

Overcoming Unbelief

A Life of Faith in Unbelieving Times

Our lives are similar in that we have moments and times when what God says does not influence us, but unbelief affects us more.

Faith in Jesus is crucial, and it is a reality that is relational, not transactional.

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Proverbs 4:20-23

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Hebrews 3:7,12

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What we believe and act upon when we hear His voice, moves the needle towards faith or unbelief.

(Hebrews 3:15, Matthew 7:24-27)

We grow in faith by spending quality time in God's word, praying, sharing testimonies, partaking in Christian fellowship, and stewarding the gift of faith given to us, not by working on unbelief.

Seven Signs that Unbelief is Influencing a Person/Community:

- 1. We see ourselves differently than how the Lord sees us. (Numbers 13:33)**

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2. We practice idolatry because we look to people and things to give us value and worth rather than affirming ourselves and others with the value and worth we receive from Jesus. (Exodus 32)

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3. We have a complaining and critical attitude and lifestyle.

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- 4. We pridefully criticize leaders instead of collaborating on ways to serve and foster improvement, growth, and health. (Numbers 16)**

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5. We outsource our relationship with Jesus to others. We do not step into what God calls us to. (Exodus 20:19)

Seven Signs that Unbelief is Influencing a Person/Community:

6. We choose to sin, knowingly ignore repentance, and resist obedience to Jesus. (Hebrews 3:17)

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7. We desire the things of the world more than the things of Jesus. (Numbers 11:1-6)

We are new creations in Christ
(2 Corinthians 5:17). **Our journey with Christ**
begins with surplus, and not lack

(Colossians 2:9-10, 3:3; Galatians 4:7).

“For in Christ Jesus... the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Galatians 5:6