

2017 God's Promises

Faith is the Doorway

I can't think of a better way to start 2017 than with my faith firmly planted in God. Faith in Jesus Christ is the first principle of the gospel and the only way in which you can receive Him as your Savior.

Your life in Him started with faith, and it will *hopefully* end with faith. Faith should be in every aspect of your daily life. Scripture is clear- faith is to hope for things which are not seen, which are true and must always be centered in Jesus Christ. Faith is the doorway to gain access to what you are hoping for.

Faith- *"belief and trust in and loyalty to God; firm belief in something for which there is no proof."*

It is obvious the way things are going in the world, we must live faith filled lives. Faith is the most important thing in your life and the only thing that really matters.

I feel led to encourage you to turn 2017 over to Him right now by faith. I mean literally, speak out loud and say, "Lord, by faith I surrender all of 2017 over to you. That whatever it brings my way, I will walk it out with my faith firmly in you."

In the Bible, faith is defined as the evidence of things hoped for, the certainty of things unseen (Romans 10:17). Things you need may be unseen in this realm, but they are already provided for you in the supernatural realm. Faith is doorway to the supernatural realm of His promises.

You are the only one who can decide to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). What does that mean? The word "fight" means "an intense struggle". Some things in 2017 will require you to fight for because opposing forces will try to prevent you from believing God. They want you to walk in unbelief and work against your trust in Him.

The fight is all about perseverance by taking every thought captive that exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:5). It's your choice. You must willingly chose to believe God, and when you do, faith maintains your position in the supernatural realm to receive the promise of God. You must force yourself to walk by

faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), until what you have believed for manifests itself in this realm.

Never lose sight of who He is. He is the Eternal One, Maker of heaven and earth, and your Creator. He is in all things, and He holds all things together. He will be in every aspect of 2017- don't take your eyes off Him!

Feed on His word. Faith grows when you are fed the Word. Read it. Speak it. Live It. And always remember -God is on your side!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhRoVeiUMoo>

Dr. Gina Cobb
January 2, 2017