

Faith by Myrtle Fillmore

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I do not believe in sin. I believe in *Truth*.

I do not believe in want. I believe in *Abundance*.

I do not believe in death. I believe in *Life*.

I do not believe in ignorance. I believe in *Intelligence*.

There are no discords in my being. *Being is Peace*.

My faith, understanding, and love are becoming one.

"What, therefore, *God* hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Background knowledge, common understanding: *God* is all things and all things are *God*. We are in *God* and *God*, the divine, exists within us - and *God* is *Good*, only *Good*.

Let's talk about Faith, baby... Keep the faith. Have faith. Blind faith.

Just what is meant by faith anyways? A common bit of encouragement, "You just have to have faith in *God*, that is all that is needed," can be a difficult one to intellectualize. And still leaves out any explanation of what faith is.

Today's Daily Word stated, "My perception determines my experience. I begin with faith." The affirmation, "My faith keeps me focused on *God*," still no clear indicator of what faith *is*.

In the writing title Faith by Michael A Maday in the Unity publication Tools for Living a God-Centered Life, Charles Fillmore is quoted to have defined faith as "the perceiving power of the mind linked with the power to shape substance..." Maday goes on to explain that from what we perceive, we mold in our thoughts, words, and actions a magnetic energy that draws out its equivalent from the world. Thus, through our faith we shape our lives.

At a very basic level, simply put, what we believe, that is what we are putting our faith in and what we put our faith in is what we create for our lives.

We are constantly exercising our power of faith, we are constantly believing in something and creating that reality in our lives. However, it is not always good. We can have faith in our fears and failures, dumb luck, or disease. We can have faith in poverty, negativity, and hatred.

Our life experience is the source of our faith. We place our faith in what our experience tells us is so. If our life experiences have been negative we have faith that life is negative. If our experience is that people mistreat us, we have faith that people mistreat us and we continue to draw people into our lives that mistreat us. If our life experience is poverty, we have faith in poverty and continue to live a life of poverty. Faith can quickly become blind, ripe with prejudice and limited thinking.

However, we can change our faith. We can recognize what we are putting our faith in and make the choice to shift that faith, change our experiences, and in turn, change our lives.

Emile Cady has a way of putting things that, even in the antiquated English and grammar usage is straightforward and easy to understand. In her excellent work Lessons In Truth she has devoted an entire chapter to the topic of faith. So much of what she says is echoed in the much more recent work by Rhonda Byrne, *The Secret*. The very basic idea is that all we desire is available to us by believing (having faith) that it is already ours.

The mental and spiritual world or realms are governed by laws that are just as real and unfailing as the laws that govern the natural world. Certain conditions of mind are so connected with certain results that the two are inseparable. If we have the one, we must have the other, as surely as the night follows the day - not because we believe some wise person's testimony that such is the case, not even because the voice of intuition tells us that it is so, but because the whole matter is based on laws that can neither fail nor be broken.

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One of the unerring Truths in the Universe (by "Universe," I mean the spiritual and natural worlds combined) is that there is already provided a lavish abundance for every human want. In other words, the supply of every good always awaits the demand. Another Truth is that the demand must be made before the supply can come forth to fill it. To recognize these two statements of Truth and to affirm them are the whole secret of understanding faith -- faith based on principle.

Remember this: Desire in the heart for anything is God's sure promise sent beforehand to indicate that it is yours already in the limitless realm of supply, and whatever you want you can have for the taking.

In the book *The Quest*, Richard and Mary-Alice Jafolla state that faith is tricky. You have to be very sure it is pointed in the right direction.

They go on to discuss how you have all the faith you need. We come into this existence with all the faith, all the power to believe and bring into manifestation (the law of mind action) all that we will ever need or use in our lifetimes. We simply discover our faith and direct it.

Faith, whether in the positive or negative, is always attached to a strong emotion. In fact, faith is not faith unless it has a strong emotion attached. You feel it so strongly that it is almost a reality already.

Since "like attracts like", whatever we have faith in, we eventually attract. Faith can be invested in sickness or invested in health. Do you want sickness in your life or health? Have faith in health! It can be invested in hatred or invested in love. Have faith in love! It can be invested in poverty or invested in prosperity. Have faith in prosperity! You get what you expect. Expect Good. Have faith in God, have faith in Good.

"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24). Expect it. Expect it so much that you can almost taste it, almost see it already accomplished. That's where your heart is, that's where your faith is, and that's what you'll get.

...no matter what kind of situation is in your life today, the solution is to know and expect that God will lead you through it to your good.

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

For our meditation today I'd like us to focus on some of the many wonderful affirmations of faith from the Daily Word.

I know that through God, all things are possible.

With courage, I step out in faith to embrace new opportunities and experiences.

Through faith, I discover God in every life experience.

My life is unfolding in orderly ways.

I have faith I can handle whatever comes.

I have faith that the very best is unfolding in my life.

I am supported in every aspect of my life.

I see clearly with the eyes of faith.

Everywhere I look, I see reasons to have faith.

Filled with positive expectation, I expect only good.

My faith in Spirit's ceaseless love and activity is absolute.

My faith keeps my mind centered on God.

My faith is my foundation.

I invest my faith only in possibilities for good.

I am blessed with rightly directed faith.

I have faith in God within.

I believe all things are possible with God.

With faith, nothing is impossible for me.

With Spirit as my guide, I face this day with faith.

My faith lights my path and guides my way.

With faith, I create my life anew.

I let go in faith and trust my spiritual source.

Faith Buoy my spirit and carries me far.

My faith is unshakable.

I have faith the highest and best outcomes are unfolding in my life.

My faith keeps me focused on God.

Resources

Daily Word: Faith

My Faith keeps me focused on God.

I may not be able to control what happens around me, but I am always free to choose what happens within me. My perception determines my experience. I begin with faith. I choose to see the vibrant wholeness that is present even during illness. I open my heart and mind to the harmony that I know is possible even in the midst of apparent discord. When my needs appear greater than my resources, I remind myself all supply springs forth from the inexhaustible well of divine substance.

I am reassured by remembering all situations are temporary and God is greater than every circumstance. Through my faith, I align my thoughts with the Divine and believe in this truth that sets me free.

“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.” - Luke 17:6

Daily Word: Faith 03/2019 - 05/2021

Faith	3/12/2019	I know that through God, all things are possible.	James 1:6
Faith	4/13/2019	With courage, I step out in faith to embrace new opportunities and experiences.	1 Corinthians 16:13-14
Faith	5/7/2019	Through faith, I discover God in every life experience.	Jeremiah 29:13
Faith	6/12/2019	My life is unfolding in orderly ways.	2 Corinthians 13:5
Faith	7/2/2019	I have faith I can handle whatever comes.	1 John 5:4
Faith	8/15/2019	I have faith that the very best is unfolding in my life.	James 1:6
Faith	9/17/2019	I am supported in every aspect of my life.	Romans 1:20
Faith	10/24/2019	I see clearly with the eyes of faith.	Psalms 9:10
Faith	11/4/2019	Everywhere I look, I see reasons to have faith.	Romans 4:20
Faith	1/19/2020	Filled with positive expectation, I expect only good.	Luke 12:32
Faith	2/25/2020	My faith in Spirit's ceaseless love and activity is absolute.	Jude 1:20
Faith	3/9/2020	My faith keeps my mind centered on God.	Philippians 4:8

Faith	4/11/2020	My faith is my foundation.	2 Corinthians 5:7
Faith	5/24/2020	I invest my faith only in possibilities for good.	Matthew 25:21
Faith	6/25/2020	I am blessed with rightly directed faith.	Mark 9:23
Faith	7/10/2020	I have faith in God within.	Hebrews 3:14
Faith	8/18/2020	I believe all things are possible with God.	Hebrews 11:1
Faith	9/27/2020	With faith, nothing is impossible for me.	Matthew 17:20
Faith	10/26/2020	With Spirit as my guide, I face this day with faith.	John 7:38
Faith	11/29/2020	My faith lights my path and guides my way.	Romans 15:13
Faith	12/28/2020	With faith, I create my life anew.	Psalms 119:30
Faith	1/23/2021	I let go in faith and trust my spiritual source.	John 5:4
Faith	2/27/2021	Faith Buoy my spirit and carries me far.	Hebrews 11:3
Faith	3/26/2021	My faith is unshakable.	Hebrews 11:1
Faith	4/19/2021	I have faith the highest and best outcomes are unfolding in my life.	Mark 5:36
Faith	5/23/2021	My faith keeps me focused on God.	Luke 17:6

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Ephesians 3:17-19 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Colossians 2:6-7 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Tools for Living a God-Centered Life: Faith by Michael A. Maday

Faith is one of those words, like love or prayer, that gets used so much it almost loses its meaning.

Faith is considered a foundation power because Peter, who represents faith, was one of the first disciples chosen by Jesus.

Charles Fillmore “the perceiving power of the mind linked with the power to shape substance...” From what we perceive, we mold in our thoughts, words, and actions a magnetic energy that draws out its equivalent from the world. Thus, through our faith we shape our lives.

Yes we are always exercising our power of faith, but not always in positive ways.

We have faith in our fears and failures, dumb luck, trickery, disease, the power of atom bombs...it would be wise to contemplate in what direction we are moving or, rather, in what direction our minds are taking us.

Our life experience is actually the source of our faith. We place our faith in what our experience tells us is so. Faith can quickly become blind, ripe with prejudice and limited thinking.

In collaboration with understanding and with love, faith tends to gravitate toward what we may call true faith, or faith in God. This is so much more than a belief in a given system of principles. It is a simple yet profound knowing that divinity is real and is at the core of our existence.

Faith in God is a choice of direction. We choose to place our Power in faith in God as we choose not to stay stuck in the places of fear and hopelessness.

“It’s a choice. I choose to believe because I see what the world seems to be like when I don’t believe there is a God. I’m happier when I have faith. I’m nicer to people. I’m more patient. So I choose to believe over and over and over again.”

When we get in touch with our personal helplessness while staying connected to the divine order of things, we trust that all is well, despite the pain we are feeling.

Indeed, only as our capacity to let go grows and we allow ourselves to truly relax into our essential helplessness can we permit ourselves to deepen our trust in God.

Truth Be Told: Faith by Myrtle Fillmore

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The Quest by Richard and Mary-Alice Jafolla

Faith is tricky. You have to be very sure it is pointed in the right direction.

...you already have all the faith you will ever need...You don't gain faith, you discover it and you direct it...True faith is that deep inner knowing that the good you desire is already yours. True spiritual faith is complete trust in God's will.

Since "like attract like" (the law of mind action), whatever we have faith in, we eventually attract. Faith can be invested in sickness or invested in health. It can be invested in hatred or invested in love. It can be invested in poverty or invested in prosperity. You get what you expect.

True faith, the kind you can always rely on, is a spiritual process based on eternal truth. Faith is "knowing."

Plainly state, faith is expectation. Whatever you strongly and consistently expect to come into your life is invariably what you will experience.

Faith, whether in the positive or negative, is always attached to a strong emotion. In fact, faith is not faith unless it has a strong emotion attached. You feel it so strongly that it is almost a reality already.

Faith can only extend to the self-imposed boundaries of your present consciousness...Your present consciousness creates an "artificial boundary" which limits your faith, and limited faith can only express in limited ways.

"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24). Expect it. Expect it so much that you can almost taste it, almost see it already accomplished. That's where your heart is, that's where your faith is, and that's what you'll get.

Adventures on the Quest by Richard and Mary-Alice Jafolla

When you change the position of your faith, you will change the condition of your life. You will be led to the people, places, and things that will help you...Change the location of your faith, and you will change the climate of your life.

...no matter what kind of situation is in your life today, the solution is to know and expect that God will lead you through it to your good.

Affirmations:

God is taking care of it.

My good is on its way.

Everything is all right.

God can do it.

I expect only good.

My faith is in God.

This, too, shall pass.

The best is yet to be.

God is at work.

Rise Above Fear and Worry, 30 Days to Fearless Living: What is Faith by Rev. Robert Brumet

Fear is faith turned inside out. Fear is having faith in certain images created by the mind rather than having faith in the creative power of the mind itself....

In a sense, we choose our reality because we, knowingly or unknowingly, choose where we place our faith. Very early in life we develop the perceptions that create our sense of reality. The choice of where we place our faith soon becomes habitual and unconscious. By the time we become adults, these habituated perceptions are deeply entrenched in the subconscious.

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Faith is the power to create our reality by our perceptions, our beliefs, and our interpretations. Seeing is believing, and yet believing is seeing. According to our faith, our world reveals itself to us and becomes real.

Rise Above Fear and Worry, 30 Days to Fearless Living: If Faith Is a Tool, What Does It Do? by Rev. Jim Rosemergy

If faith is a tool, what does it do? We insist that faith's primary work is making things appear and disappear. Disease is to vanish; a new job is to appear. We manifest rain or a large house or someone to share our home as long as we both shall live. Are we magicians entertaining ourselves and others by making things appear and disappear, or do we have another purpose? Is making things appear and disappear the primary work of faith?

I believe that faith's best work is not done in the world. Through faith, our spiritual identity is revealed, and aspects of our humanity, such as fear and condemnation, are no more. Through faith we align ourselves to the indwelling Presence always at work in us. Let us express our faith by being willing to respond to the power of God within us.

Isn't it true that in our way of life, we believe all things begin within us? If this is true, the primary purpose of faith is not in the world; it is in us. As spiritual beings, are we not destined to echo Jesus's words, "I do not belong to the world" (John 17:16)? Perhaps the real work of faith is to help us detach from the world rather than to sink our roots deeper into it.

Are you willing to try an experiment? Let us no longer attempt to use faith as a tool to build a larger house in which to live or to manifest anything in the world. Let us use this tool to craft a new person, to ship away our humanity so the divine masterpiece is revealed.

When faced with a challenging situation or dilemma, most of us hope we will have enough faith so Spirit can act. Could it be that in these moments, God is hoping we are willing to become a person through whom Spirit can act?

How to Stay Centered, No Matter What: The Power of Faith by Trish Yancey, LUT, CSE

My faith assures me that every event in my life has meaning and brings gifts.

“Everything happens for a reason” has been tossed around so much that it has nearly become a meaningless cliché.

But think about it. If you choose to look for the reason in things you’d prefer were not happening, imagine all you could learn. How would that shift the way you move through challenges? How would life change?

We find what we seek. If we look for lessons and possibilities, life takes on purpose and evolution, no matter what comes. Everything about our journey is transformed if we *let go and let God* -- another well-worn aphorism that is also incredibly powerful when truly embodied.

For me, that defines practical spirituality.

The year 2019 began bright and new with our annual White Stone service at church, a meditation in which we allow a guiding word for the year to come to us from intuition, guides, God -- Call it what you will, it’s a way to claim my yearly intention.

The word that came for me was purpose. I remember thinking that I always try to live “on purpose” and found it interesting that I would need reminding.

And then...

Within weeks, my daughter, a mother of two young children, shattered the bones in her leg simply by stepping off a curb. After her major surgery but before life showed any semblance of a return to normalcy, my husband had emergency quadruple bypass heart surgery.

I engaged my survival mode *Do what’s next on the list. Don’t look too far ahead. Breathe. Pray. Stop. Go. Work.. Eat. Sleep. Repeat.*

The real horror erupted, one lesion at a time. A rare and deadly infection, a cousin to tuberculosis and leprosy, developed under my husband’s healing wound. It took months of hospitalizations, multiple surgeries, and near-lethal doses of antibiotics before they say he might survive...maybe.

And...*everything happens for a reason.* Does it? Really? Do I truly believe that?

Turns out I do. I had to claim my truth and remember my Source, digging deep into my well of faith to *let go and let God* in ways I never thought I could. But I did. And what did I find?

Meaning. Purpose. Love. So much love. That people truly are how God gets around. That my husband is some sort of superhuman superhero. That nurses are angels on earth. That my family is far stronger than I ever knew, and naps are glorious gifts. That my Unity

community is amazingly generous and supportive and loving and grounding. That Facebook can be a lifeline. That attitude actually can be everything, and life really is a gift. That cliches become cliches because they are true. That acceptance is evolutionary, and even a one-minute meditation can work if it's all you have time for. Just for starters.

Because I claimed my faith, it was there for me to claim. I found meaning because I insisted upon it. I processed feelings as they came and relied on my support system. At my core, I believed I could make it, so I did. It was incredibly simple and beyond complex at the same time.

For 2020, the word for my white stone was sync. Medical journeys continued for my daughter and husband, and yearly themes about clarity of vision abounded -- 20/20 being perfect vision. Then came COVID-19. What is it we collectively needed to see?

Center. Pause. Care. Breathe. Pray. Seek and ye shall find. You will find what you believe you will -- good or bad.

Knock, and the door shall open. It will, no matter which door you knock on -- hope or despair.

I can't explain it in words -- it's beyond words. I can feel it though. I let myself be still and know. I am God. You are God. It's all God.

Do you believe that? Really? Because if you do, no matter what you face, you will find the God-ness within it. The reason and purpose will be there for you to claim. And it won't take a crisis or pandemic for you to realize how powerful your faith can be.

Lesson in Truth by H. Emilie Cady

The word *faith* is one that has generally been through to denote a simple form of belief. It is a word that has drawn forth something akin to scorn from so-called "thinking people" -- the people who have believed that intellectual attainment is the highest form of knowledge to be reached. "Blind faith" they have disdainfully chosen to call it -- fit only for ministers, women, and children, but not a practical thing on which to establish the everyday business affairs of life.

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...faith takes hold of the substance of the things desired and brings into the world of evidence the things that before were not seen. Further speaking of faith, the writer said, "What is seen was made from things that are not visible" (Heb. 11:3). In some way, then, we understand that whatever we want is in this surrounding invisible substance, and faith is the power that can bring it out into actuality to us.

All things can be done for the one who believes -- Mk. 9:23

Without faith it is impossible to please God -- Heb. 11:6

From the moment we began to ask, we began to question our ability to reach God's standard of faith on which hung our fate. We also began to question whether, after all, there is any such power in faith to prevail with the Giver of "every perfect gift" (Jas. 1:17) so as to draw out of Him something that He had never let us have before.

Viewing faith in this light, there is not much wonder that logical minds have looked on it as a sort of will-o'-the-wisp, not a thing from which any real, definite results could ever be obtained -- not a thing that the business world could rest upon.

There is a blind faith to be sure...But there is also an understanding faith. Blind faith is an instinctive trust in a power higher than ourselves. Understanding faith is based on immutable principle.

Faith does not depend on physical facts or on the evidence of the senses because it is born of intuition, or the Spirit of Truth ever living at the center of our being. Its action is infinitely higher than that of reason. It is founded on *Truth*; while as you remember from a former lesson, reasoning or intellectual argument is founded on evidence of the senses and is not reliable.

Intuition is the open end, within one's own being, of the invisible channel ever connecting each individual with God. Faith is, as it were, a ray of light shot out from the central sun -- God --one end of which ray comes into your being and mine through the open door of intuition. With our consciousness, we perceive the ray of light, and through intellect cannot grasp it or give the why or wherefore thereof, yet we instinctively feel that the other end of the ray opens out into all there is of God (Good). This is "blind faith." It is based on Truth, but a Truth of which everyone is not at the time conscious. Even this kind of faith will, if persisted in, bring results.

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...Faith takes hold of the substance of the thing hoped for and brings into evidence, or visibility, the things not seen.

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Asking springs from desire to possess some good. What is desire? Desire in the heart is always God tapping at the door of your consciousness with His infinite supply -- a supply that is forever useless unless there be demand for it. "Before they call I will answer" (Is. 65:24). Before you are ever conscious of any lack, of any desire for more happiness, or for fullness of joy, the great Father-Mother heart has desired them for you. It is He in you desiring them that you feel, and think it is only yourself (separate from Him) desiring them. With God, the desire to give and giving are one and the same thing. Someone has said, "Desire for anything is the thing itself in incipiency"; That is, the thing you desire is not only for you but has already been started toward you out of the heart of God; it is the first approach of the thing itself striking you that makes you desire it or even think of it at all.

The only way God has of letting us know of His infinite supply and His desire to make it ours is for Him to push gently on the divine spark living within each one of us.

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Remember this: Desire in the heart for anything is God's sure promise sent beforehand to indicate that it is yours already in the limitless realm of supply, and whatever you want you can have for the taking.

Taking is simply recognizing the law of supply and demand... Affirm your possession of the good that you desire; have faith in it, because you are working with divine law and cannot fail; do not be argued off your basic principle by anyone; and sooner will the heavens fall than that you fail to get that which you desire.

Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours - Mk. 11:24

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Take right hold of God with an unwavering faith. Begin and continue to rejoice and thank Him that you have (not *will* have) the desires of your heart, never losing sight of the fact that the desire is the thing itself in incipiency. If the good were not already yours in the invisible realm of supply, you could not, by any possibility, desire it.

Someone asks: "Suppose I desire my neighbor's wife or his property, is that desire born of God? and can I see it fulfilled by affirming that it is mine?"

You do not and cannot, by any possibility, desire that which *belongs* to another. You do not desire your neighbor's wife. You desire the love that seems to you to be represented by your neighbor's wife. You desire something to fill your heart's craving for love. Affirm that there is for you a rightful and an overflowing supply, and claim its manifestation. It will surely come, and your so-called desire to possess your neighbor's wife will suddenly disappear.

So you do not in reality desire anything that belongs to your neighbor. You want the equivalent of that for which his possessions stand. You want your own. There is today an unlimited supply of All-Good provided in the unseen for every human being. No man need have less than another may have more. Your very own awaits you. Your understanding faith or trust in the power that will bring it to you.