

STANDING FIRM IN FAITH

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 7:9 NIV

INTRODUCTION

MARTIN LUTHER READ THE STATEMENT IN ROMANS WHICH SAYS, "THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH," (ROMANS 1:17B NIV) AND DECIDED THAT HE WOULD WALK BY FAITH INSTEAD OF HIS WORKS. THAT DECISION CHANGED THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. GOD WANTS US TO STAND FIRM IN OUR FAITH IN HIM, AND TO PLACE OUR ENTIRE TRUST IN WHAT HE HAS DONE ON OUR BEHALF.

I. THE BASIS OF FAITH

ROMANS 10:17 KJV SO THEN FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

A. THE PRIMARY BASIS OF FAITH IS THE WORD OF GOD

1. IT MAPS A LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
2. IT GIVES EXAMPLES OF THE FAITH OF OTHERS
3. IT SHOWS HOW GOD HAS RESPONDED TO FAITH

B. THE SECONDARY BASIS OF FAITH

2 TIMOTHY 1:12B NIV ...BECAUSE I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED AND AM CONVINCED THAT HE IS ABLE TO GUARD WHAT I HAVE ENTRUSTED TO HIM FOR THAT DAY.

1. LEARNING TO TRUST
2. LETTING PAST EXPERIENCE TEACH US TO TRUST

II. THE BARRIER TO FAITH

ISAIAH 7:9B NIV IF YOU DO NOT STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH YOU WILL NOT STAND AT ALL.

- A. THE OBSERVING OF OUTWARD CIRCUMSTANCES
- B. NOT ACCEPTING GOD'S WORD AT FACE VALUE
- C. LIMITING GOD'S ABILITY TO INTERVENE