

Turbulence

Illustration: Airplane Turbulence

Turbulence can't bring down a plane; it's like bumps on a road. It only FEELS like you're in peril because your mind knows you are sitting on "nothing" when you are 30,000 feet in the air. But you are actually very safe, because you are actually sitting on a **PRINCIPLE**.

Bernoulli's Principle explains how an aircraft can achieve lift because of the shape of its wings. They are shaped so that that air flows faster over the top of the wing and slower underneath. Fast moving air equals low air pressure while slow moving air equals high air pressure. The high air pressure underneath the wings will therefore push the aircraft up through the lower air pressure.

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Noah Webster: Faith is firm belief in something for which there is no proof; complete confidence.

Warren Wiersbe: True Bible faith is confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences.

Unger's Bible Dictionary: Faith is a conviction of the reality of the truths and facts that God has revealed, based solely upon the testimony of God.

But Hebrews gives, not so much a DEFINITION of faith (what it IS), but a DESCRIPTION of faith (how it WORKS).

Faith is the SUBSTANCE ("support") of things hoped for.
Faith is the EVIDENCE ("proof") of things not seen.

v.3 – creation teaches us that everything that can be seen was made from things that can't be seen – and God's kingdom still works that way!

FAITH IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT OPERATES THE KINGDOM OF GOD. YOU CAN'T SEE IT, BUT IT HOLDS UP EVERYTHING WE DO!

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Matthew 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Faith must be unashamedly vocalized.

Romans 10:8-10 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Faith must be accompanied by action.

James 2:17-20 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Faith must disregard the obstacles.

Romans 4:19-21 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Faith will not operate effectively where there is doubt present.

Mark 11:23-24 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

MISSING INGREDIENT – MIX THE WORD WITH FAITH!

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

THE WORD WILL OPERATE IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF FAITH!

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. (BUFFET = TO STRIKE WITH THE FIST / "TURBULENCE")