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Faith Comes by Hearing

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It has come to my attention recently how many times a day people talk about their faith. Some people have faith in their government, some have faith in their Doctors, some have faith in their family, some have faith in their friends, some have faith in their own abilities and some even profess to have faith in God.

Romans 10:17 says, So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. It seems to me that when we have faith in anything other than God, we really have nothing more than hope. Or, I guess you could say we have hope in these other things.

The word faith in Romans 10:17 means that we rely on and trust in the Lord. This is not optimism; this is not a religious feeling. This is a trust so deep so that that everything you are hangs on that truth, on that faith. So, then the question is what does it take to get faith?

The book of Hebrews chapter 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith consists of two parts. First is belief that God exists. This is not mere intellectual acknowledgment, but a firm conviction that the living God is real and involved in our lives. The second is a belief and confidence in His character as a good, faithful God who responds to those who draw near to Him.

Going back to Romans 10:17 we find out how we acquire faith. It says that faith comes from hearing the word of God. So, then the question I find myself asking is this. How can a person profess to have faith but not read the Bible? Or to put it a different way, can we really say we have faith if we do not read the bible? What is it we are basing our faith on if the Word of God is not our foundation? If we are not reading the bible, we are only professing to have high hopes and wishful thinking.

When tough times come along, and they will, think about what it is you are putting your faith in. Do you know what the Word of God says about your situation? Are you standing on promises or on hopes and dreams? Do you believe your situation will work out because you understand the character of God or are you hoping things will change for the better because you are a “good person”?

My prayer for us this week is that we would all spend time reading God’s Word. That we would memorize various scriptures. That when tough times come, we will have the assurance that God is in control, that He is involved in our lives, that He cares about our situation, and that He has a plan to turn it all around.