The Key to Steadfast Faith

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Steadfast faith resides in focusing on Jesus, drawing strength from His example, and persevering in our spiritual journey, irrespective of our challenges.

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KEY 1: Maintain our Sight on Jesus

Hebrews 12:1–2 ESV

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Matthew 6:33 ESV

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

? KEY 1 - Reflection Question:

How can you, in your daily life and amidst your personal challenges, keep your sight fixed on Jesus? What practical steps can you take to ensure His teachings and example remain at the forefront of your thoughts and actions?

KEY 2: Holding on to God's Promises

2 Corinthians 1:20 ESV

²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

Isaiah 41:10 ESV

¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

? KEY 2 - Reflection Question:

Which of God's promises resonate most with you during trying times?

- 1. The promise of His presence (<u>lsaiah 41:10</u>)
- 2. The promise of His strength and help (<u>Isaiah 41:10</u>)
- 3. The affirmation of all His promises in Christ (<u>2 Corinthians 1:20</u>)
- 4. The promise of His kingdom and righteousness when we seek Him first (Matthew 6:33)

KEY 3: Persevering through Trials

James 1:2–3 ESV

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

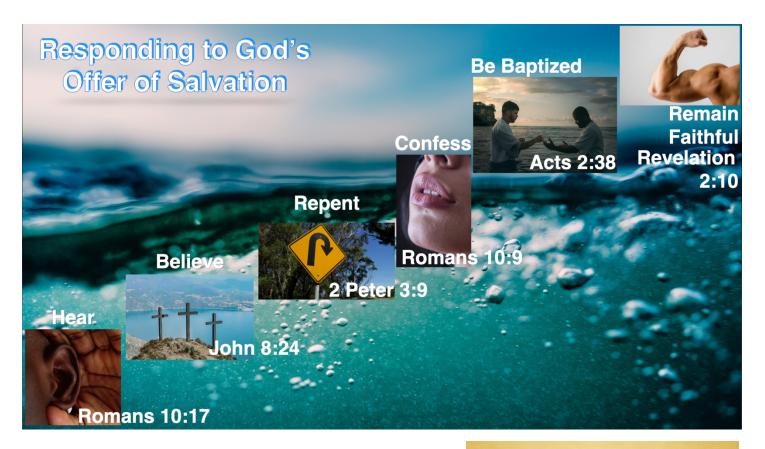
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1 Peter 5:10 ESV

¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

? KEY 3 - Reflection Question:

True or False: Facing trials and hardships is an indicator that our faith is weak or that God has abandoned us. Can you elaborate on your answer using the teachings from <u>James 1:2-3</u> and <u>1 Peter 5:10</u>?



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