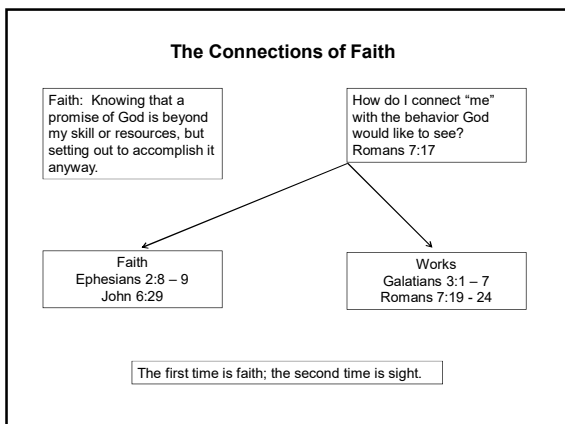
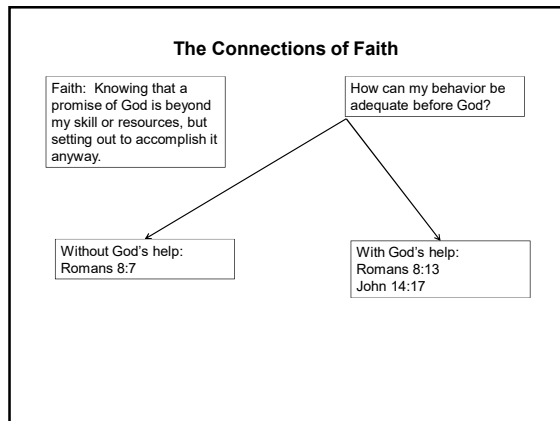
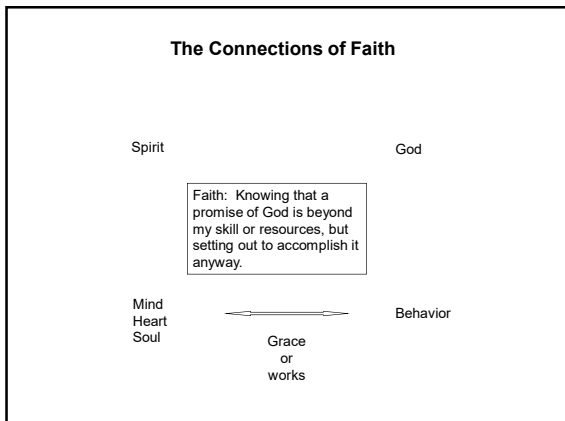


- ### The Characteristics of Faith
- Acceptance of the resurrection as evidence
  - Acceptance of the need for a sacrifice
  - Acceptance of the Word of God as true
  - A realistic hope of heaven
  - Trust in the promises of God
  - Obedience
  - Evangelism
- But how much of each?**

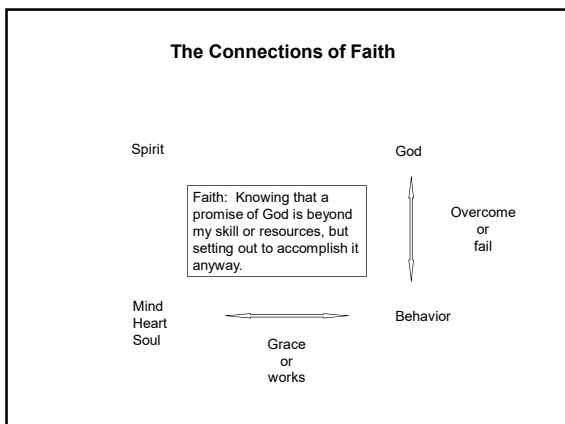


- ### Analogy of the Wilderness
- The "works" mentality is guaranteed to fail.
  - The "faith" mentality leaves me wondering if I am adequate.
  - Hebrews 3:7 – 4:2 The Wilderness is used as an analogy for the Christian life. It isn't supposed to be easy. Faith is the key to the Promised Rest.
  - John 6:29 – 58 Jesus makes an analogy between the manna in the Wilderness to Himself. What we need is provided.
  - 1 Corinthians 5:7 – 8 One symbolism of the bread in the Lord's Supper is of the Passover bread, a symbol of freedom, affliction, and haste (Exodus 12:27, 13:8; Deuteronomy 16:3). The faithful life is supposed to be affliction between freedom and rest.

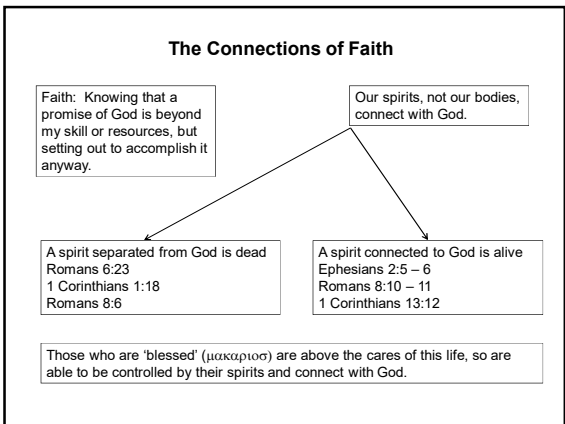
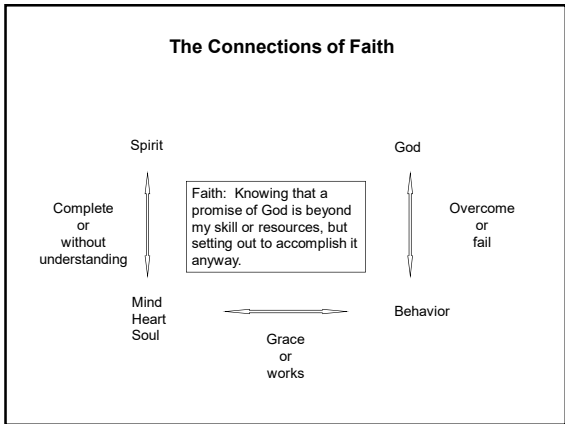
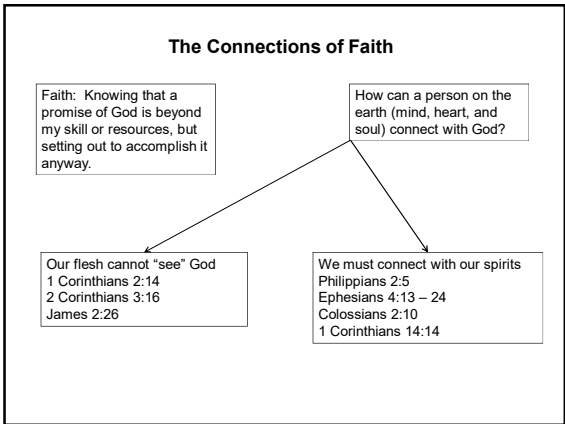


- ### How Does the Spirit Enable Success?
- Motivations**
- Knowing that the Spirit is housed in us gives us motivation to preserve a holy body (1 Corinthians 3:16)
  - Guard that which has been entrusted to us (2 Timothy 1:14)
  - God jealously desires the Spirit that lives in us (James 4:5)
  - The indwelling Spirit is a seal or pledge (2 Corinthians 1:22)
  - Testifies of our adoption (Romans 8:16 – see v 9)
  - We know we belong to God (1 John 4:12-16)
  - His Spirit has been given to us if we have love and faith (1 John 3:24)
- Abilities**
- Aids in putting to death the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13)
  - Leads us (Romans 8:14)
  - Assists in prayer (Romans 8:26)
  - Strengthen the inner man (Ephesians 3:16)
  - Comprehension (Ephesians 3:17 – 19)
  - Gives life to our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11)
  - We should endeavor to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

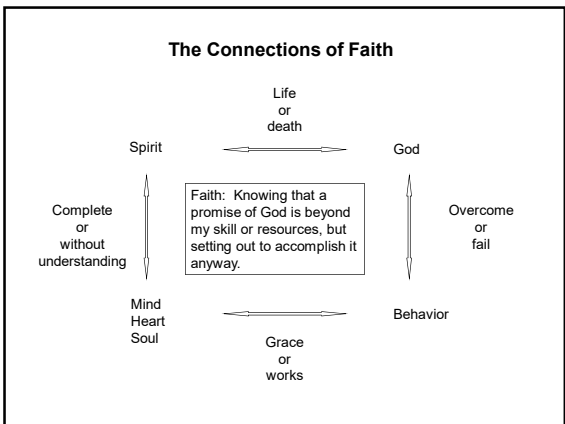
- ### Adequacy
1. Rejoice in the successes of faith (Joy/rejoice handout)
  2. Be useful and fruitful through the natural results of faith (2 Peter 1:1 – 11)
  3. Be above the cares of this life (Blessed handout)



- ### God Promises Successful Behavior
- 1 Peter 1:15 – 16 Be ye holy as I am holy
  - 2 Peter 1:4 Be partakers of the divine nature
  - Matthew 5:48 Be ye perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect
  - God promises that those of faith will have the essential nature of God.
  - God is Spirit, so our spirits are to be as God
  - Be consistent with our resurrected spirits.
  - Therefore, we need to let our spirits control us



- ### The Symbolism of Death
- Genesis 2:8 – 17, 3:22 – 24 Adam lived over 900 years after being told, "In the day you eat of it, you shall surely die."
  - Romans 6:16 – 23 Paul's point is that sin enslaves us and separates us from God (death of spirit). The free gift is reconnection (life of spirit).
  - Romans 7:5 – 8:6 Paul's example is that the justice mentality (embodied in rules) leads only to failure (death of spirit). Good people recognize this and are at a loss for how to re-connect with God (7:24).
  - 1 Corinthians 15:20 – 26, 35 – 57 Jesus' resurrection (in addition to being proof that He is God) was an illustration of the re-connection of our spirits with God.
  - 2 Corinthians 7:10 Paul's contrast is between salvation and death, both of the spirit. So, salvation is "life" to the spirit, re-connection of our spirits with God.
  - 1 Timothy 1:10 Jesus abolished death of spirits. Paul expected to die physically in the near future (4:6).
  - James 1:15, 5:20 James confirms that the "death" that results from sin is that of the spirit.
  - 1 John 3:14 John told Christians that they had already passed from death to life.
  - Revelation 20:5 – 6 The first resurrection is among the physically alive.



- The universe is an incubator for faith
- Our faith produces growth in behavior and attitude
- Growth makes us useful and fruitful
- The useful task is teaching other spirits, both those with bodies and those without
- The fruitful task results in a higher population of the New Jerusalem
- God has high standards for the quality of faith, but even the champions had lapses in behavior.
- Being useful and fruitful means we are adequate
- We are blessed; the cares of this world are not in focus; we are happy
- We rejoice at the successes of faith.