



## CHURCH IN THE HOUSE EDIFICATION MATERIAL (JULY 2010)

**THEME:** HEAVENS STRATEGY FOR ALL TIME LIVING  
**TOPIC:** APPLICATION OF FAITH  
**TEXT:** HEB 10:32-39

In the month of June, we established the correlation between **all faith** and **one faith**. We recounted that faith has four dimensions/faces just like the four living creatures with four faces in **Ezekiel1:1-10**, and we also looked at what “born again faith” is all about.

We shall continue this month by looking at how to apply the faith we have in Jesus Christ. This faith we confess and profess must not be left dormant; we must continually apply it to every aspect of our lives and walk with God **Galatians 2:20**.

**Word in Marble** - “Faith that you don’t use will not increase and if it does not increase, it can not grow exceedingly” (Dr. Tunde Bakare)

Our scripture text focuses on the **past, present** and **future** applications of faith and within its context are the ever needed faith boosters: **Thinking Right, Talking Right** and **Living Right**.

Let’s consider our scriptural text (**Hebrews 10: 32-39**)

- 1) **Past manifestations of faith (Experiences):** Recalling the former days (**Heb10:32-34**)  
Can you recall some things you were seriously concerned about and terribly feared would bring an end to your life, marriage, business, career or ministry which at the end did not happen? Perhaps you prayed and other believers prayed with you and God intervened. Or you suffered some loss but nothing shattered the joy you have in Him.

### ***Interactive Session***

**Question:** How did you survive those difficult times and what lessons did you learn?

**Note:** The Heroes of Faith in Heb11:

These men & women were able to endure the struggles, pains and afflictions because they had inspiration, illumination and Revelation of the faithfulness of God. **2 Timothy 2:7-13, 1Peter 5:6-10, 1Peter1:3-10.**

- 2) **Present Disposition & posture of faith (Confidence):** *“therefore do not cast away your confidence which has great rewards” (Heb10:35)*. This confidence is borne out of divine inspiration not an empty bravado. It is the very epitome of courage in HIM, and speaks of what HE is able to do and not what can be accomplished by human strength and/wisdom. **Zech 4:5-7, Jeremiah 9: 23-24.**

Faith gives us the courage to face the present with confidence and the future with expectancy. **Philippians 1:12-14, 19-20.**

- 3) **The Future template of faith (Endurance):** *“For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise”*. **Heb10:36-39, Psalms 40: 1-3.**

We are admonished in the scriptures to have endurance/patience after we have exercised our faith in God so that we may receive the promises that the Lord has for us. **Romans 4:13-25, 5:1-5.**

#### **Life Application – I Samuel 17:33-51**

David, in his encounter with Goliath of Gath proceeded to battle with great confidence in God and not with King Saul’s armor. He was able to prevail over Goliath because of the application of his faith.

- I. He recalled the memories of God’s faithfulness (past) I Sam 17: **33-36**
- II. He re-affirmed his confidence in the God of Israel (present) I Sam 17: **33-36 v37.**
- III. He also predicted the outcome of the battle before it happened (future) I Sam 17: **46-47** using imagination.

#### **Conclusion:**

David had his expectation fulfilled by applying his faith. Your thoughts, confessions and lifestyle must correlate with each other. These are the catalyst that will allow your faith to produce.

#### **Prayers**

**Phil1:19-21, Romans8:28**