

Response of Faith

“When Jesus pressed Martha and asked her if she believed that those who had faith in Him would have eternal life, Martha responded “Yes, Lord, I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God”
(John 11: 26-27).

I read this passage the other morning, and all day I kept thinking about Martha’s response when Jesus pressed her regarding what she believed... Then the next day I read, John 3:6 “Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” And the two have been twirling in my brain ever since!

When thrust into circumstances, what is your response? The Lord is calling you to watch your responses. He is calling you to pay careful attention to how you are responding to situations. You need to think about your response in the terms of faith. Your perception is not just about what you see or experiencing, but how you respond to what’s happening. Your response is key. The choice you make in those first few moments many times determines the outcome!

You can only respond one of two ways. The fleshly response (wrong way) leads to a place of destruction. The Faith response (right way) leads you to a place of purpose in Him. You are either walking in the flesh or walking in faith. There is no middle ground. That’s why Jesus was telling us, flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit (John 3:6). You cannot perceive the spirit through the senses of the flesh. They are totally different worlds, or realms, of reality.

You never need to doubt God’s power to help you. Your God has power over death itself and power over all other powers (Colossians 2:15). I feel a strong unction to encourage or remind you to let your walk be by one of faith. Do not allow yourself to get into a doubtful spirit (flesh).

Moving in faith is what you are called to do. It’s part of who you are. You know that you are teetering in areas of doubt concerning some things happening in your life. Not one person has EVER been able to balance faith with unbelief. The two just do not work together, but in fact they work against each other.

Trust the truth of what HE says, not what circumstances are saying. Before you respond, check yourself. Are you responding in faith or in the flesh? Does your response reflect your trust in Him?

2 Corinthians 5:7 gives a reminder and exhortation that believers are to “respond in faith...” Only by faith can you accomplish true spiritual victories through and in Christ.

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