



**Message Four: THE GIFT OF FAITH**  
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1 Corinthians 12: 7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **to another faith by the same Spirit**, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

GOD'S WORD ON FAITH

"Faith" appears **270** times in the Bible; "trust" **89** times; and "believe" **184** times.

Christian faith is the willingness to **orient** your entire **life** around what you believe to be true.

Three faith expressions in the New Testament:

1. **Saving Faith**

Ephesians 2:8, *It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.* (NLT)

2. **Sustaining Faith**

Romans 1:17, *As the Scripture says, "But those who are right with God will live by faith."* (NCV)

3. **Spiritual Gift of Faith**

1 Corinthians 12:9, *To another faith is given by the same Spirit.* (NCV)

## A QUICK LOOK AT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We should not be **uninformed** about spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:1, *Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.* (NIV)

These gifts are special **manifestations** of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7, *To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.* (NIV)

These are **situational** gifts rather than **resident** gifts.

## THE GIFT OF FAITH

The gift of faith described:

A special ability to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purpose of God and to act with confidence and unwavering belief in his ability to fulfill his purposes.

God supernaturally emptying our hearts and minds of doubt and filling us with special faith that enables us to accomplish God's purpose despite every contrary and contradictory circumstance of life.

The gift of faith demonstrated:

*Acts 27:22-25, Take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down. For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said.*  
(NLT)

## A DECLARATION

We declare 2011 to be a ***Year of Audacious Faith***.

Will you pray this prayer and mean it: **Lord, use my life. I want my Christian faith to made a difference in someone's life. Use me to heal. Use me to restore. Use me to move some mountain that stands in the way of your Kingdom.**

Audacity is the result of yielding our lives to the power and the person of the Holy Spirit. He lifts our lives out of the natural into the supernatural.