

# The Difference Between Lack of Faith and Unbelief

Most of us interchange ‘unbelief’ and ‘lack of faith’ with each other in our writings and our speech. However, a closer look at the two shows that they are different.

Firstly, here’s what we need to know about faith:

- Every one of us has the full measure of faith.
- We have the faith **of** the son of God, not faith **in** the son of God.
- As Jesus is, so are we at the present time.
- We have all the faith we’ll ever need.

## When things don’t happen when we expect them to happen, what’s going on?

The answer is: We have a knowledge problem, not a faith problem. We have all the faith we need to operate in the Kingdom and see Heaven manifest on the face of the Earth through us. We just don’t believe it.

We also don’t believe we have enough faith because we think that it needs to grow. What actually needs to happen is this: We need experiences of seeing things happen supernaturally so doubt is overcome.

So, we don’t lack faith, we just don’t use it properly.

When we do use our faith properly, things don’t always go the way we expect. That can happen for a few reasons:

1. We’re out of alignment with Heaven, because we haven’t allowed the Spirit to guide us.
2. We’re operating in presumption.<sup>1</sup>
3. Unbelief negates it.

## How does unbelief fit into this?

Here’s an example from Andrew Wommack’s teaching:

*“You can believe and disbelieve at the same time. I’ve used this example before, that if I had a big weight here, I could hook a horse up to that weight and exert enough power to drag that way. But if I had force of an equal size and strength pulling in the opposite direction, you could put a lot of pressure on that weight and it wouldn’t move, because they negate each other, they cancel each other out. This is what happens with our faith. You’ve got the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ on the inside. Now, most people don’t even know that they aren’t using it, but there are some people who have started using their faith and they know they’ve got faith...”*

*Let me just give one example. Right after I saw my first person raised from the dead, man I was fired up. I was pumped like, wow. You can see a person raised from the dead, we ought to be able to see anything happen. I was preaching in Omaha, Nebraska, and there was a man right down here on my left that was in a wheelchair. I could hardly wait for me to get through preaching so I could go pray for this guy. I was going to see him come out of a wheelchair, so I went over and I prayed over him and then I grabbed him by the hand and I just yanked him out of that wheelchair. I said, “Walk, in the name of Jesus.” And this guy just came up like this and went right over on his face. He was a quadriplegic, he couldn’t even catch himself, and he landed on his face. And just like you all are going, “Oh!”, There’s all through the crowd, there was moans and groans, I was moaning and groaning. I got down on my hands and knees and hugged this guy and grabbed him and put him back in his*

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1 – “Faith, Foolishness & Presumption” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/05-Faith-Foolishness-and-Presumption.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/05-Faith-Foolishness-and-Presumption.pdf)

wheelchair. I said, “Depart in peace be warmed and filled” and didn't give him what he needed.

I went to the hotel room saying, “God, what's wrong?” When I see some people say, “Well you just didn't believe.” Give me a break. How many of you have grabbed somebody out of a wheelchair and yanked them out and seen them fall on their face. I was believing. I expected to see this man healed. See, this is confusing. The pat answer is, if you don't see something happen, it's just because you didn't believe. I think that's too simplistic. People who have believed and have seen miracles happen, they say, “I know I was believing.” They can compare with other times when they did see the right results, and because of it, it causes confusion. If the only answer you have as to why something doesn't work is, “Just because you didn't believe”, well then, you're going to turn off a lot of people who knew that they were believing. I knew I was believing when I pulled his guy out of the wheelchair and yet I didn't see the right results.

It was probably four years later before I read a Smith Wigglesworth book and Smith Wigglesworth he used to see a lot of miracles happen...[When healing a woman] he said, “You let her go”, and they let her go. That tumour fell out on the stage and she walked out there. Did you know, when I read that I thought Smith Wigglesworth didn't have one ounce more faith than I had. You know what the difference was? He had less unbelief. When something didn't go right I was thinking about what people are thinking about me. “I've embarrassed this person.” “I've hurt this person.” ...If you are worried about people's opinion, if you are worried what people think about you, you cannot operate in all of the faith that God has given you. That's the fear of man...I was moved by people's opinion and I was moved by apparent opposite results. You know what that was? I had faith, but I had unbelief that negated it”<sup>2</sup>

So, you can operate in faith, but other things in your mind can prevent your faith from seeing results. That's unbelief in action.

**WATCH: “It's Not a Faith Problem, It's Your Unbelief” [0:4:14-1:17:40]**  
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