**Faith Fulfilled: Forever From First to Last**

(Romans 10:17)

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The title of this series is, **“Faith Fulfilled: Forever from First to Last”**

2. This third part of the series is, **“Faith and the Authority for Action”**

3. Question: “*What do you want to BE, when you grow up?” Dream jobs…*

a. A recent survey of 1000 children ages 5 to 8 years old were asked this question.

1) 26.2% Doctors/Nurses/Healthcare

2) 16.5% Teachers

3) 12% Scientist

4) 11.9% TikTok/YouTuber/Vlogger

5) 10.9% Actor (Hollywood)

6) 9.7% Police Officer (Law Enforcement)

7) 9.7% Dancers

8) 9.1% Veterinarian

9) 6.7% Dentist/ Dental Assistant

10) 5.6% Zookeeper

4. What we know is that these aspirations will change over time.

5. What most adults want to know is just how to do “something” that will help us to live a productive and happy life.

**STEPPING UP AND STEPPING OUT**

1. The reality is that our goals and the direction of our lives change as we grow and

mature.

2. We are living at a time and in an age when **faith** is given very little value, especially

in the everyday situations and circumstances of daily life.

a. IF God is real, then He does not seem all that concerned with **who** we are, **where**

we live, or **what** we do—as a person.

b. IF God is “watching” it appears that it is from an undetermined “distance” and

whatever happens, just happens—good, bad, or indifferent (Eccl. 9:2, 3).

1) Solomon is writing this book of the Bible from the perspective of life “under the sun” (a horizontal perspective rather than a spiritual vertical perspective).

2) There is a natural, negativity that engulfs the world in which we live.

3) As believers, who understand and who actually come to **know** who God really

is, life does take on a new and exciting sense of meaning.

c. The current “generations” are searching for some sense of **meaning** and a **reason**

for being here on planet earth—ONLY “faith” and “the gospel” provide the

foundational basis for a sense of **meaning** and **purpose** in life (Eccl. 12:1; Psa.

9:10; 17:7; 18:30; 25:1-20).

**FAITH THAT ARISES FROM GOD’S WORD PROVIDES THE SENSE OF DIRECTION**

1. It is dependence upon the Word of Christ that gives the authority to more and to

have confidence in life (Col. 3:16, 17)

a. Christ has been given “all authority” (Matt. 28:18)

b. Our “faith-filled” actions in life arise from the “authority” of what has been revealed in the Word of God (Mark 11:22-24)

1) Life presents each of us with “mountains” and it is the “authority” of what

God has revealed in His Words that “moves” the “mountains” of life.

2. Trust is exercising the authority of “faith” (faith of God), in our daily walk no matter

what obstacles we face (Psa. 37:3-6).

**THE FULFILLED FAITH IS THE PLACE**

1. God has kept ALL of His promises (redemptively) and has FULFILLED all of His Word.

2. The concept of “fulfilled faith” is that there is 100% absolute trust in what God has

done no matter how challenging the circumstances and situations of life SEEM.

2. FULFILLMENT of Bible prophecy and redemptive history DOES NOT imply that God is

no longer active in the world today.

**CONCLUSION**

1. A “fulfilled faith” is a confident faith.

2. A “fulfilled faith” is a vibrant and living faith.

3. A “fulfilled faith” has a sense of direction and purpose.

4. A “fulfilled faith” realizes the “power” and “authority” of God arises from the

comfort and inspiration found in His Word.