

Spiritually Sure-Footed (Part 2)

Jude 24-25 is the benediction to the book of Jude.

In the first lesson, we studied **four key Greek words** related to our subject taken from Jude 24: (dunami) [God is able] and (phulasso) [God is able to guard us] and (aptaistos) [God is able to keep us from stumbling] and (histemi) [To make us stand].

In our second lesson, we will study four things to know about the Church Age Believer's (CAB) side of being spiritually Sure-footed.

1. It is important for the Church Age Believer (CAB) to understand how to engage the Essence of God into his Spiritual Walk (Heb.10:23; Rom.4:21).

(Jude 24-25) "Now to **Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand** in the presence of His glory blameless **with great joy**, to the only God our Savior, **through Jesus Christ** our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now for forever."

Him who is able to keep you is a reference to the believer's access to the omnipotent power of God through Jesus Christ our Lord (John 14:6).

This means that every CAB has access through Jesus Christ to the omnipotent power of God to keep him Sure-footed in the Christian Way of Life (CWL). (Heb.4:16).

2. God is able to keep the CAB from stumbling while at the same time keeping him standing in the midst of great conflict.

Therefore, it is important for the CAB to be always **Grace Oriented in the CWL** (To Him who is able).

(Phil.4:13) "I can do all things through **Him who strengthened (dunamai) me.**"

(2 Cor.12:9-10) "And He has said to me, '**My grace is sufficient for you, for power (dunamis) is perfected in weakness.**' Most gladly, **therefore**, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the **power of Christ** may dwell in me. **Therefore I am well content with** weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; **for when I am weak, then I am strong.**"

3. It is essential for the spiritually advancing CAB to have the confidence "that God is able" when completing the FAITH CYCLE.

(Heb.11:1) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

(Rom.4:21) "And **being fully assured** that **what He had promised, He is able** (dunatos / nsm / predicate adj.) **also to perform** (poieo / a.a.infin)." [Abraham] (2 Cor.5:7) [Faith Not Sight]

(Heb.11:6) "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is. And that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

4. We will study Abraham's confidence of "God is able" in his faith cycle when offering Isaac (Gen.22).

As a young mature believer, Abraham struggled and stumbled with the promises of God and the faith cycle (Gen.12-21). The unfulfilled promise of a male heir caused him to struggle and make bad decisions in other areas of his life.

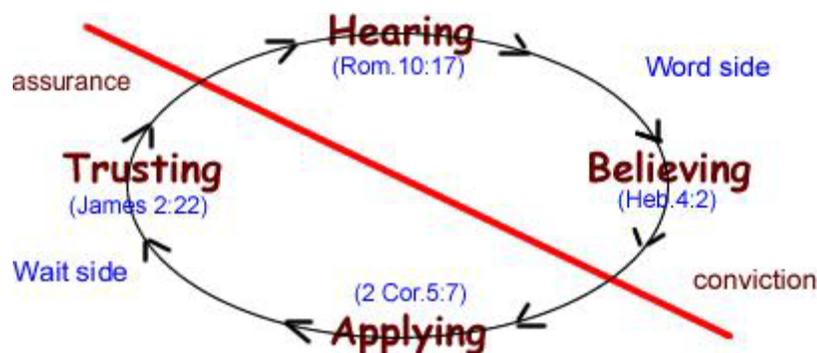
- (Gen.12) Sarah Given to Pharaoh
- (Gen. 13-14) Lot An heir
- (Gen. 15) Eliezer An heir
- (Gen.16-17) Ishmael An heir
- (Gen. 20) Sarah Given to Abimlech

What occurred in (Gen.21) brought a life change experience to Abraham and Sarah. They learned the importance of putting off the Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) view point and putting on the New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) view point (Eph.4:22-24; Rom.12:2).

The human view point of the impossibility of the birth and rearing Isaac because of their old age was a spiritual life changing experience / application of the doctrinal principle of "God is able."

It brought a transformational change in Abraham's approach to life and his **application of the Faith Cycle** (Gen.21-22; Heb.11:11-12 for Sarah; and Rom.4:13-25 for Abraham).

This is evident in his **offering Isaac** by the faith cycle in Gen.22:1-14 (James 2:21-24).



(James 2:21-22)

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?
You see (blepo / p.a.ind.2ps) that (hoti/ what you can see simply by reading the story)
faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works,
faith (he pistis / nsm) was perfected. (teleioo / a.p.ind.3ps)
[Faith Cycle Completed].”