

# Faith

The gift of faith is the ability to have unwavering confidence in God's faithfulness regardless of present circumstances.

## Scriptural References

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11, Matthew 8:5-13, Matthew 9:20-22, Matthew 15:21-28, Matthew 17:21, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:36-38, Acts 27:20-25, Romans 4:16-22, Hebrews 11:1, James 1:5-8

## Biblical Models

Abraham and Sarah, Hannah, Esther, Job, Mary, Anna, Those who come to Jesus for healing, Paul and Silas

## People with this gift can

- Trust the promises of God and inspire others to do the same.
- Act with complete confidence in God's ability to overcome obstacles
- Demonstrate trust in God's purposes.
- Advance the cause of Christ because they go forward when others will not.
- Ask God for what is needed and trust God will respond appropriately.

## Cautions

- May judge others of "small thinking."
- May not be able to admit misplaced faith.
- May interpret criticism of themselves as criticism of God.
- May not be open to evaluation by the community.
- May see planning and organization as lacking faith.

## Personal Traits

- Positive
- Prayerful
- Optimistic
- Trusting
- Assured
- Inspiring
- Hopeful

## Tips for nurturing this gift

- Seek out others with this gift for mutual support.
- Know the Biblical stories of faith in the face of adversity.
- Keep track of specific instances when your faith has been rewarded.

## Possible Tasks

- Prayer group, new project development team, outreach ministries, ...

## Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Trust in God.