

# ROMANS

Abraham -  
4:18-25

Colosseum





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floor**

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**1. All have faith - Rom 12:3**  
**all exercise faith all the time**

**2. Not a matter of amount of faith**

**BY FAITH**

HEBREWS 11

**3. Issue is content and object**

**4. Terms - πιστις (pistis)**

**πιστευω (pisteuo)**

# **IMPORTANCE**

- 1. Admired by Jesus - Mt 8:10**
- 2. Commended - Rom 1:8,  
1Th 1:8, 2Th 1:4**
- 3. Priority - Heb 11:6, Rom 14:23**
- 4. Potential - Mk 9:23-24**
- 5. Essence of life - 2Cor 5:7, Gal 2:20**
- 6. Example - 2Tim 3:10, 1Tim 4:12**

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**2Cor 5:7, Heb 11:13, 22, 39**
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# **LAPSES of FAITH**

- 1. Did not leave family in Ur - 11:31**
- 2. Had wife act like sister - 12:12-20**
- 3. Ishmael with Hagar - 16:1-6**
- 4. Risks wife again - 20:1-7**

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# CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Noah - no rain
2. Joshua & Caleb - giants, etc
3. Gideon - small army
4. Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-nego - fiery furnace
5. Stephen - stoned



**FAITH**  
**DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.**  
**IT MAKES MIRACLES.**

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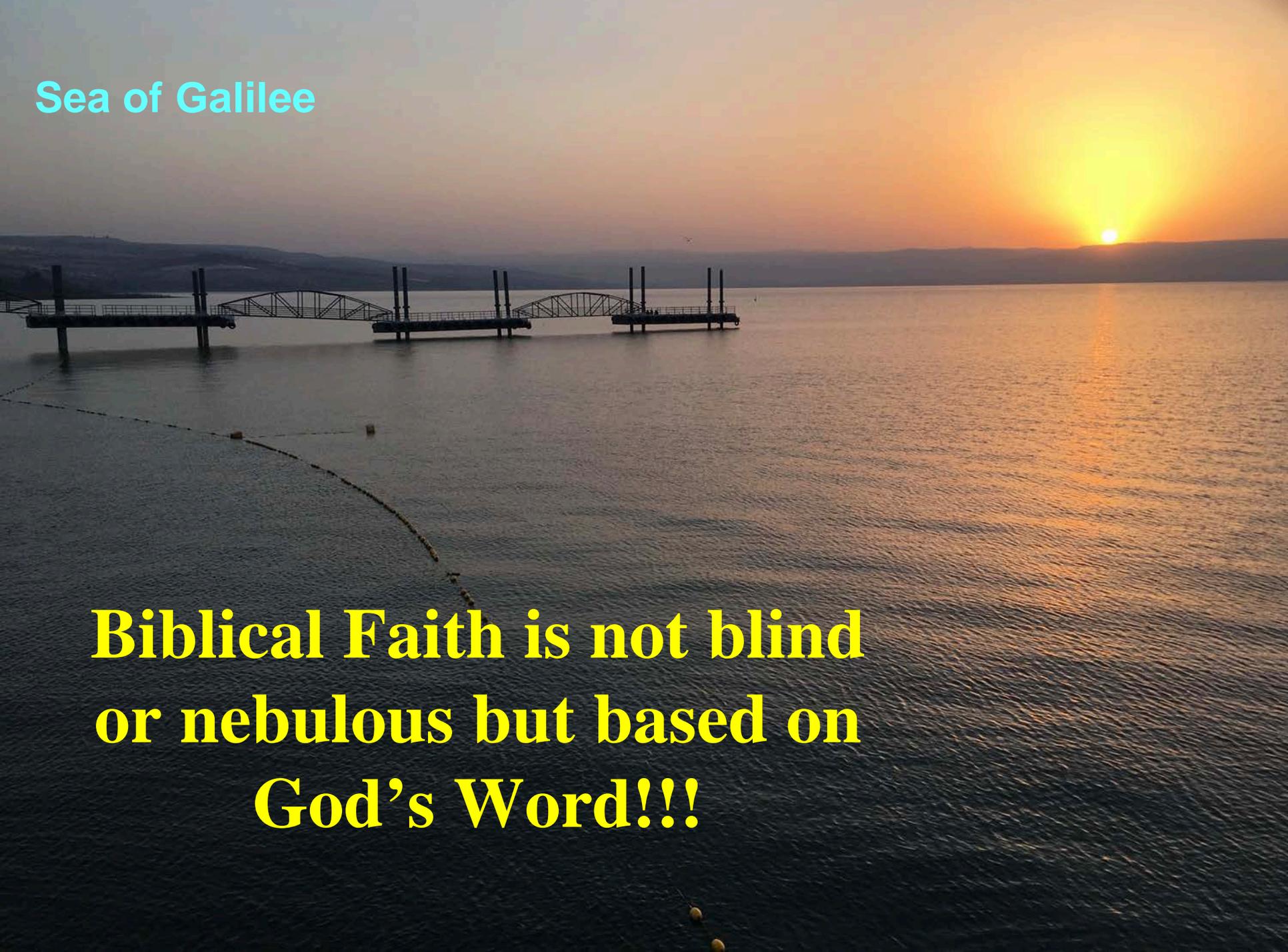


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to connect you  
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- 5. Is victorious over doubt 4:20**

**Mt 21:21, Jas 1:6**



Sea of Galilee

**Biblical Faith is not blind  
or nebulous but based on  
God's Word!!!**