

Part 1 "Introduction"

We are using TL Osboure's classic book Healing the Sick as a premise for this study Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing."

### What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Mark 1:41 Jesus answered the leper "I Will" regarding it being the Lord's will to heal. Not to mention it was paid for in the cross.

John 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

- Faith is a spiritual substance
- Faith is not a feeling or emotion
- Faith is not a mental agreement
- Faith is not hope

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> So if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have whatever we asked of Him."

### **Faith verses Hope**

- Faith is NOW but hope is FUTURE
- Faith expects, but hope only hopes it might have happened

There are many times that you receive something in prayer by faith, but time passes before you see it manifest in the natural.

## Believing you have received

Mark 11:22 "Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> For truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be thrown into the sea,' and does not **doubt in his heart**, but believes that what he **says** will come to pass, he will have whatever he **says**. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe that you will receive them, and you will have them**. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your sins. <sup>26</sup> But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins."

# Calling things that are not as though they were

Romans 4:16 "Therefore the promise comes through faith, so that it might be by grace, that the promise would be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all <sup>17</sup> (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") before God whom he believed, and who raises the dead, and calls those things that do not exist as though they did. <sup>18</sup> Against all hope, he believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations according to what was spoken."

Don't focus on your flaws, but focus on God's faithfulness to his word

### **Faith and Praise**

When we know that God has heard us and it is done, we move from pleading with God to thanking and praising him.