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## THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

### INTRODUCTION

Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Jesus, and Paul, as well as dozens of other great men of Bible times all had one thing in common: the spirit of faith! "He had operating in them an unusual grace, a peculiar unction that made it possible for them to do exploits! That singular quality caused them to please God!

Faith is a familiar subject to many full gospel believers! But there is another dimension to the faith message: the possessing of the spirit of faith! It was this spirit operating in Abel that made him offer a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, because he believed that God was not unjust to demand for a sacrifice! Thus because of faith, he presented his gift to God, knowing that He is a rewarder, not a collector! Also possessing the spirit of faith, Noah walked with God, disarming death and experiencing a translation!

In these perilous times in which we live, it will take more than a head knowledge of the subject of faith to be translated above hardship! It will take being filled with the spirit of faith! It is operating in this spirit that will cause you to arise and shine - inspite of the gross darkness that will cover the present world system! It is because of this spirit that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto you!

Like the faith generals in Hebrews //, you too will be enabled to subdue kingdoms, obtain promises, stop the mouth of lions, quench the violence of fires, escape the edge of the sword, be valiant in fight and turn to flight the armies of the aliens! Operating in the spirit of faith you will receive your dead back to life again and obtain a good report!

Whenever the spirit of faith is operational, nothing is impossible to the possessor! You become a bona fide child of God and a co-creator with our heavenly Father, because:

*"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*

3+ebrews //:4

1 al\*ing in the same spirit of faith #ou can frame #our world to #our taste! 2ou enter into the realm where -#ou have it the wa# #ou want it!-

. hadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had more than (ust a head \*nowledge of the sub(ect of faith5 the# entered into a realm where the# could be described as -faith drun\*-! 6ing Nebuchadnezzar commanded them to bow down in worshi of his golden image or else the# will be thrown into a burning fier# furnace! "he -faith drun\*- men re lied undisturbed:

*"... O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king, But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods ..."*

3Daniel 4:/73/8

'urious and in a wild rage, Nebuchadnezzar heated u the furnace seven times more, then threw . hadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into it! "he result was, the# felt no hurt9 "he fire had no ower over their bodies9 "heir secret: "he# ossessed the spirit of faith! 2ou too can become an im ossible case to the devil, if #ou will (ust desire the spirit of faith! 2ou don;t have to live at the merc# of the enem# an#more! 2ou have what it ta\*es to ut ten thousand devils to flight9

"he times we live in are the times when all around us is burning li\*e an oven heated seven times! 'inancial ovens, ovens in the famil#, ovens in businesses5 but with a full dose of the spirit of faith, #ou will be distinguished! It doesn;t matter how hot the world burns, what will ma\*e a difference are those who are serving &od with this spirit of faith!

## CHAPTER 1: THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

***"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."***

II ) orinthians <:/4

'rom the above %uoted scri ture, we understand that the substance called faith has a s irit! It has something a\*in to the etrol in a car! "hat is, faith, li\*e wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, \*nowledge and the fear of &od -described in Isaiah //:>? has a s irit! It has a fuel, a driving force, something of a su ernatural %ualification that \*ee s it going! 1 hen Moses laid his hands on Joshua, what came u on him was not (ust wisdom, but the s irit of wisdom -Deut! 4<:@?! 'illed with this s irit, Joshua did untold e\$ loits!

Is the s irit of faith a uni%ue s irit from &od: 'rom observing the use of similar e\$ ressions li\*e -the s irit of ado tion-, -the s irit of ) hrist-, the s irit of glor#-, -s irit of grace-, -s irit of \*nowledge-, s irit of mee\*ness-, -s irit of romise-, -s irit of ro hec#-, -s irit of truth-, -s irit of understanding-, and -s irit of wisdom-, it is ossible to deduce that all these are different manifestations of the . irit of &od, the +ol# . irit! +e is the . irit of ado tion, the . irit of ) hrist, etc! +e is also in essence the . irit of faith!

"he +ol# . irit who has been right from the beginning of time was the fuel behind the faith of Abel, Abraham, Moses, David, and Jesus! "his ma# account for the similarit# in results! In Old "estament times the +ol# . irit could not indwell the Israelites! +e onl# came u on a select few to enable them erform their divine assignments! "hat was wh# Moses needed to la# hands on Joshua to im art u on him the s irit of wisdom that was o erational in his own life! . amuel also had to anoint David before the . irit of &od could come u on him and e%ui him to rule over &od;s eo le! Perha s someone ma# as\*, - )ould II ) orinthians <:/4 be referring to the +ol# . irit as the . irit of faith, considering that the s irit referred to is written with a small letter ;s;: - I believe it still refers to the . irit of &od, because in Isaiah //:>, the -s irit- used there is also written in small letter -s-, #et it is evidentl# the . irit of &od that was to come u on Jesus and fill +im with \*nowledge, understanding, wisdom, counsel, and the fear of &od!

As a natural man you have natural faith! You do not need to be born again to sit down on a chair! You simply believe that if you sit on the chair in your parlour it will carry your weight! You may or may not understand how an airplane works, yet to travel by air, you board an aircraft and sit in it by faith, believing that you would arrive at your destination! That is natural faith!

But even natural faith involves acting on what you believe! Do you believe that the chair can carry your weight? You say yes- by sitting on it! Thus, the evidence that you believe is your acting on what you believe!

When you get born again, at that instance you receive a measure of the Spirit of God!

*"... No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."*

1 Corinthians 12:3

That little measure of the Spirit of God you receive at salvation is what imparted the faith to believe God for answers to prayer, financial success, etc! But on the day you get baptized in the Holy Spirit, you are immersed into Him and you are filled to overflowing!

*"...According as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."*

Romans 12:3

*"He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive ...)"*

John 7:38

To further establish this assertion, let's consider the man Peter! The moment he accepted to follow Jesus, he was born again! In fact, with his mouth he confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God - Matthew 16:16! Peter, therefore, had a measure of the Spirit of faith! That was when Jesus was walking on water and beckoned on him to do likewise, Peter miraculously responded! He took a step of faith and however, to prove that it was (just a small measure of faith he had, Peter soon began to sink - Matthew 14:30! With the measure of faith he had, Peter could not stand up in defense of Jesus, but denied Him thrice in miraculous successions - Luke 22:34! But when the day of Pentecost was full come, however, the failing faith of Peter received a shot of heavenly adrenaline - Acts 4:13! He could now face the Sanhedrin fearlessly, declaring that Jesus is Lord! Peter also had the faith to heal a man that had been lame for forty years - Acts 4:10!

If you are born again, you have a measure of the Spirit of faith! You have the capability to act on the Word of God, because of the Spirit within you, who

hel s #ou!

### MEASURES OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

*"And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles".*

3, ze\*iel <B:4

**Ankle deep** is the first measure of the spirit of faith! It is the measure of faith a man has when he surrenders his life to Jesus! It is the +ol# . irit who laces in his heart enough faith to believe that he can become a child of &od sim l# b# inviting Jesus into his heart! If the . irit of &od does not im art this measure of faith, it would be im ossible for a man to acce t that b# (ust believing in his heart and confessing with his mouth the Cord Jesus, he becomes a new creature! "he wor\* of grace is effective through faith, which is im arted b# the +ol# . irit!

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith ..."*

3, hesians >:8

"hus, at re entance, the s irit of faith enables #ou to believe and voice out that belief!

*"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken ..."*

3II ) orinthians <:/4

'or instance, when Paul had that heavenl# visitation in which Jesus s o\*e to him as\*ing, -. aul, . aul, wh# ersecutest thou me :- Paul res onded to that -altar call- b# as\*ing - 1 ho art thou, Cord :- It was the -an\*le dee - measure of the s irit of faith that moved him to ac\*nowledge Jesus as Cord! +e could have rebuffed the voice and scoffed at the instructions, but he believed that Jesus is Cord and #ielded to the divine instruction to *"Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do"* -Acts @:/37?!

I believe it is not far3etched to inter ret , ze\*iel <B this wa#, because when #ou ste into a stream, the water is not instantl# at #our waist level, but at #our an\*le! . imilarl#, when #ou ste into the ) hristian faith, #our first contact with the s irit of faith is an\*le dee 5 it is the abilit# to ac\*nowledge Jesus as Cord!

*"Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees ..."*

3, ze\*iel <B:<

"he **knee-deep** level of the s irit of faith refers to a higher dimension of this grace! Man# eo le who refuse to graduate from the an\*le dee level find that des ite their zeal to serve &od, the# are limited! "his reminds me of some

missionaries who died of starvation while on the mission field! "he# were sincere )hristians, but lac\*ed the \*nowledge and faith to cause food to come on their tables! Perha s all the# had was the an\*le dee measure of the s irit of faith, so the# were heaven read#, and thus went before their time!

1 hen #ou are ba tized in the +ol# &host, #ou are \*nee3dee in the s irit of faith! 2ou are filled with ower 3 ower for evangelism, ower to cast out devils, to ta\*e u ser ents and not be hurt, ower not to be hurt b# an# deadl# thing, and ower to la# #our hands on the sic\* and see them recover!

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

3Acts /:8

"here was a man named A ollos, a Jew born in Ale\$andria! "he Bible records that he was an elo%uent man, might# in the scri tures and zealous! +owever, having onl# an an\*le3dee measure of the s irit of faith, he was limited! "rue, he s o\*e boldl#, teaching diligentl#5 but those who heard him =li\*e Priscilla and A%uila?, being aware of a dee er dimension of the s irit, had to ta\*e him aside and minister to him! But when he went dee er in the s irit, he rovided more hel to the brethren and had a higher rate of success at soul winning =#ou can read the full account in Acts /8:><3>8?!

*"... Again he measured a thousand; and brought me through; the waters were to the loins."*

3, ze\*iel <B:<

**Loin-deep:** "his is greater than the an\*le3dee and \*nee3dee measure! It signifies the o eration of the s irit of faith in a man which is higher than at new birth and the ba tism! A clear illustration of this is in Acts <! In Acts > there was the out ouring of the +ol# &host5 it was the ba tism of the +ol# . irit! But in Acts <, the a ostles gathered and ra#ed, as\*ing for the anointing of the +ol# . irit! 1 hat did the# want to see accom lished:

*"... Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.*

*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*

3Acts <:@34/

"he# wanted greater boldness to declare the word and greater signs and wonders done through them!

"The anointing is subsequent to baptism! With the anointing you receive a greater percentage of power! You enter into the -great power- and -great grace- level!

*"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection ... and great grace was upon them all."*

3Acts <:44

As a result of this, lack and want died a permanent death in their lives! It is the anointing that helps you exercise faith at a sonship level! That is, as a son, not a babe or an infant, you are enabled to manifest your sonship! Power is released to make performance possible!

"The anointing empowers you to act on God's word and to see results of your faith! Whatever your calling or area of service, indwelt in the spirit of faith brings you a high level of accomplishment! Whether as a layman or a minister of the gospel, your faith level is used when you are anointed by the Holy Spirit! You become a breakthrough, mountain-moving, demon-destroying Christian! You win, not by power or struggles anymore, but cheaply by the Spirit!

Paul, after his conversion and baptism in the Holy Spirit, still went to Arabia to commune with God and receive the unction for a free ministry! "The spirit of faith was so operational in his life that special miracles were wrought by the anointing through handkerchiefs and aprons -Acts 19:11-17!

*"Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over."*

3, Ze'iel <B:D

**A River-Level** measure of the spirit of faith is still the anointing, but describes a greater depth of the anointing! From this we realize that even though you are anointed, increase in that anointing is possible! We are not all at the same level of anointing; some are at a point where the waters are risen so much that it is as if they are living in a different world! They are translated like Noah! The miracles Jesus and some of the apostles did show they were at this level of the spirit of faith!

Jonathan Edwards, Daniel C. Moody, Charles Finney, Nathaniel Hawthorne, the Jeffrey Brothers, and William Millerworth, to mention (just a few, swam in an unusual anointing of the Holy Spirit! An instance of the display of tremendous faith came when a man died in the audience when William Millerworth was preaching!

-Picture him up- William Millerworth said! "When he touched the dead man in the stomach, as the story goes, and said, sternly, -In Jesus' name, rise!- But the man was still dead! -Picture him up again- he commanded, even more sternly! -I said, in Jesus' name, rise!- Nothing happened! -Get him up!- Until the man was dead and

fell to the floor, and for the third time, he directed that the man be revived! -I said, in Jesus' name, rise! - And this time, he slapped the man in the face! "his time, the man opened his eyes: he was alive!"

"That is the river level measure of the spirit of faith! You can do great things this end time, if only you will ask the Spirit to fill you with the spirit of faith!"

## ACCESS TO THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

1 That you need in order to have an access to this Spirit is a thirst for it!

*"Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."*

3Isaiah 55:1

*The wine and milk spoken about talks of the Spirit of God. The Bible says: "... Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit"*

1, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

You can be filled with the spirit of faith to the point where (just at our appearance mountains are leveled! However, the above scripture tells us the path to gaining access into that overflowing:

### A Thirst

*"Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ..."* There has to be a thirst, a craving or longing! - Without money - "The spirit of faith cannot be purchased with money, but with a genuine thirst - a thirst for God, a thirst to see Him move through you in a greater way! Don't be satisfied with the level of faith you are operating in now! No! There is yet a higher level you can attain! David said:

*"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."*

3Psalm 42:1

He was constantly panting after God, for a greater experience in God! If you want to experience an increase, an infilling of the spirit of faith, "thirst" is the key, because it is only after a thirsting that you can be filled - Matthew 5:6

Each time you ask for an infilling, and check your heart to see whether there is a real thirst for it, or whether you are merely asking because everyone else is asking! Cook at your life, examine yourself, have you accepted the status quo: as the enemy deceived you by saying you can do nothing about your situation: Or do you feel you have arrived there is no greater glory than where you are: "Having any of these thoughts will cause you to accept the ordinary, instead of God's best! Don't be robbed of God's best! Be thirsty for more of God!"



Paul the apostle, despite his many revelations and visitations to the heavenlies, craved for more of God!

*"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection ..."*

3Philippians 4:13

You can't afford to think you now it all (1 Corinthians 8:1-3)! "Thank God for where you presently are in the spirit, but there is still a better place ahead you need to get to!

To be able to thirst for the spirit of faith sincerely, you need to acknowledge our emptiness and insufficiency! Our experience of new birth and the Holy Spirit baptism are (just a start, they are (just the beginning)! Christ's husband often says, *"registration does not mean graduation."* What you have registered in the Kingdom of God as a born again child of God and baptized in the Spirit, does not equal graduation = manifestation of our sonship in God! There needs to be a pressing forward!

To press forward in the spirit of faith, recognize how much you need Him on a daily basis! The Bible says: *"Without me (Jesus) ye can do nothing"* -John 15:5! His help is for you to see the utter hopelessness of challenging mountains, obstacles, and situations without the spirit of faith!

### **Ask**

After a thirst comes the asking! Ask for the filling of the spirit of faith! It is not (just enough to be thirsty, you need to ask for a filling!

*"... Whatsoever ye shall ASK the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive that your joy may be full."*

3John 17:14, 15

We press our thirst for the spirit of faith by asking for it in prayer and because it is the will of God for our faith to be on the increase, He will grant our request!

Jesus' disciples said: *"Lord, Increase our faith"* -Luke 11:13! The spirit of faith can be on the increase in our life! All you need do is, out of a thirsty heart, ask the Lord for it, and our request shall be granted! *"Ask, and it shall be given you"* -Matthew 7:7!

Your praying in the Holy Spirit with other tongues is a vital part in the process of asking for the spirit of faith, because God's words tell us that:

*"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."*

*And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

3Aomans 8:>73>B

"his tells us that when we engage the +ol# . irit b# ra#ing in other tongues, we are actual# ra#ing the ver# will of &od into manifestation, and rooting out the obstacles in the wa#!

Pra#ing in the +ol# &host or s ea\*ing in tongues also edifies or builds #ou u ! It develops and strengthens #our s irit man =/ ) orinthians /<:<5 Jude >F?! As #ou begin to ra# in tongues #ou become changed, and the +ol# . irit goes to wor\*, causing #ou to be a channel for the flow of the s irit of faith!

## CHAPTER 2: COMPONENTS OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

***"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."***

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"he s irit of faith has two ma(or com onents or %ualities: belief and s ea\*ing! "hese are two things without which #ou cannot claim to ossess the s irit of faith! "here must be a belief, then bold declarations!

### **"I Believed ..."**

1 whatever the word of &od sa#s, the s irit of faith dares to believe! +e hel s #ou to stand firm u on the word of &od, to ho e against ho e! "hat is, even when the situation a ears ho eless, #ou can hold on firm# to &od;s word! 2ou, therefore, need to search the scri tures for a guarantee, and believe what the 1 ord sa#s!

*"... If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*

3Mar\* @:>4

Don;t write off an# situation as being ho eless! B# believing &od those trials will be turned to testimonies! At BD, Abraham was instructed b# &od to leave his hometown and head for a cit# which &od would show him! It seemed incredible, but Abraham believed &od! . arah, aged and accustomed to her eo le, agreed to follow Abraham! .he had confidence in the leadershi of her husband, and him in the leadershi of &od!

*"And he (Abraham) believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness."*

3&enesis /D:7

1 hen &od saw the manifestation of the s irit of faith in Abraham and . arah, +e

could no longer see his resting arms crossed, but intervened in their lives! Maybe all that God is waiting for, to come to our rescue is belief!

Jesus entered into Capernaum, and there a centurion met him, and beseeched him to heal his servant, who was lying sick at home! The centurion expressed faith in Jesus; so when word, and to him Jesus said: *"Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee"* -Matthew 8:13!

The Psalmist said he had fainted unless he had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living -Psalms 138:12! Often we do the reverse: we want to see before we believe! The goodness of the land you live in has been reserved for you since the foundation of the earth but to eat of it, you must first believe!

Isaiah the prophet lamented thus:

*"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"*  
Isaiah 53:1

The report of God is superior to the report of the doctor or the world! As the world declared you a failure: "that's the world's report! God says you are the head in our business! However, before it becomes a reality, you must believe it and allow it to cancel out the world's report!

A science and technology student noticed an unusual pain in his abdominal region! Taken to the University Hospital, Ibadan, he was diagnosed as having cancer of the blood, leukemia! The disease being incurable, he was placed in a ward for critical cases! Daily people died around him! When he returned home to Lagos, the people of God began praying for him and he noticed an improvement!

However, he soon developed a cough, which caused pain in his sides, shoulders and arm! He attended one of our church services! When the church service started he was unable to stand! But as the Bishop said he wanted to see each sick person healed, this young brother asked his parents to help him up! He later released himself and discovered he could stand and turn around, things he could not do before! The symptoms of the disease vanished!

By believing the report of God, that Jesus himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness, the doctor's report was canceled!

*"... Blessed is she (or he) that believeth; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."*  
Luke 1:45

What are the things God has told you in His word: If you dare to believe them,

then there will be a performance for you! It doesn't matter how hard the matter is, and it is the will of what man calls -impossible-!

God has all-around rest for you, including financial and marital! But to enter that state of eternal tranquility, you must possess the visa of belief! Only those who believe are qualified to enter God's rest!

*"For we which have believed do enter into rest ..."*

3+ebrews <:4

Do you desire a home attained after a day, when your wife is sweet and your husband loving: "that's rest in the family! It is attainable as you believe the word and act out your part!

Christians are called believers because our profession is believing! We are called to a life of belief! We must believe in the Word of God so that we can establish His promises in our lives -II Chronicles >F:>F?!

### **"... Therefore Have I Spoken"**

The spirit of faith is not a dumb spirit; it speaks! That you believe with your heart must proceed out of your mouth, or else there's no proof that you possess the spirit of faith! If you talk chaff, how can you expect to reap wheat: God is committed to giving you what you declare with your mouth!

*"Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you."*

3Numbers /<:>8

This passage points to the importance of speaking the right things! Do you confess defeat: No wonder defeat and failure hang around you! That you have occurring in your life right now is a result of what you are saying! Change those negative statements to positive ones, and you will eat the good of the land!

*"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings."*

3Isaiah 4:/F

God was tired of a blank, empty and shapeless world, so He declared what He wanted, and He saw what He said! Before the people began constructing the tower of Babel, they called themselves together and declared that they would build a tower, which would reach to heaven -Genesis //:<?!

The spirit of faith is manifested as you boldly declare what you believe! The mountains of your life and the strangers are waiting to hear your voice! Jesus said, *"If you shall say to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea it shall be so"* -Matthew >/:>/?! Whether the mountains move or stand is dependent

on what #ou sa#!

*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue ..."*

Proverbs /8:>/

*"Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."*

3Proverbs 7:>

A snare is a tra ! . o #ou can either be tra ed or loosed b# the words of #our mouth! &od has given #ou all things that #ou re%uire for life and godliness, but #our mouth is the s iritual sic\*le with which #ou harvest those romises! 2ou must e\$ ress #our faith b# the words of #our mouth before it will roduce! As #ou declare the word of &od to the strangers of overt#, disease, and failure lur\*ing around #ou, the strangers will fade out of their hiding laces =Psalm /8:<<, <D?!

1 hen #ou s ea\* the word, #ou demonstrate #our dee conviction or belief that the word of &od wor\*s! An# thing that is contrar# to &od;s best for #our life, don;t \*ee watching it's clear it out of #our wa# b# s ea\*ing to it!

A woman from Niger state of Nigeria shared this testimon#: . he had an internal roblem which had necessitated surger# twice! . he was told to wait for a number of #ears before attem ting to conceive! +er ears were full of the doctor;s diagnosis! 1 hen she got home she heard a voice within her s irit3man as\*ing, *"That was what the doctor said. What do you say?" She replied: "I don't want to be barren, I want to be a mother, I want to have a child." She went before a mirror and declared: "You woman in this mirror, you are not barren; all the wounds inside you are healed. You are able to conceive and bear your own baby, irrespective of what the doctor has said. You are a mother!"*

On getting to church a few da#s later, her pastor moved b# the . irit said, *"It doesn't matter what the doctors have told you, you are a mother!"* . he believed and went home, all the while declaring the same words to herself over and over before her mirror! . hortl# after, she became regnant!

1 hen her g#necologist learnt of the develo ment he was worried! +e informed her that she had made a fatal mista\*e! +er relatives began cr#ing, antici ating the worst! Aather than des airing, she would go over to her mirror each time and declare, *"Woman it is well with you =Isaiah 4:/F?!*- 1 hen her pastor saw her again he ro hesied - "he child is going to be a bo#, and his name will be Jose h!-

As her time for deliver# a roached, no doctor would ris\* delivering her of the bab#! At a oint, fear cre t into her heart and the devil said to her, -#ou will die!- But she silenced the devil, sa#ing, *"Long life is my portion. I shall not die, but live to declare the glory of God."* 1 ell, this sister had a safe deliver# against all odds,

and it was truly a boy, whom they named Joseph!

Your present challenge is waiting to hear you exercise your authority through the words of your mouth! In the army, a general does not take orders from a sergeant! It is the reverse! Also, the general does not address the sergeant weakly and trembling! He commands the sergeant as one having authority over him! You have authority over the situations of your life! You have been given dominion over them all! So, speak to those issues as one conscious of your authority!

David knew that human strength he could not defeat Goliath! But he was filled with the spirit of faith! His brothers could not understand him, they thought he was proud! They did not understand that he was indrawn with the spirit of faith! He was operating from a higher frequency when he said:

*"This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand ..."*

3 Samuel 17:57

As he made this declaration boldly, Goliath's head was already chopped off in the realm of the spirit! My husband often says, "A soundless Christian is a signless Christian." You can get positive results in every day of your life when you speak positive things based on the word of God! So, frame your world, create a heaven on earth for yourself by what you speak!

When you speak, "I don't have", "I cannot do it", "I am sick", you cripple the spirit of faith! The spirit of faith is released by speaking the word of God! According to Mark 16:17, the mountains -obstacles of your life will be moved if you would only activate the spirit of faith in you! Several believers keep their mouths shut and their hearts shouting in protest! They complain within! But rather than speaking what they want, they keep sealed lips! No! Your mouth is a creative tool, not an instrument for gossip or murmuring!

### **Your Words Are Seeds**

When you speak a word, it is a spiritual seed, bound to germinate and produce after its kind! You don't plant maize and expect to reap wheat! No! The law of nature demands that you reap what you sow -Genesis 8:22!

What many are reaping today, such as barrenness, unemployment, sickness, weakness, and brokenheartedness, are a harvest of what they sowed yesterday! When you sow two grains of maize, what you reap is not just two grains! It's a harvest of four hundred grains per cob! If you want to reap long life, sow the word of God on long life! Declare that you cannot die! Declare that a thousand and one people in your neighborhood may be attacked, but not you! When you sow good seeds, when others are reaping chaff, you will be reaping wheat!

*"For the Lord's sake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I*

*should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.*

*Sanctify the Lord of host himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread."*

3Isaiah 8://3/4

God is still speaking with a strong voice to as many as would listen! Don't say what others are saying, so you don't see what they're seeing! No matter how costly a derivative from cassava gets, don't join our colleagues in the office to complain! Even if it becomes a fair currency, you cannot lack! If others say, "Who can survive in Nigeria?" say, "Me"! Others may term it as pride or indifference, but you know what you are doing! Don't fear their fear!

Fear is a spirit! It is the arch enemy of the spirit of faith! You must fight fear as a man fights an assailant! It's that serious! Job never knew failure or sickness, until he permitted the spirit of fear =Job 4:>D?! You cannot be possessed with faith and fear at the same time! If you're filled with fear, then faith is not there! If you operate in the spirit of faith, it chases away the spirit of fear!

### **Your Words Commits God**

God thinks good thoughts about you, but they remain mere thoughts until you begin to declare them!

*"Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou that thou mayest be justified."*

3Isaiah <4:>7

God never forgets, yet He wants you to remind Him of His words! A parable: a father naturally knows what the needs of his child are! But when the child resents his desire before his father and sees reminding him, even to the point of pestering, the father rushes to buy the item for the boy, if only to have some peace! Remember the parable of the widow and the unjust judge! The Bible says though he feared neither God nor man, "yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me" =Luke /8:D?!

This was the unjust judge! How much more would God the Righteous Judge avenge you of your enemy of sickness, overtaking, failure, etc!, when you present your case before Him! However, to gain quick access verse 8 of the same reference says:

*"... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

Faith is what moves God into action! Faith in His word, loaded in the heart, and triggered by the mouth releases unprecedented breakthroughs!

.ome )hristians, however, ma\*e a habit of s ea\*ing contrar# to what &od;s word sa#s, and as a result, &od allows what has been s o\*en to ha en! An e\$am ple of this is the Israelites in the wilderness! "he# refused to believe the word of &od, but instead began to murmur, complain, and give room to s ea\*ing evil! And the Cord said, *"As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have SPOKEN in mine ears, so will I DO TO YOU"* =Numbers /<:>8?!

1 hen #ou declare &od;s word, +e nods in agreement! +e sa#s, -2es, #es, that;s M# word, which cannot be bro\*en! 0!6! angels, go to wor\*!- "hat was the case with +eze\*iah! Isaiah the ro het came to him and said: - .et thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live!- +eze\*iah thought fast, sa#ing, *"I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years."* .o he turned his face to the wall and cried out, reminding &od of +is word! "hen &od re lied through Isaiah immediatel#, *"Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer ... behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years"* =Isaiah 48 > 6ings >F?!

2ou can commit &od b# declaring +is word! 2ou need not be cast down when others are cast down! .im l# sa# on the contrar# that -there is a lifting u !- "hen &od establishes that declaration and when others are down, #ou are u 9

### **Angels Are Set To Work**

'urthermore, angels are released to wor\* in #our favour when #ou utter ositive words!

*"Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening to the voice of his word."*

3Psalms /F4:>F

Angels are ministering s irits sent to minister for us who are heirs of salvation! "hough the# are assigned to #ou, the# wor\* on instructions from #ou! As a matter of fact, #ou cannot sa# before an angel, *"It was an error"* = , cclesiastes D:7?! Meaning the# obe# the last command!

If #ou sa# #ou;re wea\*, the# organize wea\*ness for #ou! If #ou sa# #ou;re strong, the# ensure that #ou remain strong! , ven when in confidence #ou tell a close friend that #ou are wea\*, the# hear #ou, because as s irit beings the# are ever#where! Aemember that the# are on s ecial assignment to #ou! As a result, the# cannot let #ou out of their sight, otherwise the# stand to be %ueried b# &od! , ven in the secret lace, s ea\* right words! As #ou do, #ou are o erating the s irit of faith!

*"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach."*

3Aomans /F:8



It is a thought of faith until it is released from our mouth! When it becomes a word of faith! His word is a hammer that breaks up our fallow grounds! It is also like fire, that burns up the things you don't want - Cut it out, use it positively!

### CHAPTER 3: HOW IT OPERATES

**"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."**

James 2:18

How then does faith work? - might be the next question on our mind! Read this sister's testimony, shared before the assembly of God's people!

I lost my first pregnancy, and for one year, I kept lactating the milk wouldn't stop coming! No drug could help neither was another pregnancy coming forth, for one year going to two years! During one of the services last year, the Bishop asked every woman desiring the fruit of the womb to come out and carry the baby of a woman who had her baby after five years! He also told us to go announcing to everyone we saw that we were pregnant! And in October 2004, I got pregnant, still lactating! The bouncing baby boy was born on my husband's birthday! He was my birthday present to him!

How do you explain that, except that with God all things are possible! God's servant had called all those desiring the fruit of the womb to come out! His sister stepped out! He asked them to carry the baby of a sister who had received a baby after waiting for five years, and she did as instructed! When the Bishop announced, "Go announce to everyone you see that you are pregnant." His sister again did as commanded!

Perhaps there were several others in the congregation that day, who heard the call for women in that category and refused to step out! Perhaps also among those who stepped out were one or two who did not carry the miracle baby, saying, "Where is it written in the Bible that you must carry someone else's baby to receive yours?" Perhaps some passed the first two tests, but felt ashamed to announce to everyone they met that they had conceived, thinking, "What if I say it and it doesn't materialize?" Like Naaman, some times, except you follow divine instructions to the letter, the desired result doesn't come! This is a practical demonstration of how the spirit of faith operates!

Operating the spirit of faith entails acting on what you believe! For instance, 4 John 2 declares that God's wish is that you prosper! But until you start doing something about 4 John 2, prosperity remains only a wish in God's heart! As the saying goes, "If wishes were horses beggars would ride." - Only beggars ride on

wishes, serious men do something about what they believe?! When you give, you have an opportunity to receive, which culminates in financial prosperity!

Many years ago, when we had only one car - a Mercedes Benz, and I asked my husband to sell it and give the proceeds to me and the ministries of some missionaries in Northern Nigeria! I am glad I gave the car, and today we are overwhelmed to see these ministries expanding to the glory of God! I also have received many more cars entrusted to us by the Lord, and financially we are prospering!

### **ACT ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE**

Dr. Fredrick C. Price, in his book, "How Faith Works", gives an illustration to explain the difference between belief and faith! It goes like this:

-A man staggers through the door!!!! over to a chair!!! prepares to sit down at a table!!!! but instead, he falls onto the floor!

Several people rush to his side!!! "he is unconscious!!! and set him in the chair! +e seems to have passed out! "he fans him!!! wake him up!!! and says, -Brother, what's the matter: What's the matter with you:-

Someone and we ask him answers, -Ah!!! I don't know! I don't know! - Someone says, -I wonder if there's a doctor in this motel:- "he group calls the doctor! Sure enough there happens to be a doctor in the motel! "he doctor enters and makes a preliminary examination of the man!

" + , DO ) " OA: - "his man is in the final stages of starvation! "his man is suffering from malnutrition! +e's almost dead! Given another 45 minutes all things being equal this man will be dead! +e's starving to death!- "he leaders get together and say, -Let's go down to the kitchen and see if we can get the chef to prepare some food for this man! I am certain I don't want him to starve to death!-

"he enters later with a four-wheeler, loaded down with all kinds of good food! "he wheels it up to the man and says, -Brother, do you see this food: - And +e says, -Oh, yes!- "he says again, -Do you believe that if you eat this food it will free you from starving to death:- And again, he says, -Oh, yes, certainly! I believe that if I eat this food it will free me from starving to death!-

"hen he says it again, -I believe that if I eat this food it will free me from starving to death!!! I believe that if I eat this food it will free me from starving to death!-

-Now remember, the doctor had given him 45 minutes to live?!

So!!! 30 minutes and 45 seconds later!!! the man is heard to say, -I believe that if I eat this food it will free me from starving to death!!!- +e falls to the floor! "he

doctor rushes to his side and says, - "his man is dead!-

"The man believed absolutely that by eating the food it would free him from starving to death, yet he died! 1 h#: Because although he claimed to believe, he did nothing about what he believed & he didn't eat the food!

Man# in the Body of Christ today, who are suffering from sickness, overt, failure and depression, believe the word of God! "He# believe the Bible holds the keys to opening up the doors to divine health, financial prosperity, success and (obviously) #et the# live poor, defeated lives! 1 h#: No corresponding action to show what they claim to believe, which is a vital step in operating the spirit of faith! "The Bible calls something self-deceit: when #ou hear the word, give it mental assent, #et refuse to do what it requires of #ou!

*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*  
James 1:22

1 h# is it easier to believe the word of a man than it is to believe that of the Almighty &od: . Some one promises #ou a job, calls #ou in for an interview and offers #ou a mouth-watering salary! Whether #ou have seen his account or not to verify that the said amount exists, #ou begin to announce to everyone what #our new acquisition is! 2ou may even buy some new clothes on credit saying, -!;|| a# #ou at the end of the month!-

Given what is #our faith founded: It's founded upon the integrity of the man and his word! If the man is a man of his word, then at the end of the month he cannot say, - "here's no more money in the account!-

. Similarly, #our faith in God is founded upon the character of God and upon His word! 2ou \*now +e cannot lie = "it is /: >? whatever +e says, therefore, is the truth! 2ou \*now +e cannot change and cannot fail, so #ou should have absolute confidence in His word, even more than #ou have confidence in #our doctor and his diagnosis!

God is Jehovah's only Healer! He is the -manufacturer- of the human body, so #ou can expect Him to have spare parts and to be able to repair any damaged organ! "Thus #ou can put #our faith in Him! Instead of putting #our faith in the doctors; report or reports; report, let #our faith be in God's report! Believe His word and act on it! It works!

Dr. C. Osborn defines faith as: -2ou are convinced that what God promised, and what #ou asked for is #ours that #ou have received it, even before #ou can see or feel it! "That faith is based on God's promise alone!

An instance is when #ou pray for healing, but the answer is not instantly manifested! 2ou may still feel the pain, but God's word declares that by His

. tries #ou were healed! 2our mind tells #ou the sic\*ness is still there, but #ou must abandon #our reasoning and believe &od;s 1 ord! Pa# attention to the word, not to what #ou see or feel!-

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*  
3II ) orinthians D:B

&enuine faith alwa#s declares thus:

*"God is who He says He is!*

I am what &od;s word sa#s I am!

I can do what +e sa#s I can do!

&od will do what +is word sa#s +e will do!-

2et faith without wor\*s is dead!

*"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he have faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble.*

*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"*

3James >:/ <, / @, >F

Add action, therefore, to #our belief! It;s the onl# genuine roof of #our belief!

#### CHAPTER 4: NOW FAITH IS...

'aith, according to +ebrews //:/, is, *"the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."* 'aith is two things as described above: it is a substance, and also an evidence or roof! It is a tangible substance, belonging to the unseen realm! 2ou cannot see faith with #our h#sical e#es, Hit;s not li\*e #our Bible which #ou can see before #ou, for instancel, but #ou can erceive faith with #our s iritual senses!

'or instance, someone romises #ou a few thousands of naira! 2ou have not #et received the mone#, so #ou hold on to his romise! If an#one as\*s #ou #our financial condition, #ou ma# sa#, -Man, I am ver# rich!- 2ou are holding onto the romise of that erson! Monda# morning, he calls #ou and hands over the mone# to #ou! Now #ou are holding the h#sical cash, no longer the mere romise! If an#one as\*s #ou #our financial state, #ou can bold# declare, -I have a few thousands of Naira!- "he answer re laces the romise!

+owever, even before the man gives #ou the mone#, #ou alread# wal\* li\*e #ou

have the money in your bank account! You go around carrying bags of rice and electronic gadgets, not because you have received it miraculously, but because you believe the person who made the promise to you!

That was exactly the case with Abraham and Sarah! They were still very barren, yet they were already calling themselves "Father and Mother of many nations." By accepting the change in name, Abraham proved that he believed God would fulfill His promise! Perhaps they had already bought their baby clothes, baby cot, etc! All in faith! Somebody says, - I had been holding onto for the twenty-five years they waited: - "the promise of God - Romans 4:19! When Isaac came, they held Isaac! But before he came, they held on to their faith!

Faith is what gives your hope substance! For instance, God's Word declares that you shall lend to nations, and not borrow! You hope for that to be accomplished! For you, it may still be for a time to come! That's hope! But hope has no substance, no tangibility! You can see hoping and never arrive at anything until faith is added to it! Faith is like the petrol that makes the car of hope work! The difference between hope and faith is that faith is in the now -! Hope is tomorrow! Hope said: "I believe I will be healed someday." Faith says: - In spite of the symptoms, I am healed because I am free from all my infirmities and bore my sicknesses, and because of His stripes I am healed! - At this point, you have not yet seen a miraculous manifestation of your healing, so you're hoping for it but you believe God's word, so you declare those things which "be not as though they were." That is, adding faith to your hope and it always works!

That is why, although you hope to lend to nations someday, you begin declaring right now that "you are the head and cannot be the tail; you are above and cannot be beneath. You are a lender (to nations) and not a borrower." As further proof that you have faith in that Word you begin to give! You pay your tithes, give offerings, invest in the Kingdom, etc! You are giving substance to your hope!

A woman shared a moving testimony in our church! Her sister had been married for over twenty years without a child - she was almost becoming another Sarah! She had hoped and hoped for twenty years without success! As a member of the church, her sister came to service one day burdened with this issue! As she approached the entrance of the church, the enemy taunted her saying, - ) cannot this God whom you have been serving bless your sister with a child: - Refusing to give heed to the devil's mockery, and reflecting depression, she said, - I will still serve God in spite of the circumstance! - Adding faith to her hope, she stood in for her sister when prayer was made for barren women! She then ran to her sister's house, found her and declared: - "this month you shall be pregnant! - Without an argument her sister received the word, and that same month, the twenty years reproach was rolled away and she conceived! At the time this testimony was shared the child was about five months old! God can turn impossible situations around for those who possess the spirit of faith!

Faith is also the evidence of things not seen! That are the things you are

desirous of: I have good news for #ou! &od also wants #ou to have them!

*"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

3Mar\* //:><

"hose siritual or material things #ou desire to have from &od, but do not have at the moment, #ou can be assured that the# will soon be in #our ossession! +ow: B# faith, because #ou have faith that having as\*ed them of &od the# are on the wa#! .omebod# ma# as\* #ou: -If #ou reall# \*now that those things are #ours, show me an evidence of it or rove it!- 2ou then re l#, -&od said it is mine in +is word, and I have faith in +is word! .o m# evidence is m# faith in +is word!-

Although #ou have not seen or received #our desire, #ou can declare in faith that what #ou desire is #ours! "he word -evidence- means -that which su orts the fact that a thing e\$ists!- In the court of law, the law#er must roduce an evidence to su ort the facts that he is resenting! If he claims that his client is not guilt#, he must resent evidences or roofs!

Are #ou healed of #our diseases: 1 here is #our evidence: 2ou ma# still feel the s#m toms, but if #ou are to e\$ercise faith, ins ite of what is seen, #ou must search out the 1 ord of &od and hold on to it as the evidence of #our healing!

"he world, the flesh, and the devil, li\*e the (udge in the court of law, as\* #ou alwa#s to roduce an evidence that #ou are healed, rich, or successful! 2our faith in the 1 ord is #our evidence! It is the evidence of what #ou believe but have not seen! All that #ou desire is available in the realm of the unseen 3 that new car, that house, romotion at #our wor\*, healing, etc! have been released to #ou!

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."*

3, hesians /:4

All #ou need do is search out the romises of &od that ma\*es them #ours, and b# faith receive them! 'or instance, #our aunt in Condon instructs her ban\* to transfer five thousand ounds into #our ban\* account in 6aduna! .he then calls #ou on hone to inform #ou of what she has done! Do #ou wait until the mone# arrives to sa# -than\* #ou- : No! Aight awa# #ou than\* her for the \*ind gesture! 2ou then dro the receiver and (um , shouting, -+alleluia! I have five thousand ounds!- 2ou begin to inform ever#one around the house that #ou have five thousand ounds! 2ou ma# even share the testimon# before &od;s eo le, all the while sa#ing, -I have!- "hat;s natural faith! .iritual faith wor\*s the same wa#!

"he mone# has not #et been transferred into #our account! #our aunt onl# called to inform #ou that she has instructed her ban\* to transfer that amount to #ou! 2ou don;t even use the future tense to indicate that it is an event of the future! 2ou







the extraordinary and miraculous! It helps you take giant strides in God and for Christ! It enables you establish the victory of Christ in your life! - John D. / <?!

God desires you to experience the miraculous on a daily basis! His desire for you is to establish victory over satanic oppression and all life's situations! But to do so, the spirit of faith must be in constant and daily operation in your life! You may ask how can it be done: By activating it!

Activating or activation means to accelerate an occurrence! You need to accelerate your operation of the spirit of faith daily and then you will find the miraculous a daily occurrence for you!

### **THE KEY OF KNOWLEDGE**

*"According to his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the KNOWLEDGE of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."*

3> Peter 1:4

The simple fact that you are born of God does not guarantee you victory! To overcome, you need to operate in faith, and faith comes via what you know, i.e. knowledge! If you discover who you are in Christ, you won't be troubled with business, disease, armed robbers, witches or wizards! You will overcome all these by the exercise of your faith! However, it is important for you to know what God has said about you as a child of God, and what His provisions are for your fulfillment on earth!

I remember what happened when I was pregnant with our first son, David! One day I saw blood flowing from me! Medically, such a situation is pronounced by doctors as a miscarriage! Not long after, my husband returned home from an outside engagement, and I told him that I had had a miscarriage! Boldly, and without any hesitation, he said, "You can't have a miscarriage", and then asked to be served his meal!

That statement activated the spirit of faith and ended any further discussion on the matter and the pregnancy was sustained! He attended a prayer meeting that same day, undisturbed by what I had said! That gave him that boldness: That made the spirit of faith flow easily from him: "The knowledge of God's Word in Exodus 17:7 = "Canaan", which says:

*"You shall serve the Lord your God only; then I will bless you with food and with water, and I will take away sickness from among you. There will be no miscarriages nor barrenness throughout your land ..."*

He knew who had made this promise, and that he had fulfilled the condition of service to the Lord! So he was confident that I couldn't have a miscarriage or be barren! His words that day transmitted the spirit of faith into me, and I had a

smooth deliver# of our son! Ignorance could have caused fear to gain a place in our hearts and we would have eventually# lost the regnanc#! But \*nowledge activates and stirs u the s irit of faith into o eration in #our life!

*"Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail ..."*  
3Isaiah 4<:/7

Ma\*ing a %ualitative search of the scri tures and ) hristian literature is a sure wa# of increasing #our \*nowledge of &od;s romises to #ou! "he scri ture sa#s when #ou locate the romise, it won;t fail #ou5 and as long as #our faith is in ro er place it will roduce for #ou!

### **TAKE HEED HOW YE HEAR**

In Acts /<, a man cri led from his mother;s womb received his miracle in C#stra, because Paul erceived the man had faith to be healed!

*"The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked."*  
3Acts /<:@,/F

"he healing of this man followed a attenn! 'irst, he heard Paul s ea\* -faith comes b# the hearing of the 1 ord of &od 3 Aomans /F:/B?! "hen he believed in what Paul was sa#ing5 and because he was o en to those words, the s irit behind the words entered into him =, ze\*iel >:>?! 1 hen Paul commanded, "*Stand upright on thy feet*", the man could not see an# changes in his h#sical condition! As far as he could see, he was still as lame as when he was born, #et he acted on what he believed, and b# the s irit that had entered into him, he lea ed u ! It was not until he too\* that lea of faith that healing came, and he was able to wal\*!

*"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."*  
3Aomans /F:/B

"herefore, listening to the 1 ord of &od being taught activates the s irit of faith in #ou! Jesus +imself declares, "... *The words that I speak unto you they are spirit, and they are life*" =John 7:74?!

As the s o\*en 1 ords come forth, the# are able to stir u #our faith (ust as Paul;s words stirred u the faith of that man at C#stra! "he s irit of faith is transmitted through the s o\*en words! ) are must, therefore, be ta\*en not to entertain or give heed to what is contrar# to faith or #our e\$ ected desire! No wonder Jesus warned:

*"Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."*

3Mar\* <:><

"The Amplified Bible renders it beautifully: *"The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you."* What do knowledge and virtue do: "He stir up your faith! The time you give to hear & order, good reports, and testimonies is never wasted!

I am privileged to be married to a man who operates the spirit of faith regularly! I remember a day in 1984 I went to the bathroom to have a shower and discovered that the soap was almost finished! I went to my husband and said, "The soap in the bathroom is the last one!" Those were the days when basic necessities were rationed! In those days, even if you had the money, you could not find basic essentials like soap or milk to buy! We had to line up for virtually everything! So I said, "His soap in the bathroom is the last one!" He said to me "No! That cannot be the last soap!" I said, "Oka!", because the words he spoke activated the spirit of faith in me!

Later, he gave the brother living with us some money to buy soap on his way back from school! Then, the brother returned with bars of soap and several other things, explaining that mysteriously, a van came to their school for the first time to sell essential commodities something that had never happened before! Then I understood that we could not have lacked, even if the whole country was in lack! We who operate in the spirit of faith should not experience what others are experiencing! As we believed and took a step of faith by giving the young man money to buy soap, we saw to it that our desire was granted!

### **DECLARE YOUR DESIRE WITH THANKSGIVING**

"Thanksgiving is a vital part of faith! When you believe something has been given to you, what do you say: "Thank you!" even before you see and feel the answer, thank & order

Who believes the blessing will come someday! The senses believe when it feels healed! Faith on the other hand believes it has the thing that is desired now, because the word says so! Faith calls the things which be not as though they were Romans </B?! Jesus was an expert at this! He always spoke in the past tense!

*"Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me."*

3John //:</

*"... Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."*

3Mar\* <:><

Caiaphas was dead and already stoning, yet Jesus called those things which be

not, as though they were! They believed they had received while they waited, and it was so! Faith for healing works the same way as faith for salvation and faith for provision! You must believe first, and then confess! Haven't you seen sincere Christians who die prematurely, all because they were "closed-mouthed" Christians: You are an overcomer only as you declare what God's Word says about you!

As you thank Him, declaring His faithfulness, begin to do the things you couldn't do before! After a church service in which a sister, in obedience to the Word, gave all she had, she returned home and found she had absolutely nothing to present to her family for dinner! Rather than accuse God, complain or bombard heaven, she told her children to set the table and served water as food! Her family members were all believers, so they raised up their voices in thanksgiving to God, confident that He supplies all needs! "He dialed heavens hot line: - ' Rather, we thank you!-

Just as God moved rapidly to multiply the loaves and fishes for Jesus when they gave thanks, angels were immediately sent into action! By the following morning, a man came from nowhere and said, - "God said I should bring this to you!" When they opened it, it was four thousand manna! Without a doubt, God is Jehovah Jireh, who supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory, when we believe His Word and see Him according!

My husband often says, - "Don't tell trials, tell testimonies!" Declare with thanks the good things that have happened and will happen to you, refuse to dwell on or declare the negative! When David was faced with the challenge of defeating Goliath, he did not magnify Goliath's size or his weapons! Rather, he declared how God had helped him in the past to kill a lion and a bear, and how the same God would help him defeat Goliath! David had exactly what he said - I Samuel 17:47

## CHAPTER 6: YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

***"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.***

***And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."***

Isaiah 52:1-4

These are the last days! These are days of mourning for the world, but days of glory for Zion! Amidst all the rumours of wars and actual wars, for you it will be

rumours of promotion and actual promotions! Amidst the famine in nations of the world, you who fear the Lord will eat in Lent and be satisfied, and raise the name of the Lord our God! While businesses are crashing, yours will be cruising on higher altitudes and because the higher you go the cooler it becomes, instead of experiencing the financial and economic heat the rest of the world is facing, you will only see it with our eyes, but it will not be our portion!

This is God's agenda for you! It is no gimmick but positive thinkers and escapists, to make you feel good, but the actual will of God for you! As the Church is lifted and established as the most successful institution in the whole world, you who make up the Church will also be lifted and be established! You will be on to always and be exalted above our equals and seniors! For instance, when a man is exalted and made the Minister of Defense, all members of his family are automatically lifted! They live in a government provided house, have cars and drivers, cooks and stewards all coming with the new appointment!

Now our Senior Brother, Jesus, is lifted! He is seated at the right hand of the Father, next to God the Father! Those of us who are members of His family are also exalted, seated with Him in heaven! Places, far above principles and powers! Not only that, we are also members of His body! Therefore, as the body is exalted, whether you're a toenail or a strand of hair on the leg, you too are exalted!

My husband shared a testimony of a >< year old in America, who was sent out of school because he could not make up his grades! He was an engineering student! Although he was sent out of school, God gave him a unique insight into manufacturing a certain computer hardware! When the product came into the market, it fetched him <FF million dollars! He was branded a failure, but he rejected it and went ahead to prove them wrong! Our future is bright! Others may call you a failure, but it is what God calls you that counts! He has said you are the head and agree with Him!

All you need to make it in life is in you! But until you activate it, failure will be staring you in the face! What are you desirous of: Our future is bright! As long as you are joined to Jesus, the Vine, no issue of your life is hopeless! Because He lives, you must live also! Jesus is successful, so you too must be successful! He is health, you must be health too! His goes for victory, prosperity, and greatness! All you must ascertain is that you are properly connected to Him!

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."*

3John 15:1-8

If without Him you can do nothing, with Him therefore, you can do all things! With the Spirit of Faith operating in you, you can do all things! You can become a Joshua, that caused the sun and moon to stand still!

Abraham started with God until he received his expectation! +e *"against hope believed in hope."* . to looking at our present situation, let our eyes be fixed, trusting in the Lord! When you permit the spirit of faith to work in you, you will have no cause to stagger in unbelief! God is glorified when you are strong in faith, and will send our answer speedily! =Aomans <:/B3>F?!

. to considering the doctors; reports! You are healed! Your future is bright! You can live a healthy life by faith! You can live till you are 100 years old, without our eyes growing dim or our natural force slackening like Moses; 3 all by faith! If you want to please God, then you must choose the life of faith!

. to reading the economic analysts; reports! Our business will prosper, our future is bright! . to counting how many marriages have broken! Ours cannot break, our future is bright!

"The reason we have arrived at the point we are in ) Christ today is because right from the time when nothing seemed glorious, we saw our future as glorious, enviable, and bright! What do you see:

*"... Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward and westward:  
For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever."*  
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. See that glorious tomorrow and celebrate it today! Those who can see their tomorrow cannot get arrested by present circumstances! Get what you see drive you to success! You don't need to rely on any man!

"Time and time again my husband and I have witnessed the results of operating in the spirit of faith! In the work of the ministry that we are privileged to be involved in, the spirit of faith has been our companion! ' or as God has revealed each step we were to take, the spirit of faith energizes us to keep going forward, obeying and doing as God has commanded us to, even when there was nothing visible to make us believe it! Now God has done it! He has made us living prophets! He can do the same for you too!