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TOPIC: IMPORTANCE OF FAITH // UKUBALULEKA KOKHOLO

1. INTRODUCTION

- Faith manifests in the lives of believers.
- *Ukholo lubonakala ezimpilweni zamakholwa*
- It often emphasizes faith as a gift from God, a reliance on God's promises, and a foundation for a life pleasing to Him.
- *Ivame ukugcizelela ukholo njengesipho esivela kuNkulunkulu, ukuthembela ezithembisweni zikaNkulunkulu, nesisekelo sempilo emjabulisayo.*
- Key aspects include faith's role in salvation, its connection to good works, and its power to overcome challenges.
- *Izingxenye ezibalulekile zifaka indima yokholo ensindisweni, ukuxhumana kwayo nemisebenzi emihle, namandla ayo okunqoba izinselele.*

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH: UKUBALULEKA KOKHOLO

- **Pleasing God:** Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
- *Ukujabulisa uNkulunkulu:* Ngaphandle kokholo, akwenzeki ukujabulisa uNkulunkulu.

- **Salvation:** Faith in Jesus Christ is the foundation for salvation and eternal life.
- **Insindiso:** *Ukukholwa kuJesu Kristu kuyisisekelo sensindiso kanye nokuphila okuphakade.*
- **Overcoming Challenges:** Faith empowers believers to face trials, temptations, and difficulties with courage and hope.
- **Ukungoba Izinselele:** *Ukholo lunika amakholwa amandla okubhekana nezilingo, izilingo, nobunzima ngesibindi nethemba.*
- **Living a Godly Life:** Faith is the driving force behind good works, righteous actions, and a life dedicated to God.
- **Ukuphila Kokuhlonipha UNkulunkulu:** *Ukholo lungamandla ashukumisayo abangela imisebenzi emihle, izenzo zokulunga, nokuphila okunikezelwe kuNkulunkulu.*
- **Spiritual Growth:** Faith allows believers to grow in their relationship with God and experience His blessings.
- **Ukukhula Ngokomoya:** *Ukholo luvumela amakholwa ukuba akhule ebuhlotsheni bawo noNkulunkulu futhi athole izibusiso Zakhe.*

3. **EXAMPLES OF FAITH IN THE BIBLE: ZIBONELO ZOKUKHOLWA EBHAYIBHELINI**

- **Abraham:** His faith was tested when he was asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac.
- **U-Abraham:** *Ukholo lwakhe lwavivinywa lapho ecelwa ukuba anikele ngendodana yakhe, u-Isaka.*

- **Moses:** His faith led him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
- **UMose:** *Ukholo lwakhe lwamholela ekuholeni ama-Israyeli awakhiphe eGibhithe.*
- **David:** His faith in God helped him defeat Goliath.
- **UDavide:** *Ukholo lwakhe kuNkulunkulu lwamsiza ukuba anqobe uGoliyati*
- **The woman with the issue of blood:** Her faith in Jesus' healing power brought her healing.
- **Owesifazane onomopho:** *Ukholo lwakhe emandleni kaJesu okuphulukisa lwamlethela ukuphulukiswa.*

4. **CULTIVATING FAITH//UKUHLAKULELA UKHOLO**

- **Reading and Studying Scripture:** God's Word reveals His character and promises.
- **Ukufunda Nokutadisha UmBhalo:** *IZwi likaNkulunkulu lembula isimilo nezithembiso Zakhe.*
- **Prayer:** Prayer strengthens faith and deepens a relationship with God.
- **Umthandazo:** *Umthandazo uqinisa ukholo futhi ujulise ubuhlobo noNkulunkulu.*
- **Fellowship:** Connecting with other believers can encourage and strengthen faith.
- **kuhlanganyela:** *Ukuhlangana namanye amakholwa kungakhuthaza futhi kuqinise ukholo.*

- **Obedience:** Acting on God's Word demonstrates faith.
- **Ukulalela:** Ukwenza ngokuvumelana neZwi likaNkulunkulu kubonisa ukholo.
- **Trusting in God's Sovereignty:** Recognizing that God is in control, even when things are difficult.
- **Ukuthembela Ebukhosini BukaNkulunkulu:** Ukuqaphela ukuthi uNkulunkulu nguye olawulayo, ngisho nalapho izinto zinzima.

5. **REFERENCE IN THE BIBLE**

5.1 **Hebrews 11:1 - The Biblical Definition of Faith**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

This verse tells us that faith means being sure of what we hope for, even though we can't see it yet.

KumaHebheru 11:1 - Incazelo YeBhayibheli Yokholo

"Manje ukholo luwukuqiniseka ngezinto ezithenjwayo, ukuqiniseka ngezinto ezingabonwayo"

5.2 **Hebrews 11:6 - Faith that Pleases God**

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

This verse emphasizes that faith is necessary to please God. It's not enough to only believe in His existence...we also need faith that He sees us, cares for us, and rewards us when we draw close to Him in faith.

KumaHebheru 11:6 - Ukukholwa Okuthokozisa uNkulunkulu

"Futhi ngaphandle kokukholwa akwenzeki ukumthokozisa, ngokuba lowo osondela kuNkulunkulu umelwe ukukholwa ukuthi ukhona nokuthi uyabavuzisa abamfunayo"

Leli vesi ligcizelela ukuthi ukholo luyadingeka ukuze sijabulise uNkulunkulu. Akwanele ukukholelwa kuphela ebukhoneni Bakhe...sidinga futhi ukholo lokuthi uyasibona, uyasikhathalela futhi uyasivuzisa lapho sisondele Kuye ngokholo.

6. CONCLUSION

Let's grow our faith by following the points mentioned above and dedicating more time to Bible study.

Masikhulise ukholo lwethu ngokulandela amaphuzu ashiwo ngenhla futhi sizinike isikhathi esengeziwe sokutadisha iBhayibheli.