



“The Foundation of Life”

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I. **Luke 6:46-49**

A. Faith without works...

1. The joy...the harvest is in the “doing”.
2. Remember these words from **James 2:18** “*I will show you my faith BY MY WORKS.*”
3. Faith begins by hearing...but faith manifests its power and identity though “doing.”
 - Give God something to work with...Give Him a little and watch Him do a lot!
 - The woman who had the cruse of oil would have never filled the pots until she DID something.
 - Shuffle For Shoes...an opportunity for God to show Himself strong; those that participated...those that gave....your reward is great!

B. Digging Deep

1. Laying a foundation is work; it takes time, effort, and perseverance; but one the foundation is laid....the plan comes into place.
2. No one sees the foundation...but it is the most important of any structure.
3. What was the foundation? Rock (What did Jesus say to Peter? Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell/winds and waves will not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:18**). To get to the place you really want to be, you must dig deep...find His Word...and build not just once, but every day!
4. God created you to work....It should be a joy because of the harvest (paycheck/reward).

II. Exercising Your Faith

A. **The Routine....**

1. When it comes to exercise and you try things that you are not used to doing....it hurts; but when it becomes your routine, it is normal. Laying the foundation is the hardest part....and most Christians try to do that, but they don't keep up the routine, so faith has a hard time manifesting its power.
2. Speaking to God, Knowing Faith should be every believer's routine.

B. Every Day...

1. **Read the Word (Psalm 1:2)**
2. **Put on Your Armor (Ephesians 6:11)**
3. **Put on Praise (Isaiah 61:3)**
4. **Pray (Ephesians 6:18)**