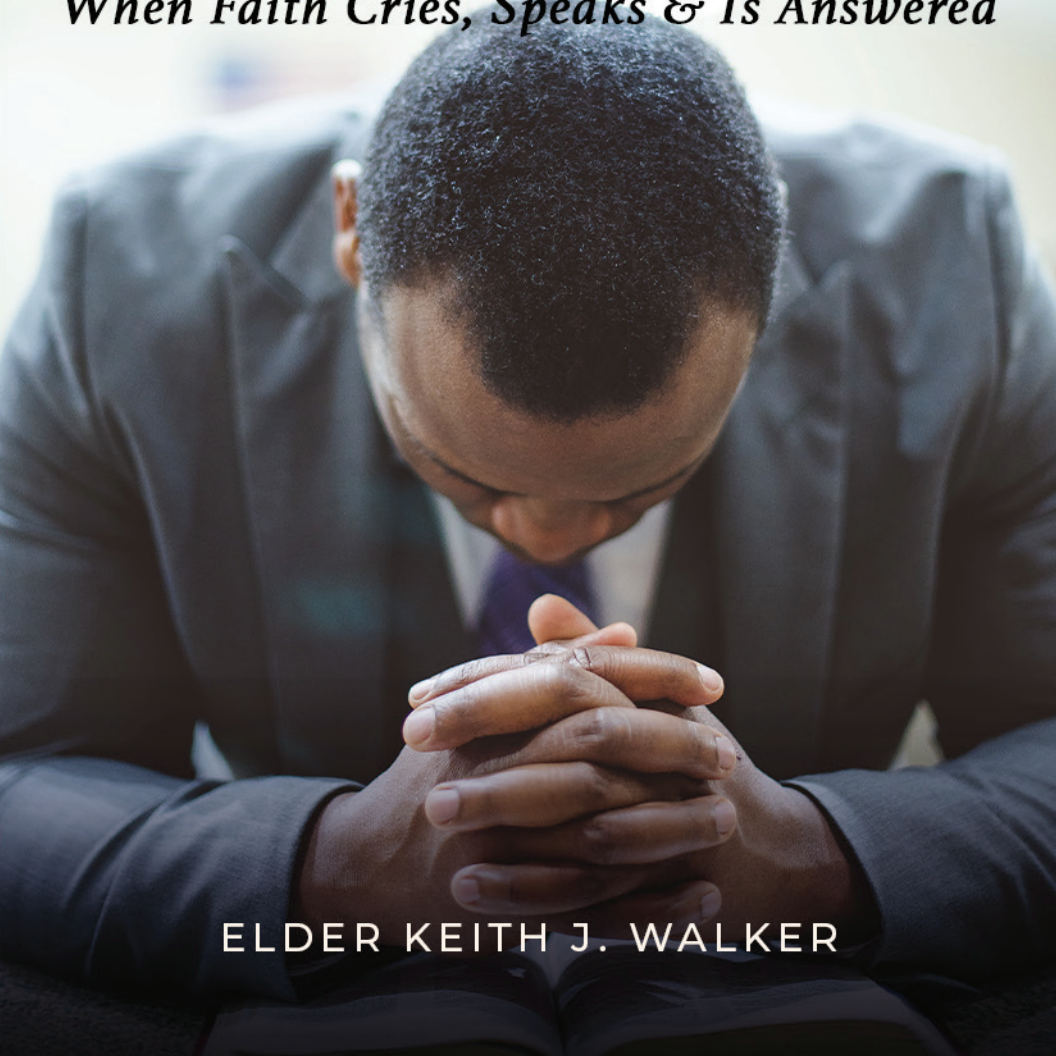


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Introduction

- Hebrews 11:1–6 sets the theology: faith is assurance and conviction that moves toward God. Faith cries — it prays, pleads, believes, and is often the occasion Jesus and the Father respond.
- James 5:14–17 shows the practical side: prayer of faith heals; we have biblical examples (e.g., Elijah) of answered prayer when faith cries aloud.

Part 1 — Direct sayings of Jesus: “Your faith has made you whole” (and close parallels)

These are Gospel passages in which Jesus explicitly attributes healing, deliverance, or salvation to a person’s faith (wording varies by translation):

- Matthew 9:22 — “Daughter, take heart; your faith has healed you.” (woman with chronic bleeding)
- Mark 5:34 — “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your disease.” (parallel to Matt. 9)
- Luke 8:48 — “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” (parallel)
- Mark 10:52 — “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” (blind Bartimaeus)
- Luke 17:19 — “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” (the Samaritan leper who returned to give thanks)
- Luke 7:50 — “Your faith has saved you; go in

peace.” (the sinful woman forgiven at Simon the Pharisee’s house)

- Matthew 9:29 — “According to your faith let it be done to you.” (two blind men brought to Jesus)
- Matthew 8:13 — “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” (the centurion’s servant)
- Matthew 15:28 — “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” (Canaanite woman; daughter healed)

Part 2 — Gospel passages where Jesus speaks about (or to) people’s faith

Below are key Gospel passages where Jesus comments on, praises, reproves, or instructs regarding people’s faith (representative, with contexts noted):

- Matthew 8:5–13 / Luke 7:1–10 — Centurion’s faith praised (“Truly I tell you, I have not found such faith...”; “as you have believed” — healing at a distance).
- Matthew 8:23–27 / Mark 4:35–41 / Luke 8:22–25 — Calming the storm: “Where is your faith?” / “O you of little faith...” (rebuke to disciples).
- Matthew 9:20–22 / Mark 5:25–34 / Luke 8:43–48 — Woman with bleeding: “Your faith has healed you.”
- Matthew 9:27–30 — Two blind men: “According to your faith let it be done to you.”
- Matthew 14:28–31 / Mark 6:45–52 / John 6:16–21 /

Matthew 14:31 — Peter walking on water: “O you of little faith” (when he begins to sink).

- Matthew 15:21–28 / Mark 7:24–30 — Canaanite (Syrophoenician) woman: Jesus commends her faith in Matthew’s account.

- Mark 5:21–43 / Matthew 9:18–26 / Luke 8:40–56 — Jairus’ daughter + the bleeding woman (faith shown in pleas).

- Mark 9:14–29 / Matthew 17:14–21 / Luke 9:37–43 — Father of a demon-possessed boy: “If you can — all things are possible for one who believes.” (dialog on belief)

- Mark 10:46–52 / Luke 18:35–43 / Matthew 20:29–34 — Bartimaeus, blind beggar: healed after crying out; Jesus: “Go, your faith has made you well.”

- Luke 7:36–50 — Sinful woman: “Your faith has saved you.”

- Luke 17:11–19 — Ten lepers; only the Samaritan returns and is told, “Your faith has made you well.”

- Luke 18:9–14 — Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector; the tax collector’s plea “God, be merciful to me, a sinner” is declared justified.

- Matthew 21:18–22 / Mark 11:20–26 — Teachings linking faith and prayer, “Have faith in God... whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it.”

- Matthew 17:20 — “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible.”

- John 4:46–54 — Official whose son was healed: “Go;

your son lives.” The man believed Jesus’ word and departed; his faith is noted.

- John 11:40 — “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” (to Martha before raising Lazarus)
- John 20:24–29 — Thomas: Jesus’ blessing of those who believe without seeing.

Part 3 — New Testament examples (outside the Gospels) of faithful cries that were answered

- Acts 4:23–31 — Early church prayer for boldness; Spirit fills them and they speak the word boldly.
- Acts 12:5–17 — Church prays for Peter; an angel frees him from prison.
- Acts 16:25–34 — Paul and Silas pray & sing in prison; earthquake opens cells, jailer believes and is saved.
- Acts 3:1–10 — Lame man healed when Peter and John act in the name of Jesus (man’s own cry to be healed not recorded, but a response of faith follows).
- Hebrews 11 — Hall of faith: many whose faith God commends (Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Rahab, et al.). (See Heb. 11 for examples and results of faith.)
- James 5:14–18 — Prayer of faith heals the sick; Elijah’s fervent prayer is given as an example that God answers.

Part 4 — Old Testament cries of faith answered by the Lord (Jehovah)

These examples show people crying out in faith and God's response. Scripture references given for study:

- The Israelites in Egypt cried out; God raised up Moses and heard them (Exodus 2:23–25; 3:7–10).
- Hannah prayed and wept before the LORD; God gave her Samuel (1 Samuel 1:10–20).
- Moses interceded and Israel was delivered (Exodus 14–15, and Moses' intercessions elsewhere).
- David: many psalms record cries of faith and answered deliverance (e.g., Psalm 18, Psalm 34, Psalm 40).
- Elijah prayed — fire on Mount Carmel and drought/return of rain; God answered his prayers (1 Kings 18:36–38; 17–18).
- Hezekiah prayed for healing and God added fifteen years to his life (2 Kings 20:1–6; Isaiah 38:1–6).
- Jonah cried out from the fish; God delivered him (Jonah 2).
- Daniel's prayers are heard; God answers and reveals (Daniel 2, Daniel 9).
- Naaman obeyed Elisha's instruction and was healed — primarily an act of obedience/faith (2 Kings 5).
- Gideon's test and plea to the Lord, and the Spirit comes upon him (Judges 6–7).
- The psalmists often cry in faith and declare God's response (see many Psalms).

Part 5 — Short commentary on how these passages fit together (theology and practice)

- Faith is relational and active: it cries out, approaches God, trusts God's promises, and often expresses itself in urgent pleas (examples: Hannah, the woman with the issue of blood, the Canaanite woman, blind Bartimaeus).
- Jesus frequently links response to the presence of faith — sometimes he explicitly says, "Your faith has made you whole," and other times he commands belief: "Go; it is done."
- James 5:14–17 ties private, intercessory, and communal prayer to healing and forgiveness, citing Elijah as an example of fervent, effective prayer.
- Hebrews 11 shows that faith's visible acts and faithful cries across history are how God's people have experienced God's interventions.

Part 6 — Practical application: crying the cry of faith

- Be specific and bold in prayer: many biblical cries name the need (a child, healing, deliverance).
- Combine crying faith with obedience and God's means (e.g., the centurion's faith matched humility and understanding of authority; Naaman obeyed Elisha's instructions).
- Use community: James instructs the calling of elders and prayer together (James 5:14–16).

- Expect God’s timing and forms of answer — sometimes immediate, sometimes through processes (Heb. 11 patterns).
- Persist (see the persistent widow parable, Luke 18:1–8) — persistence is a mark of believing prayer.

Part 7 — A brief suggested liturgy/prayer when faith cries

- Acknowledge God (Heb. 11:6; John 6:29).
- Present the need specifically (James 5:14; the Canaanite woman’s clarity).
- Affirm faith and ask in the name of Jesus (John 14:13–14; Matthew 21:22).
- Commit to obedience and thanksgiving (Luke 17:15–19, the thankful leper).
- Invite others to pray (James 5:14–16).

Closing

• The Bible is full of faithful cries that move the heart of God — from the Old Testament prophets and psalmists to the beggars, mothers, and outsiders in the Gospels. Jesus himself frequently pointed to faith as the channel through which God’s healing and salvation flow. Study the cited passages, pray with persistence and confidence, and remember James’ instruction: call for the elders; pray in faith; confess; forgive — the prayer of faith brings healing and

restoration.

Appendix — Quick reference of primary verses (for study)

- Jesus saying “Your faith has made you whole” or close parallels: Matthew 9:22; Mark 5:34; Luke 8:48; Mark 10:52; Luke 17:19; Luke 7:50; Matthew 9:29; Matthew 8:13; Matthew 15:28.
- Representative Gospel mentions of faith: Matthew 8:5–13; 8:23–27; 9:20–29; 14:28–31; 15:21–28; 17:14–21; 21:18–22; Mark 2:5; 4:40; 9:23–24; 11:22–24; Luke 5:20; 7:1–10; 8:22–48; 17:11–19; 18:9–14; John 4:46–54; John 11:40; John 20:24–29.
- Old Testament cries answered: Exodus 2:23–25; 3:7–10; 1 Samuel 1; 1 Kings 17–18; Jonah 2; 2 Kings 5; 2 Kings 20 / Isaiah 38; Psalms (many).
- New Testament examples beyond the Gospels: Acts 4; Acts 3; Acts 12; Acts 16; James 5:14–18; Hebrews 11.

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