

## Reasons!

Faith will always take you someplace that you have never been before. Just because you don't understand something doesn't make it unreasonable. Just because you have never encountered the love of God, doesn't mean that God doesn't love you! But when you know that Jesus loves you, when you are convinced and convicted that Jesus is alive, a new reality comes into being inside of you. And faith follows as naturally as water flowing down the mountain.

Saving faith comes upon us when we have a new set of facts, when we have heard something new, when we see the evidence of God's love in other people ... it starts something on the inside of us, it awakens something deep within us. Once you discover new information, once you receive new factual information, what in the past may have seemed unreasonable to you, now becomes reasonable. In fact, reason finds its greatest expression in the act of faith. This is saving faith at work. It leads us above or beyond just physical things. When other people turn around, you keep walking ... when other people quit, you keep moving forward ... when other people won't let go, you have already moved on ... things that look unreasonable to most, all of a sudden, they are not only reasonable but obvious to you. What has made the change? You have discovered Jesus Christ. Now it is reasonable ... you have thought it through and have come to a conclusion ... what was unreasonable in the past, for you, everything has now changed. Not only are you persuaded to act, you **MUST** act! This is faith at work. Once you encounter Jesus and His Holy Spirit it will change the way that you think.

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a **reason** for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15 NKJV*

It is impossible for faith to take any action without a reason behind it! But once you know the fact, once you have reason, then it will cause you to act – there is a reason behind healing. There is a reason behind blessing. There is a reason we choose to turn from sin. Faith always comes first. You will see the evidence of that faith later.

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