

The Pillar of Selective Faith

Introduction: Why Selective Faith Matters

- Four pillars of grace: **honor, generosity, thankfulness, faith**.
- Everyone lives by faith daily, but misplaced faith leads to deception. True faith must be **selective**, rooted in Jesus and His Word.

Point 1: The Danger of Misplaced Faith

- Wrong faith examples: satnav errors, poor investments, misplaced trust in people.
- Bible warns against deception — by others, by ourselves, by the devil.
- Selective faith = choosing to believe in **Jesus and His words**.

Point 2: Wholehearted Commitment

- Faith requires being “**all in**”, not half-hearted.
- Example: **Peter walking on water** (Matthew 14:29).
- Application: when truth is certain, trust fully.

Point 3: Discernment Through God’s Word

- Paul warns: “*Evil men and impostors will grow worse... deceiving and being deceived*” (2 Timothy 3:13). We must...:
 - Trust the **Holy Scriptures** (2 Timothy 3:15–16).
 - Test teachers by their fruit of righteousness (James 3:13–18).
 - Remember: faith comes by hearing God’s Word (Romans 10:17).
- Jesus: “*I am the bread of life... my words are spirit and life*” (John 6:35, 63).

Conclusion & Life Applications

- Selective faith means:
 - Faith is a **gift of grace** not by works or legalism (Ephesians 2:8–9).
 - Faith is not sight, feelings, or mental assent (2 Corinthians 5:7; James 2:19).
 - Faith requires action and obedience (James 2:26).
- Parable of the soils (Matthew 13): real faith uproots competing beliefs and bears fruit.
- Practical response:
 - Believe in Jesus and His Word as ultimate truth.
 - Let Scripture act as a scalpel (Hebrews 4:12) to reveal and correct.
 - Uproot false beliefs and align with God’s Word (2 Corinthians 10:4–5).
- Final truth: everyone believes something — the key is to **believe selectively in Christ and His Word**.

Questions

1. What are some everyday examples where we put our faith in something or someone — and how does that help us understand what real faith is?
2. Why do you think it’s important that our faith is “selective” — not just believing anything, but choosing to trust Jesus and His Word?
3. What are some “other beliefs” or influences (like worries, pleasures, or opinions) that can choke our faith, and how can we uproot them?