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Believe
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Believe means to have faith and trust in something. To think to be true, to be persuaded of. To place confidence in is to believe. Believing is conviction of truth. What you regard as truth is what you believe.

Believing pleases God. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. Through believing Abraham gained the promises of God and his inheritance. David believed God. As a young boy tending the sheep David worshipped God and found that God was faithful and true. When Goliath was taunting all of Israel David took him on and defeated Goliath because he believed God. Noah believed God and built an ark that preserved mankind.

What we believe gives us the mindset we live by. Belief is what gives substance to our motivation, goals, ambitions, expectations and desires in life. What we believe becomes our reality.



From my notes at Cross Immersion:

Man was designed to hear the word of God and be the word of God, not to process the word or evaluate it or apply reasoning to it. When Adam bought the devil's lie his DNA changed. The demonic entered Adam's nature. Now mankind would be born with a sin nature. Rebellion is the root of all sin. Rebellion automatically results in rejection. The root of the old man is to evaluate and decide about the word of God, processing it in the mind, asking will I believe this or not? What will my position be?

What you believe forms government in your life. Your belief system rules what you think, where you go and what your expectations are.

John 6.29

Jesus answered and said to them, **"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."**

John 6.40

For **this is the will of My Father**, that **everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him** will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

2 Timothy 1.12

For this reason I also suffer these things, **I am not ashamed**; for **I know whom I have believed** and **I am convinced that He is able** to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

- What you believe causes boldness to rise in your heart.
- What you believe stirs passion and commitment.
- Believing sustains the heart through hardship and obstacles.
- Believing God is saying God is able to do what He says He can do.
- Deep belief, belief that becomes conviction that you live by, fosters trust and forms expectation.
- What you believe impacts your heart and sets your moral compass.
- What you believe to be truth is what you align to and live by – your belief sets your course of action.



John 1.12

But as many as received Him, to them **He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.**

Romans 10.9-11

⁹ that if you **confess with your mouth** Jesus *as* Lord, and **believe in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ **for with the heart a person believes**, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, **"WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."**

- What does it mean, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed"?
 - It means you can count on Him who is faithful and true.
 - It means that God keeps His promises and backs up His word.
 - It means you can have faith and trust.

1 John 5.5

Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 4.16

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



2 Corinthians 4.13

But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, **"I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,"** we also believe, therefore we also speak.

1 John 4.1

Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- There is the Spirit from God who is the Holy Spirit.
- There is the spirit of the world which is Satan.

Revelation 5.5b

...behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome...

- The sound of the Lion of Judah is over us and over our city.
- It is the sound of victory.
- It is the sound of overcoming.
- Believe the sound of God in this hour.
- Believe His voice and believe His word.
- God is speaking. Believe and align to His word.
- Speak, declare, and prophesy His word over Detroit.
- Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.
- Rivers of living water flowing from your belly and spilling into Detroit and neighborhoods.

Hebrews 11.6

And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for **he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.**

- We are seeking God on behalf of our land and the peoples of the land.
- We are speaking life, life, life to our city.
- We declare hope in the hearts of men.
- We are the conduit of God and we bring heaven into the earth.
- Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- I can hear the sound of the river coming down from the throne of God.

Revelation 22.1-6

¹Then he showed me **a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,** ²in the middle of its street. **On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

³There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and **His bond-servants will serve Him;** ⁴**they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.** ⁵And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, **"These words are faithful and true";** and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

- Harvest is here – it is NOW!
- Unnatural amounts of fruit – fruit that is accessible through believing the Gospel of Truth.
- The Gospel bears fruit.
- The fruit comes through death to self and life through and in Christ.

