Teaching Notes

Faith: The Overcoming Key!
Lesson Two: How Faith Comes

I. There are four (4) different kinds of faith
   a. Mental Faith
   b. Emotional Faith
   c. Sensual Faith
   d. Biblical Faith

II. How do we develop our faith?
   a. Both human and spiritual faith have the need for nourishment
      i. Principle of weak or strong
   b. Both human and spiritual faith have the ability to consume
      i. Human Faith
         1. Word of Man
         2. Experience with the natural
      ii. Spiritual Faith
         1. Word of God
         2. Experience with the supernatural
   c. Feeding Spiritual Faith – Roman 10:17 “Faith comes by hearing…”
      i. Ear Gate
      ii. Eye Gate
      iii. Mouth Gate

III. What are obstacles to developing our spiritual faith?
   a. Human Reason. God may say things to us that seem unreasonable, and we miss out on some of His blessings because we fail to do what we are asked when it doesn’t fit our expectations.
   b. Living by Sight. Oftentimes, we don’t trust God and seek to live by sight rather than by faith.
   c. Surrendering to Our Feelings. When we’re challenged, we often feel like we can’t do something. This is a great hindrance to our faith.
   d. Negative Counsel. If God challenges you to do something, asking others for advice is a mistake. People’s opinions should never outweigh God’s, and He would never ask you to do something without empowering you.
   e. Feelings of Guilt. Sometimes, dwelling on the past can hinder our faith. Instead of asking God for forgiveness and moving on, many people remain trapped in previous failures.
   f. Neglecting the Word of God. The Bible is the fuel of our faith, and if we do not read it, we cannot begin to see how the Father enables His people and that He will do the same for us.
   g. Continuing in Sin. God will not use us for His purposes if we are living in sin. It short-circuits our faith in all ways.
   h. Satan’s Tactics. The devil wants us to doubt God and to divide our allegiance. He is like an undertow that slowly pulls us away from the Father.