TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

"Have Faith In God (Back To The Basics), Pt. 4"

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

VIP Silver Saints ZOOM Meeting ID: **862 4383 0890,** Passcode: **030571**
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Opening Prayer/Welcome

If this is your first time joining us and you did not give your name earlier, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has three purposes:

1. **A PLACE TO CONNECT – I Corinthians 9:22 TLB**
   We were not made to do life alone. God created us for community, and Touch Groups provide a place to connect with others, share life, and grow in faith together.

2. **A PLACE TO PROTECT – 1 John 3:16**
   It is through life together that our problems become smaller, and God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Touch Groups become a place where others don't just know your name, but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.

3. **PLACE TO GROW – Proverbs 27:17**
   We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Touch Groups are a place you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.

Icebreaker:

1. What is one thing you use every day that you trust to work without thinking twice about it? What makes it so easy for you to trust it?"

Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?

2. What are you thankful for?

WOF's Purpose:

1. We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
2. We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
3. We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international

Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday

1. Share one or two main points that really stood out to you.
2. Share how you can apply that word to your life this week.

Facilitation of Notes:

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Your faith should always be growing, never declining.

Read: **2 Thessalonians 1:3 (KJV)**
"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly..."

When you are not consistent in the things of God, you will find that you begin to go backward instead of forward. Your faith is not growing.

Read: **Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)**
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Here, God tells us what Bible faith is.

Moffatt's translation of this verse reads, *"Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see."*

Another translation says, *"Faith is giving substance to things hoped for."*

Still another translation reads, *"Faith is the warranty deed. The thing for which we have finally hoped is at last ours."*

There are a number of kinds of faith. Everyone, saved or unsaved, has a natural, human faith. But here, God is talking about Bible faith. He is talking about believing with your heart.

There is a big difference between believing with your heart and simply believing what your physical senses tell you. **Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of reality.**

<u>Questions</u>

1. What is Bible faith? How do you interpret faith according to the different translations?
2. What is natural human faith?
3. What is the difference between believing with your heart and believing with your physical senses?

An Example of Bible Faith: You hope for finances to meet the obligations that you have to pay. Faith gives you the assurance that you will have the money when you need it. **Faith is the evidence of things not seen.**

You hope for physical strength to do the work that you must do. Faith says according to **Psalm 27:1 (KJV),** *"...the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Faith will say about itself everything that the Word says. Faith in God is simply faith in His Word. You cannot go by your feelings. If you go by your feelings, you will never gain the strength. You have to say, *"The Lord is my strength."*
Many people want to get something first and then believe they have it. But you have to believe you have something, and then you receive it. You may say that you know God's Word is good, but you will never really know until you have acted on it and reaped the results. This is what I am trying to tell you about faith: Faith is giving substance to the things hoped for. When you act on the Word by getting up and going, your faith gives substance to what you hoped for. Faith says, *"God is the strength of my life."* As you act on God's Word, faith gives substance to that for which you had hoped. You begin to receive strength.

A lot of people just hope and stop there, but that will not work. **Faith is the substance of things hoped for.** If you say, "Well, I hope God heard my prayer," and that is all you do, you are remaining in hope rather than faith. Faith believes that God has heard and that His Word is true. Your faith can and will give substance to the answer to that prayer.

Remember this:
Hope says, "I will have it sometime."
Faith says, "I have it now!"

<u>Questions</u>

1. What are some examples of Bible faith?
2. What do a lot of people do when it comes to something they want?
3. What is the relationship between faith and the Word?
4. What must you do beyond hope? Explain.

John Wesley said that the devil has given the Church a substitute for faith that looks and sounds so much like faith that some people cannot tell the difference. He called it mental assent.

Many people see what God's Word says and acknowledge that it is true, but they are agreeing with it only with their minds. That will not get the job done. It is heart faith that receives from God. Notice what the Bible says according to **Romans 10:10 (KJV)** *"For with the heart man believeth..."*

Jesus said in **Mark 11:23 (KJV),** *"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart..."* Notice, this does not say anything about the head, *"...but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* You may ask, "How can I tell whether I have heart faith or whether I am just agreeing with my head?"

If it is merely mental agreement or mental assent, it says, "I know God's Word is true. I know God promises me healing or the Holy Spirit, but for some reason, I cannot get it, and I cannot understand it."

Real faith in God's Word says, **"**If God's Word says it is so, then it is so. It is mine. I have it now." Real faith also says, "I have it even when I cannot see it."

Questions

1. What is mental assent?
2. What kind of faith receives from God? Explain.
3. How can you tell the difference between Bible faith and mental assent?

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) declares: *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*
One who has not prayed in real heart faith might say, "I do not see the thing about which I have been praying, so it has not come to pass." If the thing had already come to pass, if you already had it, you would not have to believe it; you would know it. You must take the step of believing to come to the place of knowing.

Most people want to know it first and then believe it. That is, they want to know it from the standpoint of its already having come to pass. But we know it first from the standpoint that God's Word says it is so then it materializes.

Notice what Jesus says in **Mark 11:24 (KJV)**, *"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

Notice that the having comes after the believing. Most people want to turn that around. In common, everyday terms, Jesus said that you have to believe you have received it before you see it manifested. For example, when believing God for healing, faith holds to what God has said even when symptoms in the body seem to say otherwise. You say to your flesh, "I choose to believe what God has said."

The Bible says in **Romans 3:4 (KJV)**, *"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar..."* Therefore, you stand on God's Word rather than allowing your physical senses to have the final authority. Conversely, if a person sits around groaning, sighing, griping, and complaining while waiting for something to happen—waiting until every symptom is gone and everything in the natural corresponds with what he is believing before he starts believing God, he has the order reversed. Faith believes God first and then expects the manifestation of what God has promised.

Questions

1. What does a person who has not prayed from the heart say? Explain.
2. According to Jesus, what is the order of faith? Explain using examples.
3. How should a person act—or not act—when believing God for something?

Time of Prayer: Submit your Prayer Request

1) Your Circle (friends and family)
2) Touch Group members
3) Word of Faith Leadership:
   a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Mr. Josef & Minister Promise Fielder, Brittany and Christian, Carmelo, Mom Cuyler and Mom Walker and the ministerial staff.
   b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler
   c. Reverend Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

Have you reached out to your circle today?

Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?

Announcements:

1. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone celebrating in the **Month of October 2026.**

2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of October 2026.**

3. Join Pastor and Evangelist Walker every **Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** as they minister the Word at **Roy L. Schneider Hospital**. For more information call the church office.

4. Calling everyone dealing with sickness or disease from seniors to children! Join us **Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m.** for **"I Am Healed School" with Evangelist Sharon Walker.** Come expecting the healing power of God!

5. October is **Pastor Appreciation Month!** Throughout the month of October, we invite you to help us honor and celebrate our pastors with **words of encouragement, expressions of appreciation, cards, and gifts of love**.

From **October 1st through October 31st**, let's make every Sunday an opportunity to shower our pastors with love and blessings for their faithful service, leadership, and dedication to the ministry.

Then, join us on **Sunday, October 25th, for our special Pastors' Appreciation Celebration**, as we come together as a church family to honor and thank God for our pastors.

6. **Touch Group meetings resume, Thursday, October 8th.** Touch Groups are small gatherings of believers who come together every Thursday on Zoom for prayer, the Word, and fellowship. We invite you to be part of this life-changing experience by joining one of our groups:

- **Generation 6:20 Youth Touch Group at 6 pm**
- **VIP Silver Saints at 7 pm**
- **Covenant Partners & Singles at 7 pm**

To get connected, simply call the church office or speak with a ministry leader right after service. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith and family through a Touch Group!.

7. Join the **SWAT Team** for their next SWAT Outings, **Saturday, October 10th and October 24th at 11:00 am.** For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.

8. Join us for **Holy Communion and Baby Dedication Services, Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10am**. To register your child, call the church office at (340) 774-8617 or speak with Evangelist Walker.

9. Join Pastor Walker for **Iron Sharpen Iron Men's Grill Night, Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** For more information or to donate contact Pastor Walker.

10. Ladies, get ready for a night of sharing, laughter, and sisterhood! Join **Ladies-N-Love with God** on **October 23** for our **"My Favorite Thing and Enough to Share" Night!** Bring one of your favorite things and enough to bless someone else. Bring a friend and come enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and the joy of giving! Sign up with Evangelist Walker.

11. Join us for **Thanksgiving Praise and Worship Day Service, Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m.** Join us as we lift our voices, magnifying the Lord, and giving God thanks for His goodness, His faithfulness, His protection, and all that He has done for us.

Invite your family and friends and join us for a powerful evening in the presence of God.

12. Join us on **Friday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m.** for a **special Night of Prayer.** We will lift up **our families, our communities, our government leaders, the Virgin Islands, and the upcoming elections** in prayer. Let us stand together believing God for His will to be done in our Territory. Come ready to **pray, believe, and stand in faith together!**

13. Do you desire to grow deeper in God's Word? Do you want to strengthen your faith and gain a greater understanding of the Bible? We invite you to join **Layperson's Bible School**, There is a sign-up sheet in the back. For more information see Pastor Walker.

14. **Volunteers are needed for every auxiliary**, Children's Church, Youth Ministry, the Media Team, God's Green Hands, Ushers & Hostesses, ZEST Team, the Sound Team and the Parking Lot Ministry. To join an auxiliary, speak with a ministry leader.

15. Join us for **Early Morning Prayer – Monday – Friday at 6:00 am** and **Saturday at 10:00 am.** Join us in person or on Facebook, YouTube, the Word of Faith website.

16. **Pray for an Hour in Tongue every Sunday** with Evangelist Walker at 7:30 am. Ministerial prayer at 8:50 am and auxiliary prayer at 9:00 am. For more information see Evangelist Walker.

Dismissal: