

Faith

Chapter 5

Introduction

You wake up. You see something, but you are not sure what this thing is; however, your stomach is hurting, kind of empty. Then suddenly something is shoved into your mouth, something is coming out of it and so you drink. Then after a while you feel a pleasant full feeling in your stomach and you stop drinking, but that thing is still in your mouth. So you cry. Once it is out of your mouth, you stop crying, and fall asleep. That cycle continues. Then suddenly you wake up with a start and cry again, something is cold on your bottom.

Someone comes, picks you up and rocks you softly, but that does not stop the cold on your bottom, so you continue to cry. Finally after awhile that someone checks your bottom, they lay you down and do something to you. Shortly afterwards the cold is gone but that someone is touching your bottom, so you cry again. A pleasant warm feeling is placed on your bottom and you stop crying because you feel good again.

After a long time you start to realize that the pain in your stomach is being hungry, that the cold on your bottom is after you pottied in your diaper, and that someone is your mommy taking care of you. You are learning the process of life as a baby. As you learn this process, you start to do things on your own.

So now when you wake up, you think, should I get up and go to the bathroom? What do I want for breakfast? What will I wear? What shoes, what pants or what dress today? What shirt or maybe a pretty blouse? What day is today? What do I have to do at school? Do I do my homework now or at school? Do I care about my grades? Do I like that teacher? Do I want to ride to school or walk? Do I... Do I... Do I...

Before we get to school, we have to make hundreds of decision, hundreds. But since we were a baby, all we had to do was cry and did not have a care in the world because mommy did everything for us, but now we have grown up and we to make hundreds of decisions before breakfast.

5.1 Decisions

Our life is nothing but decisions. We do not realize all the decisions that we make; we have just gotten used to it. Now we just do it automatically. It is not just second nature, we have even gotten to the point were we take making decisions for granted. We do not even realize that we are making them, but that is what we were trained to do and they are now a part of our daily routine. But when it comes to deciding on something new, now that is hard.

For example, love. How do you know that you love someone? We find it hard to know or realize that we love someone. Is love magic? Does it just appear one day? Or does it happen like Cupid? Cupid comes around, sees you lonely and shoots the love arrow in you so that the first person you see, you become deeply, madly and desperately in love. Is it mysterious, intriguing, and scary? It is the unknown. Really?

Lets look at falling in love.

One day you walk to school and into your first class. This wonderful looking beautiful person comes bouncing in with their friend. The person then comes over to where you are and sits next to you. You look at this person and think that maybe that might be someone you would like. So after thinking about it you decide: Yes, this is definitely someone you want to get to know. Then, you ask this person out, and you do go out for a while. As the time goes by, you start to think that maybe you might like this person a lot. So after you think more about it and remembering how enjoyable the relationship is, the way the person talks, the way the person walks and the way the person looks, you decide that you really do like this person a lot.

Afterwards, you decide to continue to go out and the more we go out and see each other, the more you start to think that you might be in love. Again, after going over the experiences and happy times, you finally decide: Yes, you are in love—yes you do want to love this person. Now you start feeling that you are in love.

True love is not magic, it is not by luck, and it is not by chance. Love is actually done by making a decision; love is done in by making decisions in stages. (Of course there is a God element in falling in love, but the main part is to make the decision to love.)

How do you believe in a person, maybe your parents? As a baby, you find that when you cry, mommy comes. She cares for you, she changes your wet diaper, she gives you food, and she washes you and cleans you. By experience, you know that you can trust her. Based on this trust, you know that you can depend on her. So you have made the decision that you can believe in you mommy and you have decided that you can trust your mommy.

This is making the decision to have faith in her. Based on this decision, the next time she is holding you and you fall, you are not scared because you have faith that she will catch you, and as you fall you feel strong warm hands hold you. You never touch the floor. This confirms your decision to trust her and not be scared.

Believing is not magic. You do not suddenly believe in mommy and daddy. You decide to believe based on your life with them; it is built and built on a decisions. Everything you do in life, you have to decide to do. Even those things we do automatically were based on a decisions you made sometime in your life. It is just that you decided under certain conditions, to automatically do it, such as your stomach hurts, get food. You feel tired, go to sleep. But at one time, you decided that this is what you would do under that condition.

Now we are here having to make new decisions. Decisions on things that you cannot see that are contrary to all of your teaching, because you were taught that things you couldn't see or feel or touch or smell or hear are just not real. You are taught that there is no such thing as spirits; they are ghost stories that are not real. Sometime in your life you decided to believe this. You decided to agree with evolution and science and that God was not real.

But truthfully, there is another part of this world that has been hid from you and the only way to see and hear it is by faith. Having faith in God is the only way.

5.2 What is Faith?

How do we do this? Well through faith. By Faith and not just believing. But what is faith?

You are here reading this because of that tugging feeling in your heart, this we have determined is the Holy Spirit of God. And you have decided to believe that God is real and He really does love you. This decision to believe is the beginning of faith. For without faith, you cannot be saved and so you cannot live with God. Thereby, if you do not decide on having faith in God, He will eventually leave you and the tugging in your heart will leave with Him.

That is why you are here, to build your faith in God and thus start living with Him and allowing the Holy Spirit to live in you and so maintain that tugging in your heart, and developing that tugging into seeing the Spirit world and hearing God's voice personally.

Lets continue.

EPH 2:1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--** [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

So to be saved only comes through faith. Not by works. We cannot buy salvation. You cannot be the best person in the world and expect salvation that is also trying to buy salvation. No, it is a gift received by faith. Likewise, you can be the best person in the world, you can give all your wealth, all of your belongings, you can donate all of your time to the poor and homeless and yet you will still go to hell. It is only by faith that you can receive God's gift. The gift that you will receive is a new spirit. Receiving this new spirit is called "Born Again". Being Born Again is only done by faith in God.

So what is faith? Faith is made of several things. When I asked this question the Holy Spirit guided me through many parts of the bible. He used the concept of being saved to show me faith because that is whole purpose of Jesus dying, as we read in John 3:16.

Lets go through this process the Holy Spirit took me through.

5.3 The First Step: Believing

As John says,

JN 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

LK 8:11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the Word of God. [12] Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, so that they may not **believe** and be saved. [13] Those on the rock are the ones who receive the Word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They **believe** for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. [14] The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. [15] But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

RO 10:5 "Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by **faith** says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The Word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the Word of **faith** we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you **believe** and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who **trusts** in him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

So one part of faith is believing. We must believe to start with. If we do not believe in God and that He sent Jesus to die for our sins, then how can we do anything else? It is interesting that Paul uses the Scripture of trust to explain how faith and believing work together.

Now lets look at James.

JAS 2:19 “You **believe** that there is one God. Good! Even the demons **believe** that and shudder.”

This says that demons believe too. Does that mean that they are saved? Heaven forbid that demons should be saved. Do you want to continue to live eternal life with them? God does not. That is why He blinds evil so that they cannot see the Kingdom of God and God’s great salvation in Jesus.

MT 13:10 “The disciples came to Him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"”

MT 13:11 “He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven has been given to you, but not to them. [12] Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. [13] This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.”

MT 13:14 “In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:
" `You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

MT 13:15 “**For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.**”

MT 13:16 “But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. [17] For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

JN 8:42 “Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on My own; but He

sent Me. [43] Why is My language not clear to you? **Because you are unable to hear what I say. [44] You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.** He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. [45] Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me! [46] Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe Me? [47] He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

So God opens the eyes and ears of His children so that they can believe in Jesus but not the evil children of the devil. He does not want them to go to heaven and if they did see that salvation is through Jesus, they would lie and cheat to act like they believe; therefore if they did call on His name, God would have to allow it or His Word is a lie. So to prevent those evil people from believing, He has closed their hearts.

5.4 The Second Step: Trusting

Then we read:

JN 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in Me.** [2] In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going."

JN 14:5 "Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?""

JN 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. [7] If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.""

ISA 12:2 "Surely God is my salvation;
I will **trust** and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation."

With this and more about trust, the Lord was saying that people believe in Him but they were not trusting Him. We have to trust God to fulfill what He has promised.

But back to the believing part of Romans. It is a little confusing in that He bases His believing part on trust.

RO 10:5 “Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, `Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or `Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] **As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame."** [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."”

Here we see that we not only need to believe but we have to trust God also. I have found that the hardest thing in the world to do is to trust God. How do you trust someone you cannot see or hear or feel like you do a regular person. It is hard enough to trust people that you can see, hear and feel yet alone someone you cannot. But God will show you how.

Note: In the old days when they would use the word “Shame” it means going to hell.

5.5 The Third Step: Doing—Putting Your Faith Into Action

Lets look further in James.

JAS 2:14 “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have **faith** but has no **works**? Can such faith save him? [15] Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. [16] If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? [17] **In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**”

JAS 2:18 “But someone will say, "You have **faith**; I have **works**."

Show me your faith without **works**, and I will show you my faith by **what I do**. [19] You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.”

JAS 2:20 “You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without **works** is useless? (dead) [21] **Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?** [22] You see that his faith and his actions were working together, **and his faith was made complete by what he did**. [23] And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was

called God's friend. [24] **You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.**”

So God said that we must have faith, and faith is **believing** in God that He sent Jesus, that we **trust** God to fulfill His promises and covenants, and we must show our faith by **putting it into action**. Again, how does He say that we love Him, that we follow His commands. Well aren't these commands actions, deeds, works and obedience in Him.

He asked me, if you are to obey My commands, how can you do them with out actions, and how can you act on them if you do not trust Me, and still how can you trust Me if you do not believe in Me. You must first believe in Me, then you can trust Me, and finally you can obey My commands once you know that I only do it for you because I love you and only want the best for all My children.

In short, an easy way to remember faith is that faith is made of Believing, Trusting and Doing. To be considered faithful, you must fulfill all 3 of these aspects and then you have faith. Without faith you can do nothing, but by faith you can do everything.

5.6 By Faith ...

Lets see what God has done by people's faith.

MT 9:27 “As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"”

MT 9:28 “When He had gone indoors, the blind men came to Him, and He asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"
"Yes, Lord," they replied.”

MT 9:29 “Then He touched their eyes and said, "**According to your faith will it be done to you**"; [30] and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." [31] But they went out and spread the news about Him all over that region.”

MT 13:53 “When Jesus had finished these parables, He moved on from there. [54] Coming to His hometown, He began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. [55] "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? [56] Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" [57] And they took offense at Him.

But Jesus said to them, "Only in His hometown and in His own house is a prophet without honor.””

MT 13:58” **And He did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.**”

MT 15:21 “Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [22] A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."”

MT 15:23 “Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."”

MT 15:24 “He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

MT 15:25 “The woman came and knelt before Him. "Lord, help me!" she said.”

MT 15:26 “He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."”

MT 15:27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

MT 15:28 “Then Jesus answered, "**Woman, you have great faith!** Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

MT 17:14 “When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before Him. [15] "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. [16] I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."”

MT 17:17 "**O unbelieving and perverse generation,**" Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to Me." [18] Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.”

MT 17:19 “Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"”

MT 17:20 “He replied, "**Because you have so little faith.** I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. ””

MT 21:18 “Early in the morning, as He was on His way back to the city, He was hungry. [19] Seeing a fig tree by the road, He went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then He said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.”

MT 21:20 "When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked."

MT 21:21 "Jesus replied, "**I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,'** and it will be done. [22] If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

JN 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] **Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me?** The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing his work. [11] **Believe Me** when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] **I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me** will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.'"

Jesus said above, "He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it."

He said that to build your faith. But all faith is done by making the decision to Believe, the decision to Trust and the decision to Act on His commands (Do).

There is not thing magical about faith. You have to decide to do have faith.

Faith is not one large decision in your life it is made of many, many, many small decisions to have faith in each of God's commands. You have to decide on each and every one. You cannot make only one decision to have faith in all commands, No. You need to do like falling in love, one step at a time. You have to evaluate each command, you have to decide to first believe in that command, then you have to decide to trust that command and then you have to decide to do that command.

Faith grows, it is not like magic where you chant and poof you have all faith. Faith is grown step by step and decision by decision. You will see later that is how God always does it.

RO 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. [17] For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "**The righteous will live by faith.**"

2CO 5:6 “Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. [7] **We live by faith, not by sight.** [8] We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

Here we walk by faith and not by sight. Sight here is part of our 5 senses: hear, feel, touch, sight, and taste. In other words things that we were always taught are the only way to believe in things, which is by our feelings. But God says that we, the Children of God, do not walk the way of the world and its master, the devil, but rather by faith in God, the one who created everything and who know the truth about everything.

We will go further in faith in the next chapter.

Appendix A

Learning to Trust the Mule Way

By Richard

I have found that trust God is the hardest thing in the world to do.

I hope you do not mind that I tell you the story about my alarm clock.

In the Navy if you are late that is one of the most serious thing one could do. You could get a dishonorable discharge after spending server days or weeks in the brig (Navy jail) for it.

So I was in Japan at the time and I had rented a room off base. God had been dealing with me to trust Him for everything, including getting up in the morning. I really did not trust myself to hear Him.

So every time I went to set the alarm clock I would get, "Don't you trust me to wake you up in time to get to the ship?" I would say (I was scared) "Yes but what if I do not hear you? So I will set the clock for 7:00am and would you wake me 15 minutes earlier, that way if I do not hear you the alarm clock will do it."

I would then go to sleep. Well that did not work. I would wake up, I found that the alarm clock did not go off and I saw that I woke up 15 minutes late before I left the house, which was 30 minutes away from the ship. I called the ship and told them that I was late and then I would run to the ship. All the while I would be praying for God to get out of trouble because it was not my fault that the alarm clock did not go off. I would also be praying asking why God did not wake me up, that He failed me and that He has gotten me in big trouble.

So His answer to that was "You did not trust me." Later He showed me that this time it was that I had turned alarm off but I did not remember shutting it off.

So the next night when I picked up the alarm I got "Are you going to trust me to wake you up?"

I said the same thing again, "Yes I trust you, but I turned off the alarm and I did not hear You, however, thanks to You I did not get into trouble--this time. So please wake me 15 minutes before the alarm clock is set for, I prayed"

I turned on the alarm and placed it on the other side of the room.

The next morning I woke up 30 minutes late again and when I touched the alarm it was

turned on, but it ran down for it went ding, ding, ding and it stopped. I know that I wound it before I went to sleep. So I slept through the alarm and like the day before I found myself praying the same thing to get out of trouble and blaming God.

He said again "You did not trust me."

And like the night before, I did not get into trouble for being late. My department had a special event that was voluntary so I did not really need to be there. Thank God.

Well it was finally Friday night and I spent the weekend at the Yokohama Servicemen's Center. I did not have to get up early the next morning. I only had to get to Shinagawa (a train station 30 minutes away) to meet my wife-to be. So after a full night of fellowshipping I went to bed. I was so tired that I forgot to set the alarm. I woke the next morning so wide-awake and I felt so good. But then I looked at the clock; I thought that I was going to be late. Deep inside I heard, "just do not dilly-dally around and you will be ok".

Well I did not realize the Lord's voice. So I started to panic. I was beginning to think that I was prone to always be late. I was a disaster. Anyway I hurried to the bus stop. To my surprise, the bus arrived as I did. Wow this was great.

Then I got to the train station just before her train was arriving. This was perfect.

So I praised God. While I was doing this He said, "So what were you worrying about. If you will let Me take care of it by trusting Me this will always be happening." I was shocked that He was even interested in little things like this. I did not know that. I always had been taught and therefore had the impressions that He was too big, too busy, or just figured that we should take care of those type of things. However, this was the beginning of a great relationship.

The next day we had to return to the ship. Finally the I want to sleep and I prayed "Since the alarm clock is not working anyway and you keep getting me out of trouble with work when I am late, then why shouldn't I trust You. It cannot be any worse. I surrender and give up to You. "

So I prayed, "Lord I trust you and I depend on you to get me up in time to get to work. Thanks."

I turned over to go to sleep and one of the other Christian sailors asked if I was going to use the alarm clock. I told him no, that the Lord would wake me up. He replied that he wished he had that type of faith. I thought if he only knew.

The next morning I woke up the most refreshed I ever had and I was up in time to get me to work perfectly on time.

It has been that way since.

He said "If you will trust and depend on Me, I will never fail you and everything will be perfect. For I love you and I care more about what you are doing than you do. Always remember Matthew 6, First seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL things will come onto you."

My life is His. I try to do nothing without seeking Him and His kingdom first. And as with the time when I just went to sleep without setting the alarm clock or praying for Him, as long as I trust the Lord, He will be faithful to make sure that I do what is needed.

Many times I would be afraid that I would not hear Him. Or I would be attacked by the devil with a deception like "You are so dense that you can not hear the Lord and so you missed it (what ever it is), because you know that the Lord is faithful, He must have tried to talk to you and you missed it. You are not capable of hearing the Lord."

Well I would then pray to hear the Lord better or something. But the Lord told me, "When I need to talk to you, you will hear it. Don't I have a million ways to get a hold of My children: Let see, there was Jonah and the big fish, the burning bush, Paul on the road, the talking donkey, and all of the prophets to name a few. Surely I can get your attention and make sure you know what and when to do it. My timing is always perfect. I will make sure that you are on time. All you have to do is trust Me and obey."

So since then, I have dedicated my life to trusting the Lord and obeying Him, and I have never been late. I have been perfectly on time. And now I hear Him directly and He shares things with me. He helps me with my work, problems with my kids, etc.

Remember, God says that "He who puts his trust in Me (the Lord) will not be put to shame." Romans 10:11.

