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Topic: We live by faith

There are two "natures in this world" and which ever we feed impacts our faith walk:
1.The carnal man– influenced by the natural senses and soul
2. The Kingdom of God which is influenced by the Spirit of man.

Jesus is the Source of our Faith - Knowing Him gives us His Faith
Hebrew 12.1-2 The Race of Faith - 1Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Qualities of a person of Faith:

Jesus the author of faith taught us how faith works:

1. Faith is a two-way relationship and we have to choose to walk in that way
   Jesus had a personal committed relationship with the Heavenly Father
   a) John 5.19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

   b) David in relationship with Jesus and Holy Spirit
   Psalm 119:30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.

   c) The Christian life is living by "Faith" 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
   d) Hebrews 10:22-23 … let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith (eyesight) brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (Faith is a fruit of the spirit)

2. **Faith Speaks – Creation was made through words spoken**
   Faith gives us the confidence to speak what is seen through spiritual vision

   a) Genesis 1. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. [b]So the evening and the morning were the first day.
   b) John 12.49 - For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.
   c) Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

3. **Faith is Spiritual sight – Spiritual vision**
   1 Cor 4.18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

4. **Faith walks by seeing, hearing, respond (obedience) and doing**
   Luke 5.4 Jesus told Peter cast your net Jesus had to have heard the Father in order to instruct Peter