



# Faith Built Different

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## I. INTRO

Faith Built Different is a phrase emphasizing that someone's faith is unique, superior, resilient, doubtless, fearless, uncompromising and "best-in-class," built on a solid foundation that is fail-proof and secure.

## II. FAITH WITH DIFFERENT PURPOSE

The glory of the gospel is that when the Church is absolutely different from the world, she eventually attracts it. It is then that the world is made to listen to her message, though it may hate it at first. ~ D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

**1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG) But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.**

## III. FAITH BUILT ON A DIFFERENT FOUNDATION

**Ephesians 2:19-21 (NIRV) So you are no longer outsiders and strangers. You are citizens together with God's people. You are also members of God's family. You are a building that is built on the apostles and prophets. They are the foundation. Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in the building. The whole building is held together by him. It rises to become a holy temple because it belongs to the Lord.**

A. Faith is a force, but you can't force faith.

1. Everyone must decide for themselves to hear, believe and receive by faith.

**Acts 26:29 (AMP) And Paul replied, "Whether in a short time or long, I wish to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become such as I am, except for these chains."**

2. Faith accepts what the heart believes. We have a covenant with God that comes through believing and receiving.

**Romans 10:8-9 (NIV) But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

B. Faith builds our relationship with God.

**Psalms 145:18 (NIRV) The Lord is ready to help all those who call out to him. He helps those who really mean it when they call out to him.**

"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." ~ Smith Wigglesworth

## IV. AUTHORITY ACCOMPANIES THE DIFFERENT KIND OF FAITH

- A. Human reasoning can lead to confusion, doubt and fear. Human reasoning is one of the major ways believers stray from the truth or possibly the timing of what God wants us to have in life.



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**Hebrews 11:1 (AMP) Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].**

B. Faith fights with authority.

**1 Timothy 6:12 (AMP) Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses.**

1. Know your place in Christ and His place in you.
2. Your confession should be positive; faith keeps pace with our confession.
3. Pray boldly, Confess boldly, Act on the Word boldly.

### V. GOD HAS LAID IT ON THE LINE TO GROW OUR FAITH

*“Lay it on the line”* means to speak or write plainly and directly, without sugar-coating or hedging. It implies honesty, transparency, and forthrightness.

- A. Doubts must be conquered.
1. John The Baptist

**Luke 7:22-23 (ICB) Then Jesus said to John’s followers, “Go tell John the things that you saw and heard here. The blind can see. The crippled can walk. People with a harmful skin disease are healed. The deaf can hear, and the dead are given life. And the Good News is told to the poor. The person who does not lose faith is blessed!”**

2. Thomas

**John 11:16 (TLB) Thomas, nicknamed “The Twin,” said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go too—and die with him.”**

**John 14:5 (TLB) “No, we don’t,” Thomas said. “We haven’t any idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”**

**John 20:27-29 (TLB) Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger into my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” “My Lord and my God!” Thomas said. Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. But blessed are those who haven’t seen me and believe anyway.”**

B. Faith built different is faith that is fortified. Fortified means made stronger or more secure.

**Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIRV) So don’t throw away your bold faith. It will bring you rich rewards. You need to be faithful. Then you will do what God wants. You will receive what he has promised.**

1. See what God has to say.
2. Say what God said to say.
3. Do what God says to do.

Refuse to live a "Que Sera Sera – whatever will be will be" life. Our lives should be lived as one great faith adventure with new opportunities one after another. See God’s hand at work bringing favor and blessing.