

Faith Hope and Love Series  
"These Three Remain"  
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Note: Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quotes are from the NIV Bible.

1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Romans 12:3 "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."

1 Thessalonians 1:3 – "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

These three things remain Faith, Hope and Love.

- Without faith there is no victory.
- Without hope there is no power to move in to the future.
- Without love there is consolation from the hurt, pain and anger we face everyday.

## **FAITH**

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

Faith is the assurance that God will do what He says He will do and acting on that conviction.

### **Abraham**

Romans 4:20-21 "Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."

### **How does faith come?**

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him" Genesis 17:1-3 (NKJV)

**People seek faith but the secret of faith is hearing God's voice**

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” Romans 10:17 (NKJV).

## **LOGOS AND RHEMA**

### **Logos**

“Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven” Psalm 119:89 (NKJV).

- The Counsel of God’s total Purpose
- The Mind of God

### **Rhema**

Matthew 4:4 “Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

- Jesus said God has a rhema word for us each day.
- Logos word is the eternal unchanged counsel of God in the heavens.
- Rhema is a word spoken by God to an individual.
- We hear the rhema that brings the portion of God’s counsel that we need.

### **Having Faith centers around hearing the voice of God**

“But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’” Jeremiah 7:23 (NKJV).

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” John 10:27 (NKJV).

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” Psalms 23:1 (NKJV).

- How can the Lord be our shepherd? Only if we hear His voice.
- Cultivate hearing the voice of the Lord.
- His voice is always present in the sense of time.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 “But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

- Empowered lives are energized by faith and love.

### **Loving people are able to demonstrate these characteristics:**

I Corinthians 13:4-8 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

“Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.” William Carey