

- *Faith doesn't make you safe
- *Faith changes perspective

Having faith can get you into all sorts of situations that challenge everything about who you believe you are. You can't stop the things that come at you, but you can find ways to deal with them. Faith provides a way to do so. Faith forces you to deal with the unfamiliar. Faith fortifies you. The break through is in addressing the unfamiliar head on, not avoiding the experience.

You choosing not to exhibit faith doesn't change what comes at you, instead it changes the perspective of how you move when that thing comes. Do you allow the things to knock you down or do you move on what the Word says and stand your ground?

The world we live in is filled with sin and people get to make choices that can negatively impact your quality of life. Your best defense is offense (faith).

Figure 1

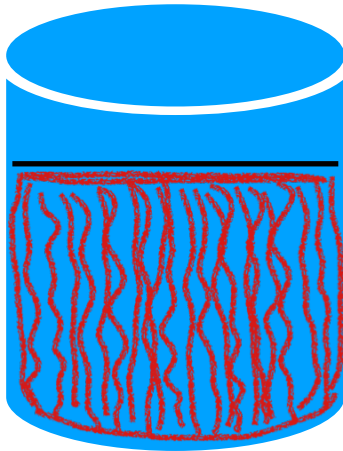
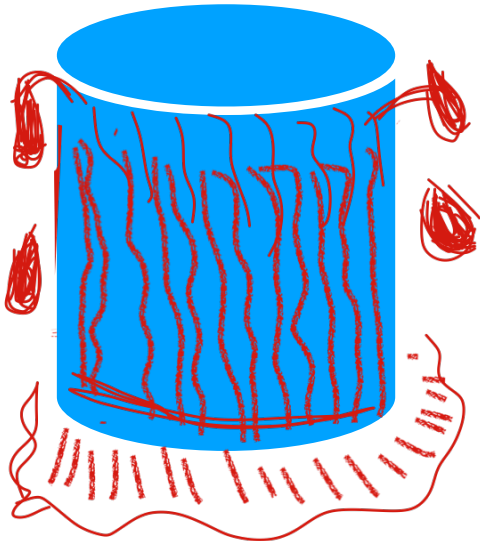


Figure 2



Faith Tanks

Faith comes by HEARING and hearing by the Word of God {[Romans 10:17](#)}

HEARING what?

- God loves you
- He's a WayMaker
- He is a miracle worker
- He is a promise keeper
- God is a light in the darkness
- God is Just
- God is a provider

Gospel (good news)- A message from God to us. God created us. Jesus came down from heaven and died for our sins. Jesus (the son of God) rose from the dead. The Holy Spirit restores us. We are saved by grace through faith. Jesus will return for us.

How do you HEAR these things? [By using the following avenues]

- Messages
- Worship
- Preaching
- Teaching
- Bible
- Godly friends or family

The more you HEAR, the more your faith tank becomes filled, which eventually over flows into the lives of others (figure 2). As you become filled with faith, you begin to fill the life of others with faith. Your faith tank becomes filled by allowing the different avenues to fill up what you HEAR.

How do faith tanks decrease?

Faith tanks go down in a similar way that they go up. The difference is in what you HEAR. When what you hear contradicts God's message you begin to lose faith and question who you are and what you've been called to do.

Examples of things that can decrease your faith:

- Gossip
- Unhealthy friendships
- Messages that go against what God says (Avenues that can be used: TV shows, music, books, etc...)

Hebrews 11:6

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

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