

Adapted from and companion to the book by Kenneth E. Hagin "Foundations for Faith"

## **5. Faith vs. Feelings**

**Bible Texts:** John 20:24-29; 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Central Truth:** A formula for faith is: (1) Find a promise in God's Word for whatever you are seeking. (2) Believe God's Word. (3) Do not consider contradictory circumstances. (4) Praise God for the answer.

Smith Wigglesworth once said, "I can't understand God by feelings. I can't understand the Lord Jesus Christ by feelings. I can only understand God the Father and Jesus Christ by what the Word says about them. God is everything the Word Says He is. We need to get acquainted with Him through the Word."

### **A 'Thomas' Faith**

*John 20:24-29 NASB But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." (26) After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus \*came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." (27) Then He \*said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." (28) Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*

### **Healing is Spiritual**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

*John 3:6 NASB "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*Psalms 119:89 NASB Lamedb. Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in*

*heaven.*

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