

“Claiming the promises” is not faith. **FAITH ALREADY HAS IT.** “Claiming” proves that you do not have it yet. It is **unbelief**, attempting to act like faith.

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As long as you are trying to get it, faith has not yet **ACTED**. Faith says, “Thank you Father.” Faith has it. Faith has arrived. **Faith stops praying and begins to praise.** Notice carefully, “Doubt” says, “I claim the promises.” “I am standing on the promises.” This is all the language of **DOUBT**.

“**UNBELIEF**” quotes the word, but does not **ACT** upon it. **This is called Mental Assent.** I can remember in those early days how we used to “plead the promises and claim them as ours.” We did not know that our very language savored of unbelief.

You see, **BELIEVING is simply ACTING on the Word.** We act on the Word just as we would act on the word of someone we know and love.

We act on the Word because we know that it is true. We do not TRY to believe.

We do not PRAY for faith, we simply act upon it. We have heard it said “*I am trying to make the Word true in my life.*” Our response to that is “I do not know why you need to do that, because it has always been true.”

People do not know the Word UNTIL they begin to practice it, and let it live in them. They may have sat under some of the best teachers or preachers in the country for years, yet it has never become a part of their lives.

**Using the Word in your DAILY life is the secret of faith.**

The Word abides in you and enables Him to express Himself through you. You draw on the Vine life for wisdom, love and ability. You are never without resources.

The Word is the Master speaking to you. When you ACT on the Word, you are acting in unison, in one accord, with Him. You and He are lifting the load together.

He is fellowshiping with you, sharing with you. You now understand that it is in His presence where you receive the understanding required to act on the Word. **You are sharing His ability and strength.**

**Now you can understand that all that faith is, is acting on the Word.** You know that you cannot act upon something which you do not understand, so you daily fellowship **with Him to receive.**

We are through with Sense Knowledge formulas.

Now we are walking with Him, realizing that His ability has become ours.

*“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

*“For in him we live, and move, and have our being;...” Acts 17:28a*

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