Faith

1. Hebrews 11:1
Faith gives substance to what we hope for and confidence in what we cannot yet see.

- **AMPC:** "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."

- **MSG:** "The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see."

- **NKJV:** "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

2. Romans 10:17
Faith grows as we hear and receive the word of Christ.

- **AMPC:** "So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself)."

- **MSG:** "The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But listen to what? New York fashion? Bull market tips? Talk radio? No. We're listening for the word of Christ."

- **NKJV:** "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

3. Mark 11:24
Jesus teaches us to pray believing that we receive what we ask.

- **AMPC:** "For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it]."

- **MSG:** "That's why I tell you, keep on asking for anything in prayer, and have faith that you have received it and it will be yours."

- **NKJV:** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

4. 2 Corinthians 5:7
The believer is called to walk by faith rather than by sight.

- **AMPC:** "For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor], not by sight or appearance."

- **MSG:** "It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going."

- **NKJV:** "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

5. Romans 4:20–21
Abraham grew strong in faith, fully persuaded that God could do what He promised.

- **AMPC:** "No unbelief or distrust made him waver or doubtingly question concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, Being fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised."

- **MSG:** "He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking skeptically how it could happen, but dived right into the promise and left God with the details, sure that God would make good on what he had said."

- **NKJV:** "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."

6. <u>Ephesians 2:8–9</u>
Salvation is God's gift, received through faith rather than earned by works.

- **AMPC:** "For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]"

- **MSG:** "Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing!"

- **NKJV:** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

7. 1 John 5:4
Faith in Christ gives the believer victory over the world.

- **AMPC:** "For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith."

- **MSG:** "Every God-begotten person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith."

- **NKJV:** "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

8. Proverbs 3:5–6
Trust God wholeheartedly, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.

- **AMPC:** "Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths."

- **MSG:** "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."

- **NKJV:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

9. James 1:6
Ask God in faith without doubting.

- **AMPC:** "Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the surging sea-wave that is blown about by the wind and tossed and driven this way and that."

- **MSG:** "Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who 'second-guess' are like the surf of the sea, whipped into foam by the wind, tossed and upended."

- **NKJV:** "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind."

10. Galatians 2:20

The believer lives by faith in the Son of God, who loved and gave Himself for us.

- **AMPC:** "I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

- **MSG:** "Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not 'mine,' but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself with no regard to the cost."

- **NKJV:** "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."

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