

BBL 100/500 The Life of Faith

School of Theology and Ministry

Course Sample

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Dr. Lake received Jesus at the age of twelve. On his thirteenth birthday, he answered God's call on his life to minister the Gospel. Several years later, he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He shares the Word of God is a very "down to earth" manner that all enjoy. His commitment to "real world" theological education is seen in his concept that ministerial training is half academics and half Spiritual Boot Camp.

Dr. Lake is also serving as the Bishop/International Overseer for the United Full Gospel Church. He has served as an educational consultant for several national and international Christian organizations. He is listed in "Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans", "Sterling's Who's Who Executive Edition", "Nationwide Register's of Who's Who in Executives and Businesses" and "Who's Who Among American Teachers" for his accomplishments with the school.

Class Overview

I. **Class Description**

A biblical and practical study of living life through faith in the completed work of Jesus Christ at Calvary and through the Word of God.

II. **Class Perspective**

A great deal of materialism has found its way into the teaching of faith in our generation. Yes, God does want our needs met. But the primary purpose of faith is to be used by God in the life of the believer to accomplish His Will on the face of the earth.

This class will look at the basics of faith, how it can be developed and how faith calls us to a life to integrity, spiritual warfare and hitting problems head-on with the Word and power of God.

III. **Required Reading**

The undergraduate student is to consult 5 biographies of great men and/or women of God to read. Graduate level students are to consult 9. These biographies may be found in a pastor's/church's library, or through a local Christian bookstore, or the internet.

After reading the biographies, the student is to then develop a 2 to 3 page report on each person. Personal insights, as well as topics covered in the lectures, are encouraged to be incorporated into these reports.

IV. **Module Requirements and Assignments**

Undergraduate Level

- a. The student is required to listen carefully to the sixteen lectures of recorded material, keeping in mind the questions listed in the syllabus which will form a part of the Final Examination.
- b. At the end of each lesson are Review Questions. The student should answer these questions upon completion of listening to the recorded lectures. The syllabus is self-grading for extension students, with the answers located at the end of this syllabus. (Do not send them in for grading.)* The student is to use these questions to prepare for the Final Examination.

* On-Campus Students: Your Instructor may choose to withhold the answer key to the syllabus and then grade the Review Questions in class.

- c. **Final Examination:** There will be one Final Examination for this module. The questions will be taken from both the recorded lecture materials as well as those covered in the list of Review Questions in the syllabus.
- d. Upon completion of the final exam, the external student's proctor is to reseal the exam and send it in along with the 5 biography reports and the essays assigned at the end of lessons 4,5,6 and 9.

Graduate Level


- a. The student is required to listen carefully to the sixteen lectures of recorded material, keeping in mind the questions listed in the syllabus which will form a part of the Final Examination.
- b. At the end of each lesson are Review Questions. The student should answer these questions upon completion of listening to the recorded lectures. The syllabus is self-grading for extension students, with the answers located at the end of this syllabus. (Do not send them in for grading.)* The student is to use these questions to prepare for the Final Examination.

* On-Campus Students: Your Instructor may choose to withhold the answer key to the syllabus and then grade the Review Questions in class.

- e. **Final Examination:** There will be one Final Examination for this module. The questions will be taken from both the recorded lecture materials as well as those covered in the list of Review Questions in the syllabus.
- f. **Term Paper/Essay:** The student is to choose an area covered in this study and develop a term paper/essay of at least 15 pages in length and no more than 20 pages in length. The paper should be typed, double-spaced.
- g. Upon completion of the final exam, the external student's proctor is to reseal the exam and send it in along with the 9 biography reports, the term paper/essay and the essays assigned at the end of lessons 4 ,5, 6 and 9.

Lesson One

Called to Faith

 **Listening Assignment:** At this time listen to Audio Lecture One while reading through this lesson in the syllabus. [External Students Only]

 **Note for Perspective Students:** You can download this entire lecture in MP3 format from our website at <http://www.biblical-life.com/Library1.htm>

Lecture Outline

Introduction

“The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17b

The Church and the world had gone into what is known as The Dark Ages. And truly the Church was in utter darkness. The Church was trusting in ritual and tradition for salvation. The Word of God was not available to the masses. A priest named Martin Luther was studying the Book of Romans when the Holy Spirit made this verse alive to him. God was requiring His people to walk by faith and by His Word, NOT by ritual and tradition.

The more that the Body of Christ learned to trust in the Word of God and to have faith in God, the more the darkness departed from her eyes! Men and women began to be born-again. As we reach out in faith, truths of God’s Word and His power are rediscovered by the Church. We found power in prayer, divine healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, divine protection, spiritual warfare ... the list goes on. We are still gaining today as present truth what we lost centuries ago- all because of the call to faith.

I. Types of Faith

- a. All given a measure of faith - Romans 12:3
- b. Some have little faith - Matthew 8:23-27
- c. Some have faith that is not weak - Romans 4:19
- d. Some have growing faith - II Thessalonians 1:3
- e. Some have strong faith - Matthew 8:5-13
- f. Some are full of faith - Acts 6:5
- g. Some have perfect (matured) faith - James 2:22
- i. Some are rich in faith - James 2:5

II. How is Faith Developed?

- a. Element One - The Word of God
Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. We need to fill ourselves full of the Word. The Word can feed our faith and make it strong.

The Holy Spirit speaks through the Word. Over and over again, Jesus said "he who has ears to hear, let him hear..." We need to make a point to hear what God is saying through His Word. Whether it be in our devotional time or when the Word is being ministered. WE MUST MAKE A DECISION TO HEAR.

- b. Element Two - Relationship

Abraham is a great example of faith. But we see in his life that as he walked with God and the relationship grew, so did his faith. Abraham went from trying to help God out by producing Ishmael to fearlessly offerings Isaac on the altar in obedience to God. Our faith soars as we develop a dynamic, growing relationship with God.

III. What Can Faith Do?

Hebrews 11:4-40

- a. Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice.
- b. Enoch walked with God.
- c. Noah prepared the Ark and saved his family.
- d. Abraham received the son of promise.
- e. Isaac prophesied what would come for his sons.
- f. Joseph prophesied the bondage of Israel in Egypt.
- g. Moses delivered Israel.
- h. The walls of Jericho came down.
- i. Kingdoms were subdued.
- j. worked righteousness
- k. obtained promises
- l. stopped the mouths of lions
- m. quenched the violence of fire
- n. escape the edge of the sword
- o. out of weakness was made strong
- p. became valiant in battle
- q. received the loved ones back from the dead

- r. Others were tortured and refused deliverance
- s. gave up their lives and suffered persecution (of whom the world is not worthy!)
- t. obtained a good testimony through faith.

4. In your own words, what can faith in God do?

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