THE STRATEGY OF SATAN
A Providence Baptist Church Bible Study
LESSON 5- LIVING BY FAITH IN GOD

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
“Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith… For this reason when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain. But now that Timothy has come to us from you and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith….. as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith.” 1 Thessalonians 3:1-2, 5-7

“from faith to faith.” Romans 1:17

“It shall be done to you according to your faith.”
Matthew 9:29

“And He wondered at their unbelief”. Mark 6:6

**Tests that Christian Can Apply to their Decisions and Actions**

**Test #1**- “Am I Doing this for the ___________ of God, or just to _______________ myself?”

“Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he (Abraham) did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.”
Romans 4:20

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” Luke 1:37

“With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”
Matthew 19:26

Abraham “was fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.” Romans 4:21

**Test #2**- “Am I _________________ ahead impetuously, or am I _______________ to wait.”

For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” Romans 10:11

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation firmly placed, He who believes in it will not be disturbed”. Isaiah 28:16
“Whatever is not from faith is sin.” Romans 14:23

**Test #3** - “Can I ____________________________ what I am doing from the Word of God?”

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

**Test #4** - “As I contemplate this move, do I have ____________________________ and ____________________________ within?”

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15:13

An Old Testament Illustration- Genesis 16

A New Testament Illustration- Acts 27

“But the centurion was more persuaded by the pilot and the captain of the ship than by what was being said by Paul. Because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there.” Acts 27:11-12

*Satan and the “Four Tests of Faith”*

David-

Job-

Eve-

Joshua-