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THE CASE STATED

Unanswered prayers stand between the individual and a faith life.

Some have lost faith altogether. Many have turned to philosophical and metaphysical cults because their prayer lives were failures.

If we should ask the individual what he believes to be his greatest difficulty in his Christian walk, I believe invariably his answer would be, "I haven't enough faith. I know it is not God's fault. I know the promises are there in the Word. I have simply failed to get faith. I have prayed for it, I have fasted for it, but I don't know how to get it."

This little conversation took place between a husband and wife over the breakfast table: "No, I am not losing my confidence in the Bible, but it does seem to me that after the years we have attended church, we should have gotten somewhere. Yesterday in the office,

the question of faith came up and I found that I had none. That is, I didn't have any positive, clear-cut faith in the Word as I have in business. I have faith in the things that we manufacture.

"I know that they will do the things we advertise they will do. I don't know that God's Word will do the thing that it is advertised to do. I would like to know where the difficulty is. Down at the office, when we face a problem, we solve it, but in our church, we just cover it up. We ignore it. I have ignored it as long as I can. I must know!"

This is the reason for this book. We have written it to answer the faith problem for thinking men and women.

THE BASIS FOR FAITH

“**T**his faith business has me whipped,” said a young man the other day. “The pastor preached on it Sunday. He didn’t tell me how to get faith, but he told me the necessity of it, told what it could do.

“He quoted those wonderful sentences from the lips of the Master, ‘*All things are possible to him that believeth*’ (Mark 9:23) and ‘*If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed*’ (Luke 17:6). I have tried to get it. I have done everything that I knew or anyone else could tell me, but it seems to be so elusive. Can you tell me where the difficulty lies?”

I liked him. He was so frank, so genuine. The distress in his eyes challenged me.

I said to him, “Faith comes through the Word of God. You have faith in the man for whom you work; if he promises you a raise in your salary, you wouldn’t question it. You have faith in the

bank where you do business. If they told you that your account was overdrawn, you wouldn't question it. You know that you and your word are one. You are behind your word, behind every word that you promise.

"God and His Word are one. God is behind every Word that He promises. Not only is He behind it, but His throne is behind His Word. He said, *'I will hasten my word to perform it'* (Jeremiah 1:12). He is a businessman. He knows that His Word is the foundation of everything, so He stands behind it. Jesus said, *'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away'* (Matthew 24:35). This is the thing that gives faith: the integrity of this Word. Faith comes by hearing the Word, understanding it, by it becoming a part of us.

"I am going to say a hard thing. I am sure you will understand me. Lying, deceit, and dishonesty are the badges of the world. We see it in international relationships between nations. They have their secret service men listening in everywhere, robbing each other of blueprints of warships and such until there is no chance of security anywhere. This is the reason for our unbelief. The air is pregnant with it. When we come up against the Word of God, which cannot lie and cannot be challenged, somehow or other, we are unprepared to accept it.

"Satan is a liar, and he is the god of this world. Jesus came as a revelation of truth. He is the only one who ever made men become honest, when to tell the truth meant they would be burned at the stake. Here we see the foundation of this faith. You come to know Jesus through the Word. He introduces you to the Father. Then you begin to act on the Word, to test it out, as it were. After a bit, you will find that acting on what Jesus said, or the Father said, becomes as natural as acting on the word of the man for whom you are working."

After careful thought, he said, "Thank you. I believe. I have learned something I have never seen before."

ONE FOUNDATION

There is but one foundation for faith, the living Word.

As we become one with the Word in our actions, then faith becomes an unconscious reality.

You never think of your faith; you only think of the need and His ability to meet it.

If you wish your faith to grow and become robust and strong, soak in the Word, feed on it, and meditate on it, until you become one with it in the sense that you are one with your business.

Find out what you are in Christ: what your privileges are, what He thinks of you, and what He says of you.

You will find all this in the Word.