

School of Prayer

The Currency of Faith

Faith Hears

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the **word** of Christ.

Children are born with a **capacity to hear**----they have **ears**---but must **learn a language**—so they might have understanding.

We have been 'born from above' –with a renewed capacity to 'hear' the Lord----must regain our sense of language of the Spirit in order to understand..

Faith Sees

Heb 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Open the Eye of My Heart

The Lamp

- **Matt 6:22-23**

- **Prov 20:27**

- **Eye:** Place of seeing
Determines focus
Discovers direction
Detects variances
Adapts to amount of light available
Being “instrument-rated”—

Faith Acts

Working Definition of FAITH: Pregnancy and fruition of the Word implanted in our heart.

Field—Soils

Matthew 13—Four Kinds of Soil

- Hard (hears—does not understand—I Cor 2—evil one takes away what is sown)
- Rocky (hears—receives with joy—no firm root—temporary, when affliction or persecution arises—falls away)
- Thorny (hears—worries of the world, deceitfulness of riches, pleasures of this life—choke the word—becomes unfruitful—brings no fruit to maturity)

- Good soil (hears the word—understands it—honest and good heart—holds fast—bears fruit with perseverance)

Bridal Relationship

So often we interact with the Word as a spiritual discipline (instead of an intimate relationship)

Intimacy Precedes Fruitfulness

Conceiving

Matt 1:20

James 1:21-25

Believing

Luke 1:45

Receiving

Luke 2:6

What hinders “conceiving”

John 8:31-4