

Faith is Leaning, Not Pushing

Faith is leaning into, not pushing to bring to pass.

This is just one small example of a belief that needs to be changed as part of our theology/doctrine reprogramming¹.

I had this revealed to me because I was in the mindset of pushing through by faith to see things happen. This came from my pentecostal background which had doctrines based on selected scriptures rather than on the mind of God.

It's a bit like the **PUSH** phenomenon in evangelical circles during the early 2000's. PUSH stands for **P**ray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens. Of course this was also biblically based:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV) – *pray without ceasing,*

However, when you pray like this – without the Spirit's leading – it's more about manipulating God to get what you want, no matter what the 'good' motive is behind the prayer.

Pressing in with faith also comes from the scripture:

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV) – *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

This reference doesn't directly apply to faith, but the teaching behind 'powerful faith' has some foundation in this verse.

BUT...this is not how the Kingdom works, despite what preachers may contort scripture to mean.

Faith that tries to push things into being is like this²:



1 – “Reprogramming Our Theology” (15-1-2017) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Reprogramming-Our-Theology.pdf

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Faith that leans into the belief that is desired to see it come to pass is like this³:



No effort at all there.

What's the difference between the Kingdom's way and church teaching?

Everything in the Kingdom is done out of attitudes and 'being' that are different to the world's and the church's. The 3 main 'beings' are these:

1. Being in rest
2. Being at peace
3. Being in oneness or intimacy with God

Faith in the Kingdom activates things to happen by being in rest.

This is why pushing or forcing things is ineffective and presumptuous.

Rest comes from complete trust in God: trust that what he has been shown to you will come to pass. It's not about making things happen because the pastor said or the Bible says.

Like a little child⁴ that completely trusts their father, so we lean into what he's shown us or promised us, trusting him to bring it about – just like the photo of the child above.

We expend no energy in Kingdom faith. Our King does everything and we just enter in.

This concept is not acceptable to many believers because they've seen the well-known power-based faith ministries and so believe that things are done through forceful faith.

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4 – Vis-a-vis: “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3 NKJV)

Actually there are 3 reasons why these faith teachers have been successful while not using Heaven's method:

1. Being called to the task
2. Anointing for the task
3. Absolute trust

Number 3 is the one that is important for us to understand here. Faith that moves mountains⁵ is not powerful faith, but absolute trust. An expression that captures this is: “God said it. I believe it. That settles it”. This is not bible-based faith. It's faith that knows that it knows that God will do what he's promised. This faith moves mountains.

So, regarding power teachers, even though there is presumption in how they operate, grace will activate heaven because of the presence of absolute faith – even if it's not totally pure in origin.

AND...absolute faith easily comes from what the Spirit says to you, rather than your doctrinal position.

The Kingdom is all about partnering with Heaven. It's about doing, saying, going and becoming what our King wants. After all, he IS the King.

You'll need to get a revelation of 'leaning faith' as it's part of the reprogramming of our theology as Sons. Once it's a revelation, practice will see you become more effective in operating that way.

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5 – Matthew 21:21