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I open my heart to receive from the Word of God God's promises are true And they are true for me

#### Colossians 1:3-5

 $^3$  We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,  $^4$  because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—  $^5$  the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

## You can't hope in anything you don't have faith in.

#### Hebrews 11:1

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Biblical hope is faith in action

#### Genesis 50:20

 $^{20}$  You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

### Faith always gives us hope!

The miracle is God's part – Faith is our part.

"God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing."

Martin Luther

Faith is required to see the move of God in our lives!
Faith starts with "God, I need You desperately!"

(Faith) looks away from oneself and to God alone for help.

John Calvin

Faith is taking God at His Word (and finding hope in it).

Faith is confidence in God (and finding hope in it).

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Faith is a firm conviction that God will deliver on His promise.

#### Faith is God-focused.

Hebrews 11:6

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

### Actively trusting God means:

When a problem or temptation comes, we apply our knowledge of who God is and what He has said in His Word.

"Faith here means the ability to apply quickly what we believe so as to repel everything the devil does or attempts to do in us"

Martin Lloyd Jones

Genesis 39:9

"How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

## Faith is not conditional on God's immediate provision.

Joseph didn't honor God *because* He delivered him from trouble -He honored God *by* running from trouble

Faith for my deliverance is not faith in God. Faith means, whether I am visibly delivered or not, I will stick to my belief that God is love. There are some things only learned in a fiery furnace.

Oswald Chambers

The biggest danger we risk with unbelief is missing what God has for us!

God is calling us to believe He can do what He said He will do.

Mark 9:23

<sup>23</sup> "Everything is possible for one who believes."



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