

## **HOW'S YOUR FAITH?**

### **Part 3 - On the Receiving End**

**Text: (*Hebrews 11:1*) *God's Word Translation***

"Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see."  
Faith is being confident of what we expect, convinced of what we don't see.

### **HOW DID THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH GET FAITH?**

- They heard a message (***1 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 8-9 NKJV***)
  1. Three times, Paul mentions preaching to them the gospel of God
- They received the message (***1 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJV***)
  1. But not as man's word, as the word of God (***Romans 1:16-17 NKJV***)
- God's words are seeds of faith (***Mark 4:14-17 NKJV***)
  1. The first group never received God's word (***Luke 8:18 ESV***)
  2. The second group received God's words with joy (***Philippians 4:4 NKJV***)
- Faith in God is faith in His word (***Romans 10:17 NKJV***)
  1. We can have faith in different areas of life
    - Faith to live free from fear (***John 14:27 NKJV***)
    - Faith for healing (***1 Peter 2:24 NKJV***)
    - Faith for help (***Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV***)
    - Faith to stand against the attacks of the enemy (***1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV***)