

## *GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST*

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### ***Faith Stealers***

Introduction : In the past I have preached about joy snatchers, love busters, and grace robbers. We also face another dangerous group of people in our world . . . faith stealers. How can we overcome these discouraging people?

Discussion :

#### **I. WE NEED A FAITH THAT STANDS**

**Psalm 25:1** – *“To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.”*

#### **II. WE NEED A FAITH THAT SUSTAINS**

**Proverbs 3:5-6** – *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”*

#### **III. WE NEED A FAITH THAT SPEAKS**

**Mark 11:22-24** – *“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”*

#### **IV. WE NEED A FAITH THAT SAVES**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** – *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

#### **V. WE NEED A FAITH THAT SEEKS**

**Hebrews 11:6** – *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Conclusion : We have to be prepared for faith stealers! Don't let anything or anyone shake your faith. Remember that Paul said, *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:58).*