**Emphasizing Faith in Counseling…**

* The counselee must **understand God’s Word / truth**
* The counselee must **agree with God’s Word / truth**
* The counselee must **depend upon God’s Word / truth**. This means trusting God and His Word enough to stake their future on it. Faith always has one eye fixed on the future, and this affects the way they view the present

**Hebrews 4:2** “…but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”

*NIV* “…but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.”

**Hebrews 11:6** “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

**Hebrews 3:12-15** “12Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice,

Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

**Mark 6:5-6** “5Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.”

* What about you?
* Can Jesus do a mighty work in you or not?

Jesus doesn’t ever MARVEL at the level of the mess you’re in. But He DOES marvel at UNBELIEF?

* Do you believe He can work? And are you willing to step out in faith and DO what He says to do in your situation… EVEN IF it seems foreign or contrary to your own thoughts?

**So how do you increase your faith?**

**Romans 10:17** “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

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