

GOD-SHAPED in 2014

What Does It Mean to be Faith-Fueled?

- A. *Fuel* (verb): to provide nourishment, food, or energy source; supply, sustain, encourage, stimulate.
- B. We've seen the vital importance of being Father-defined (*Eph 1:3-4*), Christ-centered (*2 Cor 5:14-15*), Spirit-led (*Gal 5:25*), and gospel-empowered (*Rom 1:16-17*).
- C. These elements are the basis of the call for Christians in *1 Corinthians 15:58*.
- D. What do we need to answer that call? What will sustain us in fulfilling that call? Faith is the fuel.

I. " _____ " - the Link Between the Revelation of God's Will and the Fuel of Our Faith

- A. *Romans 6:8-13* – "Let not sin **therefore** reign in your mortal body..."
- B. *Romans 12:1-2* – "I appeal to you **therefore**, brothers, by the mercies of God..."
- C. *1 Corinthians 10:6-13* – "**Therefore** let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."
- D. *1 Corinthians 15:56-58* – "**Therefore**, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable..."
- E. *2 Corinthians 5:10-11* – "**Therefore**, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others."
- F. *2 Corinthians 12:8-10* – "**Therefore** I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses..."
- G. *Galatians 5:1* – "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm **therefore**..."
- H. *Ephesians 4:1* – "I **therefore**, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy..."
- I. *Ephesians 5:6-17* – "**Therefore** do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."
- J. *Ephesians 6:10-13* – "**Therefore** take up the whole armor of God..."
- K. *Philippians 2:9-13* – "**Therefore**, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now..."
- L. *Philippians 3:20-4:1* – "**Therefore**, my brothers, whom I love and long for..."
- M. *Colossians 3:3-6* – "Put to death **therefore** what is earthly in you..."
- N. *1 Thessalonians 4:15-18* – "**Therefore** encourage one another with these words."

II. If Faith is Our Fuel...?

A. How do we get it?

- 1. _____ the words of God (*Rom 10:14-17; James 1:19-21*)
- 2. _____ the words of God fast in an honest and good heart (*Luke 8:8,15*).

B. How do we maintain it?

- 1. Draw _____ from the words of God (*Matt 4:4; Col 2:19*).
- 2. Make every effort to _____ your faith (*2 Pet 1:5-11*).

C. What do we do with it?

- 1. _____ up one another to love and good works (*Heb 10:24-25*).
- 2. _____ the will of God and _____ his work (*John 4:34; 1 Cor 15:58*).