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Introduction

“And what shall I more say?

for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

Hebrews 11:32-34

Friend, I would like you to know this: nothing works in this Kingdom outside of faith. It takes faith to get any result in this Kingdom.

Faith is a principal instrument we must make use of to do exploits. It is what will turn you into an unbeatable personality that can no longer be stopped or humiliated.

Kenneth Hagin said that in the early days of his ministry, he never participated in meetings that ran for less than three weeks — that is, services in the morning, afternoon and evening, everyday of those weeks!

What was he doing? He was expounding faith. For,

**“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
Romans 10:17**

I believe the reason so many people don't thoroughly grasp the things they are taught is because they only glance through them. So much of what we call faith today is mere mental assent. You hear people say such things as: “Yes, that sounds right.”

Friends, faith must come from the heart,

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:10

Faith is a spiritual entity, not just a mental substance. The power of faith

only becomes real when it is operated in the spirit realm.

Faith is what brings a man into the shame-free realm of life. Therefore, I think it is worth whatever it takes, to find out how it operates.

Friends, I have good news for you!

Faith is an issue of reality. It will bring you victory anyday, anytime, anywhere!

In **Matthew 17:20**, Jesus said to His disciples:

“...If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”

I consider the issue of faith as the almighty subject of our Christian adventure. It gives colour to Christianity, and enables you to stand in the midst of opposition and yet be in control.

Faith is the beauty of Christianity! Can you imagine the kind of honour that was accorded Daniel when he came out of the den of lions?

Can you imagine what Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego must have enjoyed when they came out of the fiery furnace?

Now, picture the awesome beauty that must have rested upon Peter as he walked on water!

Faith is what beautifies Christians and I am glad to let you know that God has a beautiful destiny for each one of us.

In Isaiah 61:3, His Word tells us that He has given you beauty for ashes. By destiny you belong to an order of beauty. You must command attraction!

Everywhere you go, people must desire your counsel and admire your lifestyle.

Faith is the beauty of Christianity that will remove every ash in your life. It will take away all heaviness, and place the garment of praise upon you. It will make you a planting of the Lord indeed.

Friends, it's time to take a look at the operational details of this all-important subject. We are set for another turn-around in our lives.

I want, by the grace of God, to show you the secrets of faith, so you can smile at the mountains and the obstacles of life. You will begin to see them as opportunities to exercise what is available inside you.

You are a man/woman loaded with potentials. The worthy lamb was slain for you to live a worthy life. May your understanding be opened, in Jesus precious name!

Chapter 1: What Is Faith?

The question is, what is faith?

If faith is an all-important subject, then we need to know what it is in the actual sense.

If it makes living so colourful, then we must be bothered and concerned about what it is.

Nothing works without it!

Salvation is impossible without it!

Healing is impossible without it!

Victory is impossible without it!

Now, let me conclude, nothing is possible without faith. Nothing!

Which means, Christianity is worthless without faith.

Faith is the producer of good reports. Where good reports are found in this kingdom, it is a direct product of faith.

I have found many prayer warriors who are gallant failures. But you can never point to a faith giant who is not a super success!

Look around in the world and in the Bible also. Show me a giant of faith, and I'll show you a giant on the earth.

Faith is the principal determining factor of every man's status. There is no contesting this fact.

Every exploit recorded in Hebrews 11, is a direct product of faith.

So, what is faith?

It Is An Expression Of Confidence In God

Faith is the practical expression of confidence in God and His Word.

Hebrews 10:35-36 tells us:

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

God said to Abram, **"Get thee out..."** (Gen. 12:1) And verse 4 of the same Chapter 12 tells us, **"So Abraham departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him..."** This is a practical expression of confidence!

God said to Noah, "It will so rain that the earth will be flooded!" And despite the fact that no rain has fallen yet, Noah moved with fear and built an ark, as God had instructed him. (Gen. 6,7,8).

He built that ark for 120 years! This is a display of confidence in God and His Word!

When God called me into ministry, He told me, "Carry nothing for your journey." I agreed with Him, and I had no re-think such as, "What if nothing happens?"

He told me I didn't even need two pairs of shoes, nor two coats; that before the one I'm wearing wears out, He will give me another one.

"And greet no man on the way." That is, "Let no man become important enough to divert your attention. I am up to the commission."

I believed Him! And I've not needed to beg any man, living or dead, till date. Faith is the practical expression of confidence in God and what He has said.

I caught something in my study – something I called the song of faith:

"If God can't, nobody else can.

If God can't, no one else should try.

If God can't, it is eternally hopeless to expect anything.

But hallelujah!

He is the Lord, the God of all flesh, and there's nothing too hard for Him!"

Friends, we are going to thread down the mountains and fill up the valleys!

Faith is it!

In Daniel chapter 3, Nebuchadnezzar threatened the three Hebrew boys with the fiery furnace, and they said, "Oh! We know better! Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, and He will deliver us. But should He choose not to, we remain confident! We will not bow to your image!" (Paraphrased).

That is confidence! The Bible says it has great recompense of reward.

In **Hebrews 11:6**, we are told:

"...he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Faith, an expression of confidence, establishes reward – great reward!

The Lord spoke to Abraham, after He had waited 25 years to get Isaac, "Bring me your son. I want to 'eat' him. Sacrifice him to me on the mountain." Gen. 22:2 paraphrased).

And Abraham set out to do exactly as God had commanded him, believing that God is able to raise sons unto him out of stones. (Heb. 11:17-19)
Confidence extraordinaire!

Abraham believed God, and by that act of faith, he became the father of all that is born again and has an inheritance with God. (Rom. 4:3,16).

It Is An Act Motivated By The Word

Faith is an act motivated by the Word of God. It can also be defined as a living force, drawn from the living Word, for a living proof.

It is by nature evidential. If you can't see the evidence, then what you are referring to is not faith. Listen to James 2:18

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

Faith without action is fake! That means, it is dead! (James 2:17)

Faith is a reflective act. You can't operate it without it being know.

It shows in your looks, your walk, in the statements you make, in your countenance.

For example, if it is true that you believe in divine healing, it should show

by the evidence of your continual healthy life.

If it is true you believe in prosperity, it should show. Jesus said, **"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not." (John 10:37)**

Faith is in the doing, the showing and is evident.

Jesus said to those men, **"Fill the water-pots with water."** And they went ahead and did exactly that. And the water became wine! (John 2:1-11).

There is no evidence of faith without an act. Action is the authentic evidence of faith. Faith is fake without a back-up action.

The Bible tells us that "Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the in which he condemned the world." (Heb. 11:7)

When you refuse to move by the Word of life, faith is not in place.

God spoke and Noah moved. It says, "By faith Noah... moved" So faith compels action.

A man with a withered hand came to Jesus and Jesus said, "Stretch forth your hand", and the paralysis disappeared!

By faith, when God called Abraham, he obeyed. The Bible says, "So Abram departed..." The act was in place.

Friends, it's time to step out of that passive religious state!

If God says you are healed, stop looking sick! If He said He had carried your pains, stop celebrating pains!

God told me, "With long life will I satisfy you and show you my salvation." So, I don't dream death! I don't think death! Long life means long life! The one I have now is not long enough, it's still short, because I've read about very long ones in the scriptures.

I know what long means. So I'm not thinking of anything contrary. I'm not writing any will for anybody.

That is the realm of faith! Faith is an act.

You may sound primitive and unconventional, but the dignity of your victory will be undeniable!

When you stop showing it, then it's no longer there. Faith is reflective. It shows!

It comes by hearing, and it works by acting on what you have heard. (Rom. 10:17).

In 1989, I met a woman who had no uterus (according to the doctors). I told her, "God is your manufacturer, and He has spare parts. Go out tomorrow and buy your baby's things in the open!"

She obeyed, and that same month, she conceived womb or no womb! She gave birth to a healthy baby boy!

Friends, God's Word works!

Faith brings God on the scene! And when God steps in, opposition bows out!

Faith is an act. When you stop showing it, then it's no longer there. You can't have it and not show it. When it stops reflecting in your lifestyle, then it's no longer there.

Please understand what I'm talking about.

Whatever you are saying you believe God for, make sure you don't act contrary to it, or you disqualify yourself of the answer.

It's time for you to enjoy victory unlimited! Victory on all sides!

It Is A Translating Force

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

It takes faith to connect with grace.

Faith is that almighty force in the realm of the spirit, that is able to take a man from the pit of hell and translate him to the glorious realm of heavenly places!

I see God bringing about a translation in your own life right now!

He is about to change your position through the instrument of faith!

Faith is an ever-winning, never-failing force!

It's time to take a look at scriptures line upon line, precept upon precept, after which you will come out licensed and certified for victory.

There is nothing in the world that will not answer to faith – be it physical, mental, material or spiritual, name it. Everything on earth answers to this powerful force called faith. It overcomes all forces of darkness – economic problems, sickness, disease, family disintegration, untimely death, and every other obstacle you can imagine on earth.

Every problem on earth just must answer to faith, and this is why we must seek to understand and appreciate it. Jesus told Peter:

"...behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:31-32)

Until your faith fails, you don't become a failure. Once your faith fails, your spiritual life fails! Because Habakkuk 2:4 tells us that "...the just shall live by his faith."

Just as heart-failure is a threat to its victim, a faith-failure will make a believer sink!

Your faith will not fail! In Jesus precious name.

It Is A "Handlable Force"

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:16

Faith is a "Takable" substance. It is not a psychological thing. Hebrews 11:1 tells us:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Faith is a handleable force, which you can't handle without knowing. Once it is taken, the taker becomes conscious of the fact that, "This is faith."

Most of the time, what we call faith is nothing but mental assent. You hear people make such comments as "Oh yes, I know. It's in the Bible. It must be true!" They agree with the Word, but are not united practically with it.

You can't have faith without knowing. You live under its powerful, productive influence when it is actually there.

Faith will control and affect the whole of you, in line with what you believe.

Faith is not an ideology. It's a living substance. You can handle it. You can't take hold of it without knowing it. When it comes, it is a substance that you will be conscious of.

Outside of faith, Christianity has nothing to show!

All the good reports contained in the hall of faith in Hebrews 11, are direct products of faith in action. Results that cannot be denied are what make Christianity colourful.

Outside faith, Christianity is colourless!

It Is A Weapon Of War

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with ye shall be able to QUENCH all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:16

You need faith to enter into anything that God has packaged for your destiny. And faith is a weapon of war.

Faith is for fighting, not for talking.

Paul said to Timothy in **1 Timothy 6:12**:

"Fight the good fight of faith."

Until you are a fighter, you don't become a winner.

Faith is not for quotations and religious piety. It is a weapon of war. It is a principal aspect of the whole armour of God. So it is for fighting, not for playing.

You are yet to overcome, many things because you are yet to fight them. When you fight, you always win.

It is called the good fight of faith. Not the bad fight.

When you engage in a faith battle, it is a good fight. That means the end is

sure! (1 John 5:4)

So, every time you are standing firm and violently in faith, you stand victorious. Only fighters become winners.

Faith is not for writing down, it is for fighting. Don't watch the enemy gain grounds in your family, business, career, body, mind, etc. Don't watch him have his way in your life. Fight him to finish!

Now, look around your life and see whatever has not been working and force it to work! The kingdom of God suffereth violence, and the violent takes it by force. That force is the force of faith!

A lot of us are kingdom investors, but somehow, our perspectives rob us of our possessions.

If you work in a place and at the end of the month they give you a particular amount, and your understanding is that that is all that you have, "In heaven and on earth", and as long as your mind's eye can't see beyond a particular realm, you don't experience anything beyond such short-sightedness.

The Bible says,

"The god of this world hath blinded the minds (not the eyes) of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Blind minds are worse than blind eyes!

If you are truly an investor (let God be true and let all men be liars), what you have in your hands is not what you have. What you actually have is what has abounded unto your account with God. But because you are short-sighted, you can't see that there is an account being kept for you. And there is no way you can draw from an account you don't know exists.

You must see beyond the physical material you, to the spiritual you, before you can begin to experience this very luxurious flight.

In the early days of our Christianity, pastors who didn't see themselves as working, never received any wages from above. Because God has said that he who does not work should not eat.

(2 Thes. 3:10). So their families suffered hunger.

The way you see yourself is the way you live!

God has never failed to pay me even once, since I started working for Him. I see myself working, and I am actually working. I would never have worked for any organisation the way I'm working now, and no organisation could have paid me the way He is paying me. For God is not a robber.

You need to see that your heavenly accounts are real.

Let's start seeing the way we should see, and we will start living the way we should live.

If God says you have an account in heaven, then you had better believe him. It's time to fight!

It's time to fight in your harvest!

It's time not to be aware of what you're going through, because you are of God, and you have overcome, where others are going under.

So, see it and get it!

That is the covenant (Gen. 13:14-15)

If you can see it, then fight to get it!

Can you imagine somebody who has been giving all his life and has never received anything that one could say, "This is from God!"

There are people who have been giving for the past ten years, yet the only thing they can boast of is their salary! Anything called favour is so far away from them, as the east is far from the west. Yet they won't fight!

Look, if sickness touches your body, and you don't fight, it will kill you! With God watching!

Friends, those who win fight to win! If you can't see your account in heaven, even angels will be weeping for you – "See how fat his account is, and he is dying over there! Has he lost his passbook?"

You have been tithing for five years and all you say is, "Someday...Someday..." Someday is not what you need. Fight the devil out of your way! Use the blood and smash him anyday, anytime, anywhere!

Friends, we must engage in a fight if our dream is to win.

In 1969, God delivered me from tuberculosis. This doesn't mean sickness has not attempted me since then. Several times it has. Even death has tried me several times! But I didn't say, "God who delivered me from tuberculosis, are you asleep?" No! He never sleeps nor slumbers! This is a fresh fight!

Faith is the only way to please God.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

So, if you're not a fighter, you are not pleasing God.

"And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land." (Deuteronomy 2:31)

If your inheritance must become a reality, you must stand your ground and fight.

"Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle." (Deuteronomy 2:24)

Can you see the paradox in the story? God said, "I have given you..." Then He said "...begin to possess."

We possess by contending, not by debate. God said, "As for me, I have given you. But Sihon, the king of Heshbon will resist your inheritance. So contend with him in battle."

God gave Israel the land of Canaan a land flowing with milk and honey. But there were giants there. And God didn't drive the giants away! Anything God has packaged for your destiny, you need faith to enter into it. Because faith pleases God.

God has given us all things that make for life and godliness, let's go fight to get it! Let God be true and let all men be liars!

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12)

We are called to fight the good fight of faith.

There are Sihons everywhere, hanging over our inheritances. Until we begin to contend, we don't possess.

It's time for battle!

We have at our disposal the blood weapon, the oil weapon, the Word weapon! Whatever escapes the Word will not escape the oil! Whatever escapes the oil will not escape the blood! Your liberty is a must! And fighting is the way to it.

There was war in heaven, God fought! (Rev. 12:7). If He hadn't fought, Satan would have become the most high.

Knowledge

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." (2 Peter 1:2)

The place of knowledge in possessing our possession is important.

Grace means the free gift of God.

"According as 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" (2 Peter 1:3)

If the Holy Ghost said God has given us all things, let's see the "Devil-ghost" that will say He hasn't!

All things that life and godliness demand have been given. If God has given it, He has given it. So we fight into that inheritance.

Whatever is relevant to your fulfillment, God said He has given it. All things that pertain to you – spiritual, physical, mental life, name it. God has given!

So where is it?

Where is the proof of your tithes and offerings?

How can you fail and settle down as a failure?

How can they say you are sick and indeed you stop turning your neck? "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance." (ROM 11:29) God has given you all things that you will ever need in life! Yes, He has! There was an occultic man who gave this testimony at a Full Gospel Meeting. They were out to fight churches. So, they went to various churches, and scattered them. (So most of the churches you see that won't grow, they are under a siege).

After they did that in many places, they crossed over to our church. When they got there, (according to them), they saw a canopy of thorns! So, they had no access to the church.

They got back to their meeting and said "Well, until we get that man (referring to me), we can't get in there."

So, they armed themselves. "We must get the man!", they said. They went into the air and started shooting all their arrows. But something amazing happened!

He said they couldn't locate me in the air! You know why?

I walk in the understanding that I am far above principalities and power!

At the end of it all, four of them got saved! They now started leaking and exposing all that they were doing.

Friends, there are battles in the heavens! Only fighters on the earth remain winners!

This is my story: there is nobody who dares my life that will not be the worse for it! That is why when I am going out, I say, "Anybody who tries to stand on my way today is cursed! in the name of Jesus" And I'm not just talking, I'm breathing! The venom is coming from my breath!

When I get to heaven, I'll be glad to see the list of witches that were killed by my arrow.

The enemy is of no value to God you know! As for you, God is ready to take you to where He has planned, if only you are ready to keep fighting.

In their journey to Canaan, at a point, the children of Israel stopped counting the casualties – how many of their enemies had been destroyed for their sake!

The Bible says of God, that He destroyed kings, He massacred nations, for their sake!

But He got Israel to Canaan! He will get you to your destiny too!

Fighting is the way to winning!

When you're leaving your house to anywhere, say like a fighter, "I go out now covered by the blood. Every opposition on my way is crushed by the power of the blood! I am dangerously anointed today! Now, I go forth, in the name of Jesus!"

By the time those words are released in the air, the angels now take charge, because they do the will of God. They do His good pleasure. Thus, a combination of forces go with you as you step out.

Faith is for fighting, and faith pleases God. So, fighting pleases God!

Many of you called barren would have had your babies years ago. But because you are so religious, you keep saying, "God, I know you will do it next month."

Look, God won't be stronger next month than He is now. So, fight to lay hold on your inheritance!

Faith Is "The Victory"

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4)

This is THE victory, not A victory.

Faith is THE victory that overcomes the world. There is nothing under the sun that cannot be subdued by it!

When anything seems to be subduing you, it is an indication that you have not built up your faith in that area of your life, because when faith is there, it subdues.

Concerning the heroes of faith, the Bible testifies:

"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire..." (Hebrews 11:33-34)

They did all these through faith!

Faith is the believer's responsibility for victory. It is a non-transferable responsibility. It is not imparted. It is implanted. And each one goes to receive the seeds of faith in order to eat the fruits of victory.

Faith is a responsibility, not an attribute

"...for he that cometh to God must believe..." (Hebrews 11:6)

The believer has that duty, that responsibility. Each one gets involved in order to see the reality of it.

Just like the air you and I breath, can you now ask anyone to breath for you? Maybe your sweet wife? Your loving husband? Or your wonderful children? Can you say, "Honey, I'm so tired, please can't you breath for me?"

In the same way, you can pass on the responsibility of faith. You can't ask anyone to exercise faith for you.

Victory is so close to you. The Holy Spirit says in **Romans 10:6-10**:

"But the righteousness which is faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

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; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

So victory, triumph, success, are nigh thee. Faith is the producer of them all.

There is no performance without faith. Faith is as near as the air you breath. Healing and victory are so near! As near as your hand is to your body.

Remember Sarah! Her body was as good as dead! Yet she became the mother of multitudes, that cannot be numbered! Your case is not a closed case!

Jesus said in **Mark 9:23**:

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

Faith is a must if victory is your dream.

Peter was so close to Jesus, yet he knew nothing about the drawing of virtue from the anointed of God. While the woman with the issue of blood did

with absolute ease. James couldn't draw either. Yet right there in their midst, Jesus was loaded with the virtue of heaven for healing, deliverance and all manner of needs.

Faith is a nontransferable responsibility. Until you receive the seed of faith, you can't eat the fruits of victory.

Chapter 2: Faith Is A Must!

"...Ye MUST be born again."

says Jesus in **John 3:7**. Then Hebrews 11:6 commands:

"...He that cometh to God MUST believe..."

New birth is a must! And there is yet another 'must', after you are born again. – Faith.

Faith is a must after you are born again! It is not optional! It says, Must Believe.

Just like breathing is a must to keep alive, to be spiritually alive in the kingdom of God, faith is a must.

Everyone anywhere on this planet earth, in the kingdom of God, who despises faith, never obtains a good report. The greatest names you hear in the Christian world are raised on the platform of faith. The greatest exploits recorded are on the ticket of faith.

Faith is a must!

I'm glad to let you know that there is no mountain that faith cannot level. No valley that it cannot fill. There is no barrier that can stop faith from accomplishing. This is the Word of God concerning faith.

Luke 1:45 says:

"Blessed is she that believed..."

Faith commands blessings.

The worthy lamb of God was slain for you (Rev. 5:12), so you can live a worthy life. So, to live a worthless life is to abuse the grace of God.

Faith is your ticket to living that worthy life. Faith is a must for a meaningful and victorious life.

Faith Is The Foundation

2 Peter 1:5 says:

"...giving all diligence, add to your faith..."

So, faith is what we are adding to. It is the baseline.

It is the foundation of Christianity. If it is not there, nothing is there! If it is not there, the righteous can do nothing (Ps. 11:3)

Every high-rise building looks so attractive, but the strength that keeps it in place lies in its foundation.

Every attractive life you find today in Christianity has a sure foundation of faith, grounded and strong, right down to the depth of the heart! On the other hand, every shameful Christian you see today is a victim of shallowness in the adventure of faith.

Do you know why you are careful at giving? It is because you can't trust what He said He would do when you give.

**"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice..."
(Hebrews 11:4)**

Why didn't the finance houses have problem getting people to hand their money in? Because people believed in the percentages they promised to pay.

If you believe heaven's percentage, you won't need any advice, pressure or admonition to give.

Friends, nothing gives colour to Christianity like faith!

There is nothing you will ever require in life that is not in your redemptive package. But there is nothing in your redemptive package that you can take delivery of without faith.

Faith is the paper you present for the clearance of your goods. If you don't have it, though the goods are yours, you can't have them!

Remember? Jesus arrived Nazareth:

"And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief..." (Mark 6:5-6)

Jesus entered the town loaded with the entirety of the resources of heaven – all that heaven has, the fullness of the Godhead! He came to town with healings, deliverances and full anointing!

Everyone was to come of their own accord, because in the kingdom of God, you come for your own yourself.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come..." (Isaiah 55:1)

You can't send someone on your behalf. The paralytic man told his friends, "Carry me to Him. I learnt He is there. I am paralysed in hands and legs, but not in heart." And He, before all things lay bear, saw their faith and said, to him, **"Arise take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." (Mat. 9:6)**

In the Acts of the apostles, there was a certain lame man at Lystra. Paul was passing by, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said "stand upright on thy feet." (Acts 14:8-10) And that was it!

Faith carries a magnetic force that will always arrest the attention of divinity!

There is no difference between the carpenter and the engineer, the bricklayer and the medical doctor, for the same God is rich unto all that call upon him. The call of faith is the answer to every question of man.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Chapter 3: Access To Faith

Faith is what turns on the exceeding greatness of God's power. Faith connects you to the power that clears all obstacles out of your way.

When faith is at work, the power of God is connected, which makes all things possible.

It is faith that puts you in the class of God. When faith is at work, the power of God is in place.

Faith is your access to the power of God, not tears! Without faith nothing gets done! As soon as faith ascends to heaven, the power of God will descend from heaven.

But, how do you contact faith?

How does faith come?

Through The Voice Of God

"The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty." (Psalm 29:4)

The voice of God imparts faith.

When you hear His voice, you can't doubt it. It is full of power! Full of majesty! God spoke to a man called Abraham and he never had a question to ask!

At 75, God called him to leave his country, his kindred and his father's house, and get out to a town that He will show him. "And Abraham departed", without any questions!

Another day God came to him and asked him to sacrifice his only son to him. Because Abraham heard from God, the irresistible voice of God, he again obeyed without questions, and thus walked into his destiny!

**"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
(Romans 10:17)**

It is not enough for you to just hear the word of God, you must hear it from God. Because you can't hear Him and doubt Him! You can't hear Him and not believe Him! His voice is mightier than the voice of many waters, and it is able to divide any flame of fire anyday.

Hearing from God is the cheapest source of faith.

Saul of Tarsus had a very stubborn heart. But one day, he heard God's voice ask him, "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me?"

Saul wondered, "Who art thou Lord?"

And the voice replied, "I am Jesus who thou persecutest!"

Now, think about this. Was Saul able to say, "Get lost!" to that voice? With all his stubbornness of heart? No way! You can't hear the voice of God and despise it. It is far too powerful to be despised!

Every time we talk of faith per excellence, it has its direct source in the Word of God. God must speak to you directly. You can't hear from Him and doubt what He says. His voice is so powerful! So irresistible!

Friends, until your spiritual deafness is healed, you're not a candidate for exploits! You just must be able to hear from God, before the earth will hear you.

I can see God opening your ears!

"And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me." (Acts 22:6-9)

All the people that were on the spot saw the light, but only Saul heard the voice.

Faith comes by hearing "The Voice."

Saul wasn't the only unsaved man around there at the time, but he was the only one that heard the voice. Many saw the light just like Saul, but they were

not delivered.

Many go to church and listen to a preacher, but how many really hear the voice behind him?

The light mentioned in the text above represents hope, while the voice represents substance. If you only see the light of God and you don't hear His voice, it means your hope has no substance.

Friends, you may be able to see what God has said (in black and white), but can you hear what He is saying to you?

Oh yes, you know verses of scripture, but can you hear the voice behind them?

Faith comes by hearing the voice of God. God said to Noah, "I am sorry for creating the world, now I want to destroy everything. Therefore, build an ark with which I will condemn the world." Noah heard from God, he had no problem believing Him.

Remember what the Lord told Moses?

He said to him, "Come now and I will send you unto Pharaoh." The same Moses who once ran away from Egypt! But once you hear the voice of God, obstacles become miracles, barriers become wonders!

Until your spiritual deafness is healed, your future remains uncertain.

Every man that did exploits in the Bible heard from God.

Jesus said:

"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." (John 10:4)

Right now, I command your spiritual ears to be open!

From now on, you will only take steps after having heard from God.

God still speaks!

It is not just enough to see things in the Word of God, for what you see only represents hope, but what you hear represents substance. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. When faith is void of substance, it is fake! Not faith!

Until you hear from God, you don't have anything to hold on to. Men of exploits are men who are sensitive to the move of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said:

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." (John 5:30)

The next plan of God for your life will not fall a victim of deafness, in Jesus name!

You will hear, obey and love Jesus from now on.

How To Hear God's Voice

Now, you may be wondering within yourself, "How do I hear from Him?" Hear John's testimony:

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea." (Revelations 1:10-11)

You must be in the spirit to hear from God. Flesh and blood cannot hear from God.

Remember what Jesus told Peter?

"...for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 16:17)

Flesh and blood can't reach heaven. No! It can't pick the voice of God.

There are so many people who read a lot and listen to tapes, but they hardly hear the voice of God, and many have never seen Him. John was in the spirit, he heard and he saw.

You could be in the church and not hear the voice of God. You could even stand on the altar and still not hear! But you can't be in the spirit and not hear. Only spirit can contact spirit, so you just must be in the spirit.

Jesus told His disciples, **"...the words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."**

You can't contact His Spirit in the flesh, and you have no future without a genuine access to God's voice.

Everyone that ever mattered in the Bible heard from God – Gideon, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Paul, Peter, name them. If you too must matter down here on earth, you must hear from heaven.

Friends, if you want to do exploits, you must hear the voice of God. Have you not heard:

"If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." (Deuteronomy 28:1)

You must diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and then the Lord will set you up. You can't hear from heaven and be down beneath, because whatsoever is from above is above all.

For God to set you up above the nations, you must be diligent enough to catch what He is saying. Don't just be satisfied with seeing the light, you must hear the voice!

When you pursue God's voice, you will become a voice on the earth.

When Moses heard the voice of God, he became a voice in Egypt. Abraham did the same, and till today, he's still a voice on the earth.

Behind every written Word is the voice of God. What you hear from man is information, but what you hear from God is revelation.

Revelation is the mother of faith.

You can't hear from heaven and not believe God. From the day I heard, "He himself took my infirmities", sickness became a thing of the past to me!

Listen, I'm not just talking about some floating voice! I'm talking about hearing the voice of God behind His Word. In order words, I'm talking about coming in contact with the spirit behind the letters. This will bring about a revolution in your life! Everybody will know you have experienced a change.

I heard from heaven. God told me, "Thou shall be blessed above all people, there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your

cattle." (Deut.7:14) And in Exodus 23:25, I heard Him assure me,

"And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Friend, I heard from heaven! So, I am not prepared for sickness or poverty.

David said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Ps. 37:25) From the day I saw this, I concluded that begging is unrighteous, and I know God made me righteous in Christ. That was when borrowing ended in my life.

You can't heard from God and doubt Him!

"One day I heard "Jesus Christ was made a curse; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." (Gal. 3:13)

When I heard this, I asked myself, "What is a curse?" I then decided to search the book of Deuteronomy, and I discovered that lack, poverty, and disease are all curses. So I also decided to find out what the blessings of Abraham were, and I found out that God told Abraham:

"I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee: and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)

This was where I discovered that the blessings of Abraham disannulled all those curses in Deuteronomy 28. So, I went for the blessings!

Friends, I'm not a theologian! I'm a believer! And, "Blessed is she that believed..." as **Luke 1:45** has assured me.

I welcome you to the realm of the voice of His majesty! It is your cheapest access to victory.

And because God is Spirit, until you get into the spirit, you won't hear from Him, you won't contact Him!

Friends, if only you will open your ears, your destiny will be released. For faith comes by hearing from God, which you can do only by being in the spirit.

When Elisha needed to hear from heaven, what did he do? He requested

for a minstrel and he played, the hand of the Lord came upon him and he heard from heaven. **Isaiah 30:29-21** says:

"Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the might One of Israel.

And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering and tempest, and hailstones.

For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod."

Anxiety is an enemy of your progress! It takes joy and gladness to hear from heaven.

James said, "Is any merry, let him sing." This simply means that it is only when a man is merry that his singing will have any value to God.

Once you are glad and you begin to sing, the clouds over your life are lifted and access to His voice becomes cheap.

The hour has come for your enemies to be defeated! Failure, oppression, frustration, depression and sickness, are all enemies. The Lord shall cause your enemies to be beaten down as you hear from heaven in Jesus name!

Beware Of Anxiety

God's Word is a seed, and any Word that doesn't enter into you won't have any effect on your life.

"And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."

(Luke 8:10-12)

The Word never entered them, it fell by the wayside.

God's Word must get into your heart before it becomes real to you. Such people (the ones referred to above) were not in the spirit. They were busy listening in the flesh and the devil has access to the flesh.

"They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away." (Luke 8:13)

These ones don't have a strong foundation, so their building can't stand. They hear the Word of God concerning prosperity, but they don't have the right motives. What do they want it for? To show off, to oppress others, to make a name – because their foundation is out of place.

"And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection." (Luke 8:14)

Anyone that carries burdens around in the kingdom will not be productive. That is why Jesus said, "Cast all your cares upon me because I care for you."

He also said, "Be anxious for nothing", because anxiety won't allow the Word of God to produce results for you. Don't bother about what you shall eat or drink, as these are the things that the Gentiles seek after.

Until you are at ease, God's Word has no access to you.

Speak to storms in your heart and command them to be still! It is time to free yourself from the cares of this world, and from the deceitfulness of riches.

Nothing works by anxiety, everything works by faith.

Anxiety is an evidence of doubt – "Will it work?" "Can it work?" "How can I be sure?" "Where do I go?" That is what anxiety is all about.

I command your liberty to be established today in Jesus name!

As long as you remain in anxiety you won't be able to walk in revelations as anxiety will always choke revelations.

Somebody once asked me, "Do you have problems?" And I replied, "Maybe they came and I didn't know they were problems!"

Friend, I want you to be free! You are not a problem child, you are a child

of destiny. God has mapped out a glorious destiny for you.

Stop saying, "I have problems." You can't have Jesus and have problems at the same time. He is the answer to every question of life. You can't have the answer by your side and still carry the problem with you.

You don't have problems!

Convince yourself right now, because whatsoever you say you have is what you get.

Many hear the Word, but still bother themselves with unnecessary questions such as "How will I pay my children's school fees?" "How will we eat?" "How will we pay our house rent?"

Jesus is saying to you right now, **"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."** (Ps. 46:10)

In the story in **Luke 8:23-25**, when Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and the storm, and there was a great calm. It is time to arise and rebuke the wind and the storm tormenting your life, and there will be great calm!

From this day forth, I command a great calm to come upon your life! People will no longer identify you with problems. A great calm is upon you right now! In Jesus precious name.

If you want to hear from God, you must learn to be still and quiet.

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." (Isaiah 30:21)

Your ears will hear a voice!

Verse 15 of that same chapter says:

"...In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not."

And verses 19-20 went on to say:

"For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee."

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water

of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers."

God is saying to you right now, "If you want to hear my voice, return and rest, and you will be saved."

I command great calm to arise in your life! The voice of the Lord will come in the midst of that row.

Remember Elijah's experience?

He was about to commit suicide. (1 Kings 19:4) But when he got to the mouth of a cave, there was an earthquake, then fire, and then a great and strong wind. But God was not in any of them! Then suddenly, there came a still small voice!

It takes a still spirit to hear God's voice. This must be the reason why Paul said, "Study to be quiet, and do your own business." (1 Thes. 4:11) The word "study" here can also be translated as "Practice to be quiet."

You just must learn to hear the voice of God which is full of power and mightier than many waters. This is a basic fundamental truth you need to understand for your faith to be effective. This voice is full of majesty! It breaks every cedar in Lebanon!

Thus, there is no hardness that the voice of God cannot break, nor is there any hardship it cannot handle. Whatever it is you are confronted with, the voice of God has power to deal with it.

Do What God Says

When the Lord is the one you are keenly following after, you shall not want. (Ps. 23:1) Abraham was not confessing all about town, he was just obeying the voice of God.

Faith will become a natural way of life to us when we start doing exactly what Abraham did.

Because you are God's sheep, you know His voice. All you need to do is to prepare yourself to hear it.

Mary told them in **John 2:5**, "**Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it**", and you will have an answer.

For instance God says, "**Whosoever is weak and desires to be strong, let**

him say, I am strong." (Joel 3:10) Not just with your mouth, you must believe it in your heart, so that what He says will come to pass.

I have never seen a plant that bears fruit without roots! The root of what we say must be in our hearts. **Hebrews 4:2** tells us:

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

You must have faith on the inside (inside your heart) before it will deliver anything into your hands. The law of faith demands that you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth before you see results of any kind.

We have had to put in little or no effort to see the phenomenal growth that our Lagos church has experienced, simply because we have been following the voice of God.

Friend, you will become the father of all circumstances, once you can hear from God.

You won't miss the way anymore!

Children don't have problems identifying their parent's voice, so why should you have problems identifying the voice of your Father? It is your heritage, not a special achievement.

Do you go to school to learn your mother tongue?

Friend, as soon as you gave your life to Jesus, the ability to hear God came into your blood stream, so you can now hear and understand Him clearly.

It is time to come on this automatic frequency!

You see, I heard that by the stripes of Jesus I was healed. I wasn't there when He paid the price, but I heard from God. If I had heard it from a preacher, I might have had occasion to doubt it, but I heard from God.

Today, I can take that "rod" in my hands and strike sickness, with all authority, because I heard from God that it has no legal right to remain in your body.

The day you were forgiven was the same day you were made whole and delivered from poverty. (Ps.103:3-5)

It is time to declare by yourself that you have access to the voice of God, and you will no longer miss it.

Now begin to walk in victory and triumph, by the power of His voice!

When God's voice sounds in your direction and you respond positively to it, you operate in the class of God. Very simple! Look at **John 10:35**:

"If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came..."

Now see this analogy:

"With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

That's what **Mark 10:27** says. And then **Mark 9:23** adds:

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

This means that when a man comes on the frequency of faith, he operates in the class of God! It works, this way: when God's Word comes on your inside, faith is imparted and your status changes automatically.

It is automatic transmission because **"Faith cometh by hearing"**. I mean, hearing from God.

When you hear from God, faith comes, then your status changes.

"If thou canst believe..."

When a man believes, he ceases to exist on the human level. His status changes! That's what faith does.

Friends, whatever can't hold God can't hold you anymore!

God's Word puts you in the class of God! Please receive this!

Be diligent to catch the voice behind the Word.

You don't need a religious look or a pious look, you just need a diligent heart. The answer is in the Word!

Through faith, God's Word frames life (Heb. 11:1-3). The things which are seen are manufactured from the unseen. The Word of God puts them all together and now they can be seen. That is, God's Word invades the world of the unseen, to produce tangible miracles for us to see.

Every testimony you hear is traceable to what that person heard. Please hear your own now!

Whatever is out of place in your life, it is time to put it back in place. For it is written "The Lord will perfect all that which concerneth me." (Ps. 138:8)

Note that a cry is not equal to faith.

In **Matthew 9:27-29**, there is an account in which Jesus asked this question:

"Believe ye that I am able to do this?"

He heard their cry, but He still asked them that question. That is the condition required to be free – "Believe ye...?", not the cry. It is always unto you according to your faith. This is what designs and establishes any man's destiny.

Faith determines where you will end – your possession, your position and where you are heading for. It is to you according to your faith.

Friends, when you accept full responsibility, it becomes very easy for you to tap into answers. It is not God, it is not Satan, it is you!

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6)

Jesus said you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free, and you shall be free indeed!

Friends, your position can be transformed, and will be transformed! In Jesus name.

Meekness

Meekness is another required qualification for access to faith.

"For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)

In this kingdom we are in, no one makes it through pride.

Why?

God personally stands in the way of the proud! So God becomes the enemy of the proud! And all that faith can do is overcome the world, not overcome God! So, faith is not sufficient to deal with divine opposition. When God stands in your way, faith can't handle Him.

I pray that everything that pride has caused you will be revealed to you by God as you read this, and you will submit for His uplifting.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

Every humble person has a future in this kingdom – everyone with heart-seated humility, not facial humility.

Satan is where he is today because of pride. It begins from the heart. When it now becomes chronic, it finds expression outwardly. Satan became a proverb and a by-word because of pride.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer...For thou hast said in thine heart..." (Isaiah 14:12-13)

God picks what we say in our heart.

Friends, let's watch it! Pride is very subtle! Pride is the number one characteristic of Satan, if you share it with him, he will bring you down to where he is.

Pride is a destroyer!

It destroyed the rich fool in Luke 12. It destroyed Herod in Acts 12, and brought Nebuchadnezzar down in Daniel 4.

Humility on the other hand, is a lifter. Let's go for the lifting grace of God. How does this relate to faith?

We are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). Every deliverance and salvation we experience is by the grace of God. If God resists the proud and gives more grace to the humble, that means we don't get anything from God when we don't have access to His grace.

Pride will block any man's access to grace!

Every man's destiny is a function of how much grace he enjoys from God, not how much strength he has. So, if you don't have access to grace, you can't rise.

Let's learn to approach God with humility. Every time you get back to the Word, say to Him "Lord, that which I know not, teach thou me." Anytime you are hearing the Word of God, open your heart with all humility and ask, "Lord, what are you teaching me? Open me up Lord Jesus, I want to learn of you." This is what makes Christianity very tasteful.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

He said, "Let this mind be in you." So, it has to be in the mind. Your mind has to be programmed for sound humility, by your making yourself of no reputation, and humbling yourself unto death; by taking upon you the form of a servant – one who is eager to hear from his master, one who has given his total sovereignty to the master. Then, you will hear His voice.

I don't know how you feel, but when God called me, I felt absolutely incompetent!

The day I was being commissioned into ministry, I found myself crying, because I couldn't imagine what I will be saying throughout my life as a preacher, and I had nobody to trust.

So, I had to trust Him and ask Him very detailed question – "Now that I'm going, how do I eat? What do you require of me for my needs to be met?" And all those question were answered, because I didn't know, and wasn't asking for fun. And everything He showed me is still working for me till now!

Friends, let's come down, for Him to lift us up.

God resists the proud, but He gives more grace to the humble.

No problem in this world is strong enough to resist the Word of God. None! It takes meekness to learn. **Psalm 25:9**, says:

"The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way."

Jesus said most of the problems we have in this world is traceable to lack

of meekness. So in **Matthew 11:28**, He tells us:

"...learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

In **Luke 10:21-24**, Jesus prayed:

"...O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

All things are delivered to me of my Father; and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

Seeing what you are seeing and hearing the things you are hearing, is a great privilege and blessing for you. God reveals things to babes. Jesus told them in **Matthew 18:3**:

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

We need this second conversion!

There are many businessmen today, who will never believe that business can go on with God, outside human connections. They can't believe, it's too much for them!

I've seen people come to my office and still talk to me about connections. They can't believe that these things can work. They are too "mature" to agree with that.

Maturity that is not leading to success is vain maturity.

There are many now who, no matter how much you pray for them, still can't see themselves survive without pills.

There are some preachers who still carry some first-aid along with them to

wherever they are going – "Can I have my pill, I need some rest in my body." That's sickness! You don't need all that. Jesus never carried any first-aid. He was Himself the Balm in Gilead.

I once read about Lester Sumrall in one of his magazines, where he boldly declared that for sixty-five years he had never taken any medication, yet he lived in perfect health!

And I've also heard Rev. Kenneth Hagin testify that since 1933, he doesn't know what headache feels like! Friend, you just need a touch of God, and everything around you will turn! This takes meekness!

Jesus was hearing from the Father because He was meek.

Every time you approach God with a feeling of "I-already-know", nothing passes across to you. God desires to make you and me to know. That's why He said in **James 1:5**

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him"

If you don't know, don't pretend, rather ask Him! Friends, go for meekness.

The Spirit Behind The Word

Another access to faith is contact with the spirit behind the Word.

**"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."
(John 6:63)**

From this scripture, we come to understand that the Bible is packaged in two realms

—The letter realm, and

—The Spirit realm

The spirit behind the Word is what sparks off faith, and the just shall live by faith (Hab. 2:4)

So, faith is not a product of the letters of the Word, but of the spirit of the

Word.

The letter offers mere information.

But you see, information will work in earthly, fleshy conflicts. But you know that though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

Information is impotent in spiritual conflicts!

Haven't you heard some witches, for example, say to someone, "I am the one behind your troubles, and you can't do anything about it"?

That's information. But you are powerless in handling it. It is the spirit that gives life. How?

It is the spirit that provokes faith, and faith releases life. Remember, Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38? The spirit of the Word provokes faith and faith releases life. So we have the two realms – the letter and the spirit.

While the letter realm is the information realm, the spirit realm is the revelation realm.

At the information realm, you know what it is, but you can't touch it. So you just keep desiring and hoping. And "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick" (Prov. 13:12)

It wearies the soul, and it gives up – "No, I won't have anything to do with Christianity anymore! It's fake! It doesn't work!" This is because the man is living in the letter realm of the Word.

But the Spirit realm provokes faith and helps you to take delivery of the things revealed to you. Until a thing is revealed to you, it does not become your own. Until a thing is revealed it cannot be possessed. Why?

Until it is revealed, faith is not made manifest, and without faith, it's impossible to take delivery of any provision that God has given.

Let us therefore go beyond the letter realm.

However, it takes you travelling through the letter realm to get into the spirit realm.

Revelations come from the Bible. The Bible is packaged in letters, but behind the letters is the very breath of the Almighty. (Is. 34:16) So there is a spirit of God hovering over every verse of scripture like in Genesis chapter one, when the Spirit of God was brooding over the earth. The Spirit of God is brooding over every statement of the scriptures. Those who are able to contact the move of this spirit, are the ones who have testimonies from the scriptures.

One day the Spirit of the Lord brought light into my soul from Matthew 8:17 – "He himself took..." And the Spirit of God emphasized the Word "took", as if I was in kindergarten, learning present and past tenses! That is the scripture I'm now using to reign in divine health. With that scripture I have a divine health mentality.

Friends, when the Holy Spirit picks on a Word and fires it into your spirit, it becomes your inheritance.

If you can contact the Spirit of the Word, you have gained liberty for life.

I have been riding purely on scriptures for the running of this ministry, for both my family and personal finances, for the organization and administration of the ministry.

The scriptures is more than enough for living! May you gain access into the spirit behind the Word! That's where the life is. That is where faith is established.

You don't need a conscious cultivation of faith. When revelation comes, it transmits faith along automatically.

Listen, I got married with one scripture – "Two are better than one." (Eccl. 4:9-12) That is, whatever my experience was as a single man, it cannot be worse when I become a married man. If I was not a spiritual failure as a single man, I can't become one as a married man! If I was not borrowing as a single man, I won't end up borrowing as a married man either!

The spirit behind the Word took me through that journey of life with that scripture, and that got me excited about marriage.

Again, He showed me something in Deuteronomy 32:30 "One shall chase a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight." I was really chasing thousands before I got married! Now that I'm married, Satan is in trouble! Whatever I was chasing before multiplied by ten. That was my understanding.

This is what happens when the spirit behind the Word gets hold of you. It establishes faith automatically. And it stays! It is God speaking, so it stays.

Friends, we have the letter realm, we have the spirit realm. The letter realm kills! But the spirit realm makes alive. (2 Cor. 3:6) Let's go beyond the letters or we'll get discouraged and give up in the race, and then Satan ends up having it the way he wants it. But God forbid! The spirit of the Word is for you.

Romans 14:23 says:

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

If it is sin, then it is dead! For the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23). If it is dead, then it cannot produce.

This means that doing something is not enough. If whatever you are doing is not done in faith, it holds no blessings for you!

All those offerings you give without the Word of God motivating its giving is dead, and nothing should be expected out of it.

What am I saying?

Faith is your only access for rewards.

No service amounts to anything when done outside faith. When the Word of God is not the motivation behind the action, it is sin, and therefore dead and yields nothing! Can you imagine for instance someone who gets baptized, but has not repented? What is the effect of that baptism? Death of course!

He has practiced the scriptures, but he has not practiced it scripturally! So, it is a mere exercise, an adult one-the-spot swimming game with nothing coming out of it!

But when a revelation of the Word of God is what is prompting your involvement in any form, you can't but have your rewards.

It takes faith to get any result in this kingdom, and it takes revelation to get faith, while it takes joy to have revelation.

So, going back to the basics, get joy and have revelation. Have revelation and operate in faith. Operate in faith and enjoy the benefits of serving God!

Joy + Revelation + Faith = Results (Profit).

You will not miss it, in Jesus name!

Go For Light!

Friend, "The Book" is opened!

"And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the

book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon." (Revelations 5:1-4)

Until "The Book" is opened, weeping continues! But praise God someone opened it with His blood!

As you sit down to feed from "The book", speak to the book and say, "Book, be opened to me in Jesus name. Someone has opened you with His blood, His name is Jesus."

Friend, it's time for your weeping to stop!

Satan is mad at the opening of this book, because this book you become "unhandlable" for him.

When the book is opened to you Satan becomes helpless in the affairs of your life! His kingdom becomes shattered! He can't stand it! That's why he blinds the mind of people to the truth in "The Book." (2 Cor. 4:4) He's desperately out against the opening of "The Book".

But thank God, **"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11)**

When "The Book" is opened, all angels stand at your command. The four beasts and the four and twenty elders bow and worship Him.

When "The Book" is opened, you begin to give command, you take charge!

The entrance of His Word gives light (Ps. 119:130). And light shines in darkness and darkness cannot handle it (John 1:5).

When "The Book" is opened, light is released; light, which darkness cannot handle. There's an obstacle to cross to get into "The Book" However, that obstacle is Satan himself. He has to be crushed before your access is established.

Thank God there is the victory that overcomes him! It is our faith! It is not A victory, it is THE victory. **Ephesians 6:16** says:

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

Satan knows that when "The Book" is opened, faith is in place, and when faith is in place, he is helpless! So he is always hanging around "The Book"

trying to get it closed.

But thank God for the blood of Jesus! You can gain easy access into the light that "The Book" carries, by the blood of Jesus! (Heb. 9:1-7).

The Bible says, **"Fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12)**. How?

Every time you are confronted with a challenge, the first thing to do is to go for light. Because every problem you will ever come across is caused by the prince of the powers of darkness. And light is all you need to deal with darkness.

The first thing to do when you are confronted and you desire victory, is to turn to the Word. Find out what God has to say concerning that kind of situation. Find out what provisions God has made for your victory. Get back to the book, "search the scriptures...", seek to lay hold on a Word from God that guarantees the victory you desire. That's where to begin, because by destiny victory belongs to you.

Is God's Word not hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? The Word of God is hammer, it's fire, it's a sword. So, whatever opposition is around you, it has its answer in the Word of God.

If it is a rock, the hammer of the Word will break it into pieces. If it is stubble, the fire is there to consume it. If it is spiritual personalities, the sword is there to deal with them. So, whichever way the opposition comes through, your security is in the Word of God.

I once got a letter from a certain Reverend man. He said he had suffered humiliation from Satan for seventeen years! He was suffering from three different diseases, from which he could not be healed.

For all those years, he had been on a constant prayer and fasting, but the sickness persisted! But one day he arose in search of light! He went into a bookshop and picked up three books – How Faith Works, by Frederick K. C. Price, Authority of the Believer, by Kenneth Hagin, and Keys to Divine Health, written by me. He read them through several times. And following the guidelines outlined in my book, according to him, he declared a three-day war against Satan.

You see, he had been crying and fasting for 17 years! But faith doesn't come by fasting, crying, or praying, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God! Activity was there, but faith was not there.

Activity won't move God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God.

So the Reverend organised knowledge, through diligent study, and laid hold on faith! Then, he was ready to fight!

Finally, he ended the three-day war against Satan with the communion – the flesh and the blood of Jesus.

Immediately, he said, the seventeen year old bondage on him was broken!

That is the power of faith, contacted through knowledge! The first step to victory therefore is knowledge, which you must consciously seek for.

Stop wishing knowledge! Work it out!

It takes faith to move God, and faith comes by the Word of God.

It's time to get hold of the Word of God that guarantees your victory.

You know why I'm saying all these? It's because He said, "Fight the good fight of faith." And you know that warfare is fought by strategies. Even in the natural, warfare is not by noise, it is by strategy.

If you must quench all the fiery darts of the devil, you must have an idea of how to operate the weapon of faith. It's not enough to hear it. Hearing is not equal to faith.

Faith is a conscious decision. Faith comes by hearing, yes! But if you stop at that, it is not faith. Your hearing gives you an opportunity to take a decision for action – based on whether you believe what you have heard or not.

So, getting the Word is one solid step. Then, releasing your faith is another specific step to victory. It takes faith to make what you have heard work.

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." (Hebrews 4:2)

You must consciously and diligently apply yourself to what you have discovered in "The Book." This is a conscious stage that is often skipped. If you don't take that step, you will only assume that faith is there, meanwhile it isn't.

You arrest the activity of the devil over your life because you have heard God's Word on the matter.

After you have heard it, you begin to meditate on it. Just like natural food, when you put it in your mouth, you begin to chew it, then it goes down to your intestine. Only then does it become substance for you body.

You need to allow the Word of God to get into your heart by grinding it until the substance of it gets across, and immediately, you will know you have contacted something!

I saw poverty, I hated it! I hated lack! So I went in search of knowledge. And I hit a revelation! Then, a verdict was endorsed in heaven as I declared, "I can never be poor!"

When the light came, I knew. Faith is a tangible thing. It can't come without you knowing. It's a weapon! A substantial one at that. When it come you know you must come to a point where you know when it has come. Stop guessing! Friends, it's time to go for the light!

Chapter 4:

Hope

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for..." (Hebrews 11:1)

Hope comes by the Word. So also faith comes by the Word. But it takes faith, fertilised by hope, for results to be delivered.

Faith gives substance to your hope. To be hopeless is to be helpless!

Every time you give up on an issue, you become absolutely hopeless. Not even God can help you then, because without faith, it is impossible to please Him.

No matter how strong your faith is, without hope it is unproductive.

Have you ever found a man, no matter how strong he is, who gave birth to children without a woman?

Faith gives substance to hope – there is a fertilization that produces an eventual evidence. So, if there is no hope, faith has no value!

There are quite a lot of people operating at the frequency of hopelessness, yet they are expecting faith to produce. Faith minus hope is barren!

What faith does is to fertilize hope. Wherever there is no hope, faith is worthless.

When you hear people say things like: "It can't work! It is a hopeless situation! You just need to understand what I'm saying. You don't know what I'm going through", leave such a man alone. Nothing will work for him!

Friends, every time you conclude a case as hopeless, you have killed the case!

Hope is the mother of the evidence that faith produces. When hope is dead, faith is valueless. There is nothing you can't see coming that will ever come.

I'm glad to let you know though, that if you're born again, by destiny you will never get to a point of hopelessness in any area of your life. You have that assurance in Ecclesiastes 9:4:

"For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion."

There is hope for anyone joined to the living God, in whatever situation he might find himself.

By destiny you are a creature of hope – hope that maketh not ashamed – because it has the backing of the Sovereign God.

He is the vine and you are the branches. So, the Bible says there is hope for you. Because you are joined to the living God, there is hope for you.

Listen, no case can be closed except by you! Don't let what any doctor says kill your faith!

Every time you lack expectation, you won't see any manifestation, because expectation is the mother of manifestation. Nothing comes to light except it is first conceived, and then it is released.

This is your hour!

You must be able to see ahead what you want to touch and handle. I have never seen trouble ahead of me; even when people talk to me in dreams, I answer back!

Hope is what makes faith productive and dynamic, and places the results you are expecting in your hands.

Look at Abraham's case:

"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be."

(Romans 4:13-18)

Despite all odds, Abraham believed! When it was no longer sensible to have hope, Abraham still believed! See how the Bible described it:

"Who against hope believed in hope..."

It's simply amazing!

Abraham was not weak in faith.

Friends, do you know what hope does?

It strengthens your faith!

Now concerning that situation, tell yourself, "It is not over. This can't just be the end! Until I win, nobody will blow the final whistle."

Hope strengthens faith. "And being not weak in faith, because he believed in hope", the Bible says Abraham considered not his own body, which was as good as dead. No counsellor at the time could have offered him any encouragement. But hope was in place, so his faith did not die!

As long as you have hope, your faith will remain alive.

Abraham **"considered not..."**

Active faith disregards contrary evidences. Abraham considered not his own body, nor the "deadness of Sarah's womb"! This is what the power of hope is all about. It deadens your consideration of what the world calls facts.

Hope makes you become dead to facts and alive to faith. It destroys the power facts might want to have over you, and enthrones the force of faith.

Hope tells you, "It's not over!"

"He staggered not at the promise of God..." (Romans 4:20)

When hope is in place, you find yourself disregarding contrary opinions, comments, and reports. When you do this, you become stable. It is not just what God says therefore that is important, what you see is also important.

Hope tells you, "I can see it clearly. I won't get anything contrary to what God has said and what I have believed". And faith tells you, "God is equal to the task."

Friends, it is very important to understand the place of hope in the operations of faith.

In the early years of this faith movement, quite a lot of people felt hope is an enemy of faith. They were saying, "Faith is now."

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Faith gives substance to hope. Hope has to be there first. When hope is dead, the substance of faith is worthless. Have you ever seen or heard of a dead woman who became pregnant? When hope is dead, faith is gone! It becomes valueless.

As far as God is concerned, no case that will ever confront you is hopeless. I don't know what your doctors might have told you, or what your friends have said, but God is assuring you right now that there is hope.

If you can contact hope, then you have created an atmosphere for faith to come alive and for evidence to come forth.

There is hope for you! Your case is not closed, and can never be closed! Until it is decided in your favour.

Abraham saw the promise. That was the reason he didn't stagger.

Faith is seeing the unseen.

2 Corinthians 4:18 says:

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

That failure you seem to be going through, that frustration, that obvious pressing need in your life, that is making you run from pillar to post, are all temporary! Only the things that are not seen are eternal. Eternal means indestructible.

"And being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Romans 4:21)

Hope is what will help you to ignore and disregard everything contrary to your expectations. It will make you fully persuaded and help to stabilize you.

James said:

"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." (James 1:8)

Such a man, he says, should not expect to receive anything from God.

When you have located a promise in the scriptures, you can believe it in your heart, but until you see it clearly, you can't declare it boldly. This is probably the reasons you have not been able to declare many things your heart believes boldly – you are yet to see them clearly.

You woman that has "been believing" God for a child, see your child in your hand right now. If you can see it, no one can counsel you to be careful. You will shout it anywhere (that your baby is on the way) and make everybody mad!

If you knew me when I first started shouting prosperity, you would have laughed me to scorn, like many did!

There was nothing to show that it was real I was the only one that could see it. I could see it so clearly that I didn't need to pray about it.

THE SOURCE OF HOPE

Hope and faith have the same source, which is the Word of God.

"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." (Romans 4:18)

"(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." (Romans 4:17)

Abraham was fully persuaded that what, God had spoken, He was able to perform.

Hope is not what you carry naturally, it is sparked-off from the same source where faith is built.

The Word God speaks is what imparts hope into us.

Idle Christians don't have hope!

It takes a diligent search to contact hope. If Sarah could get pregnant just because God said it, then you don't have a problem! Your case is far better naturally and medically, than Abraham's. Yet, a dead cell fertilized a dead egg, to produce a living Isaac! Please, expect the greatest wonders this hour!

When you diligently listen to what God is saying, hope is given birth to and faith becomes wild!

Hope sees ahead, while faith reinforces confidence to reach out to what is ahead.

Faith is a living force, targeting a goal set by hope.

I have always seen the Church of God triumphant and blossoming. But note that the Church we are seeing today is not the one we saw when we were newly born again. No! That was a miserable body.

When people refer to you as "S.U" in those days, it means you are a useless citizen!

But I kept looking forward to the fulfilment of the prophecies of Isaiah chapter two and Micah chapter four. I longed to see the day when the best citizens would be found in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Friends, I'm glad to let you know that those days are here now!

So, many people who would never touch the Bible then, are now pastors! I know two university Vice-Chancellors who are now pastors – I mean standing on the podium on Sunday mornings and, Wednesday evenings! This is after they have read all the books in this world that didn't work! They eventually found the one that works!

In those days, there were no provisions for car parks in front of church buildings, because nobody was expected to come in a car.

But as more people began to see, light began to penetrate into the Church. Faith began to deliver evidence through hope. Now, see how far God has taken us. And we have only just started!

Hope is a product of the Word of God, just like faith is. Hope sees it, while faith catches up with it. Hope sets the pace, while faith scores the goal.

The question you now need to ask yourself is, "What seest thou?" What you can't see today you won't touch tomorrow.

You must be able to see what lies ahead, otherwise faith has no goal to score. Have you ever seen a football pitch where there are no goal posts? How will you know who is winning?

Hope sets the pace, faith scores the goal.

It is time to go through the Word, contact hope, and use your faith to score the goal.

You will no longer fail, in Jesus name!

The scriptures say that the Lord will perfect all things that concerns you. That your family is perfectable. That business of yours is perfectable. So are those your children, and that career of yours!

This Word is enough to spark-off hope on your inside.

Right now, look at anything in your life that is not yet perfected and begin to shoot your arrows of faith at it!

Titus 1:2 says:

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began"

God cannot lie, therefore we have hope that eternal life is a reality. Just as a man cannot be pregnant, so God cannot lie!

Hope and faith are expressions of our confidence in the integrity of God.

How can you doubt Him and still secure His favour? If He says "He took" the He took! If He says "He is perfecting, then He is perfecting! If He says He will supply, then He will supply! For "they that seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing."

Because God cannot lie, we have hope.

Hebrews 6:18

"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."

Strong consolation here means strong faith. If He said because you serve the Lord your God, that He will bless your bread and your water, expect to see your bread and water blessed.

If He assured you that He will take sickness from your midst, expect sickness to be taken away from you.

If He said you shall not be barren, nor cast your young, don't expect to be a

victim of barrenness or miscarriage.

If He said He will fulfil the number of your days, don't expect to die young.

Tell yourself, "I am serving God, therefore I will not lack bread nor water. I cannot be barren! Nor can be a victim of miscarriage. Whatever I do must produce, I will not die young. The number of my days God will fulfil."

This is how hope is built up.

God will do what He has said. He is eternally committed. No matter what you have seen or heard through any dream, they are all elementary issues. The real thing is what God has said. The scriptures cannot be broken!

Friends, it is time to see yourself victorious, healthy and prosperous. See yourself on top, lending, and never borrowing, giving and never begging, distributing and not just collecting!

Henceforth, you shall begin to do the works of Abraham. Whatever has been declared dead to you by any form of report, comes back to life right now!

At least now you know you will never come across a hopeless case as long as you remain a Christian.

You can therefore conclude before any demon in hell, "My case is not hopeless, because my case can never be hopeless! As long as I am joined to Him, I have hope."

Your case can never be hopeless. You have heard from God that if you believe in hope, even when it is hopeless to be hopeful, you will have strength to give birth to your miracle.

Your case is cheaper than Abraham's case. So disregard those feelings, tear your dream books. Your tomorrow is better than you today.

I would like you to be aware of this truth – Until we make God our sufficiency, our insufficiency continues! He is our eternal sufficiency. We will never need anything plus God to be the best that we are created to be.

Now, I command you to take delivery of the keys of hell and death right now!

Whatever was said to be dead in or around you is now past tense!

There is hope for your family! Your children! Your business! Your spiritual life! And every other thing that concerns you! In Jesus precious name.

Chapter 5: Faith Boosters

There are some factors that boosts one's faith, when in place. It will be good for you to know them and understand them, so that as you apply yourself to them, you see your faith produce amazing results.

Where Is Your Heart?

"And now abideth faith, hope, (love), these three; but the greatest of these is (love)." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." (Galatians 5:6)

There was a time a lawyer came to Jesus and asked Him, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" And Jesus answered in **Matthew 22:37-40**:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Every plan of God for you anchors on the statement **"Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all thy heart."**

If this is missing, then your foundation is not in place. It is the foundation for a fruitful Christianity.

Faith that is always chasing after the things of the world is questionable. But when you begin to seek the expansion and promotion of God's Kingdom, you are operating Bible faith you want to see the Kingdom of God lifted, you want to see the glory of God made known.

God knows you need many things (He is not a pretender), but those things won't come your way as you chase after them. You must chase after God, because when the Lord is your shepherd, goodness and mercy are compelled to follow you. You are not called to follow them, they have been programmed to follow you, as long as you are following the Lord.

If you want your faith to remain on an automatic frequency, you must love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and great commandment.

It is time to focus all your attention on God, not on yourself, fame or funds.

There is no man who truly loves God, who is not a lover of men. Show me a God – lover anyway, and I will show you a man – lover. It is impossible to love God whom you have not seen, when you hate men whom you can see. (1 John 4:20)

Faith works by love. God's love must be in your heart for faith to deliver anything to you. The Bible says eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered the heart of any man, the things God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

The love of God beautifies Christianity!

"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10)

God has things in stock for those who love Him, but where is your heart? Is it in God? Yourself? Or the world?

What God cannot take from you, He will not give to you. Whatever will not glorify God, He will not deliver to you.

Friends, the love of God in your heart will determine the degree of results your faith will obtain.

The big question is: Where is your heart?

God is saying to you, "My son, give me your heart."

Many are frustrated in this faith walk because their hearts are not correctly positioned – it is centred on things! Not on God!

But once your heart is right with Him, all the other things you are

searching for will become automatic additions – success, strength, and divine supplies, all become automatic additions.

Faith works by love.

Paul the apostle, a man of great revelation, said that there are three main forces that establish victory for a Christian – faith, hope, and love. But the greatest, he quickly adds, is love.

Hope is useless without faith, and faith is useless without love. It takes these three forces, working hand in hand, for victory to be established. They are a three-fold cord that cannot easily be broken (Eccl. 4:12)

Let God know you love Him. Let your heart begin to beat after Him. Make sure your plans and desires are Kingdom-oriented, and you will discover life is so cheap.

God is saying to you right now, "I know you need many things, but seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, and all other things shall be added to you." (Matt. 6:33).

For three and a half years, the twelve disciples were running after the kingdom and what happened? Food and water were running after them. Strength, health and every other form of goodness and mercy were pursuing them.

If only you will carry this kind of Kingdom perspective, goodness and mercy will pursue you the same way it pursued the apostles.

Make a decision to be committed to anything that will promote the Kingdom of God. Put in your time, energy, resources and everything you have been gifted with.

Commitment and absolute dedication to the welfare and expansion of the kingdom just must become your lifestyle. Then you'll discover that you no longer need to pray for sickness to go, as it won't have where to stay around you any longer.

God assures us in **Job 36:11**

"If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures."

Friends, it's time to curse self in your life and enthrone Christ. Then all your crisis will end.

Paul the apostle said:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

It is time to be crucified and to begin to totally identify with the cause of the death of Christ. He died to save the world, and we must also die to self, to see the world saved. Then you will discover that the things you have been dying to reach will cheaply be added to you.

If only you will let Jesus have your heart!

The earth will become a fulfilling place for you. This is a very powerful secret. You might love God with your heart, your spirit might be united with His, but what of your mind? What is it pursuing?

I tell you, when the whole of you begins to chase after God, the whole of His blessings will begin to chase after you!

One of the greatest victories you must desire is the victory over self. Once self gives way to Christ, crisis will come to an end.

There was a young man who was forgiven because he couldn't pay his debt. Faith produced results for him. But what did he do?

On the way home, he met another man who was owing him far less than what was written off for him. This man couldn't pay him. So he held him by the throat!

God so arranged it that some other people who knew about his own story were passing by at the time he was rough-handling his debtor. They went back and reported to his master.

The master then sent for him, and commanded that he be bound and delivered to tormentors! (Matt. 18:23-35)

Friends, faith works by love!

If you will not love, you are not prepared to reach your destiny.

May the love of God reign supreme in your heart right now! In Jesus name.

We must allow the love of God to constrain us not to do certain things we would have done. That man you should have slapped but you didn't slap, why? Because of the love of God.

It's time to relocate your heart!

If you want your life to be meaningful, you must be dedicated to being a forgiver, a lover indeed.

God wants your liberty, don't put yourself in chains!

Faith works by love!

Strife in the family disconnects you from the power source. When you are in strife your prayers are not answered. (1 Pt. 3:7)

Two shall chase ten thousand, while one shall chase only a thousand. If two cannot breakthrough, how will one breakthrough? Bitterness must be out of your life before sweetness will come in. Sweet and bitter water can't come out of the same spring. Therefore, for the sweet to come, the bitter must go.

The Bible says we must look diligently lest any root of bitterness rise up and trouble us. (Heb. 12:15)

Perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torments. Hatred and selfishness have torments, but perfect love casts out fear.

Friends, you will not fail! The grace of God will not fail in your life! Bitterness is what makes it fail.

The things you're looking for are supplied by grace. But through bitterness, grace fails.

You can't love God and be bitter towards men.

No! From now on bitterness will become a thing of the past in your life, in Jesus name.

Hatred has torments. Don't torment your destiny! Don't destroy your life! Let go! There is nothing anyone can do to you that can be compared to what men did to Jesus. Nothing!

When you forgive, you are not doing the man you forgave any favour, you are doing yourself a favour. If you don't let him go, God won't let you go! Even if He had let you go before, He will call you back!

God wants to seal your liberty right now, so let go! Forgive! And forget! Love! Though people continue to offend you. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) If He was waiting for us to be right, He would never had come. He came, inspite of what we were.

It is time to forgive those people who have been hurting you! Let them go!

It's time to make God the centre of your thoughts, then your destiny will be established.

And in **John 13:35**, Jesus said:

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "God so loved the world that He gave..."

From today, whatever will give joy to another person, which you have in your possession, you will let go easily.

Everyone that lacks love has disconnected himself from the life of God, because he that hates his brother abides with the dead! He that hates his brother is a murderer! And you know no murderer has eternal life on the inside of him.

Faith is a weapon in the hand of the just. Who is the just? One who has been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and now has eternal life.

So, when eternal life is disconnected, you are disqualified from operating the weapon of faith.

"...Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not (love), I am nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:2)

"I am nothing" means I am equal to zero, with all the faith that I've got! Then, how can "nothing" do anything at all?

Lack of love is a subtle destiny destroyer! It makes life frustrating for people.

Without love, you're getting nowhere in this kingdom. God is love. If you have hatred and bitterness how can you walk with Him? (Amos 3:3).

If God be not for you, who shall be for you? When God stops being for you, everything is against you.

Friends, you have nothing to lose walking in love. If you want to live long, this is the way to go.

Bitterness is poison! Not only to your spirit life, but also to your physiological system.

I once read in a book, that when a man bears grudges, certain things go wrong in his system that lead to depression. Accumulated grudges contribute to the bio-chemical changes that set up depression. Until you let that bitter hurt be dissolved, there is no amount of faith, sacrifices or revelations you obtain that will amount to anything.

Friends, let's get back to love!

Faith does not work without love.

That bitterness against your husband, your wife, your children, your father, your mother, your boss, etc., is enough! Set yourself free! You can't afford to destroy your destiny holding somebody in your heart.

You know something?

If you don't have anything in this Christian faith, but you have love, you will succeed! So, charge your coast of love, spread it abroad. Stop being a condemner or a castigator. Nobody needs to die for you to rise. Jesus already did that. So relax! Stop fighting others! Stop keeping a diary of evil! Love is it friends.

No scripture produces outside the love of God and the love of your neighbour.

Can I hear you say, "Lord give me a new heart today, that freely overlooks the errors of people and genuinely overlooks the errors of people who wrong me, because I am also forgiven."

No matter what any man has done against you, let him go and retain your destiny!

No Alternatives!

This is another faith booster.

The Psalmist said:

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him" (Psalm 62:5)

When it stops being God only, your expectation will be frustrated. Why?

Isaiah 42:8 has the answer:

"I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

Except you let Him have it all, He's not interested at all!

Anything you desire, and for which you have an alternative source, makes God withdraw. He is a jealous God!

He withdraws when anybody comes on the scene to help Him. So, He warns us in **Exodus 20:4-5**:

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any grave image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

Graven images represent personalities, certificates, self, etc.

Every time it stops being God alone, you have missed it.

Pastors, listen to me. Every time your attention shifts from God as your source, to your congregation, you have registered for poverty!

Anyone else, anything else, any other group of people besides God, is an image – a graven image that sends men to the grave. **"Thou shalt not make..."**

So, you are the one who makes it. Any likeness of anything (human or things) that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, you shall not bow to.

God sees your choice for any alternative as hatred for Him.

Every time you have an alternative outside of God, you have missed the best of life!

All those godfathers and godmothers you have are your real problems!

God will never interfere in any area of your life where you have something or someone to whom you're looking up to.

Friends, let's face where we are going! These things don't go together.

In **Matthew 6:22** Jesus said:

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

If your body is full of light, the Gentiles will come to your light, not you going to them!

Whatever you exalt as your merit is your demerit with God. Discredit it right now. Let's look to Him as our only source in order to excel.

Some fellows feel because they speak good English, they will have a good ministry. So they come on the pulpit to celebrate that. God has called him yes, but he has made an image of his talent.

Friends, without Him, you can do nothing!

God IS (not was) a jealous God. (Deut. 5:7-9). He has not changed.

If God is God, please serve Him. If Baal is your god, then go to him. You cannot serve two masters – you will need to love one and hate the other. Choose therefore who you want to serve.

"Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

(For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth."

(Deuteronomy 6:13-15)

Every time you go after other gods, the anger of God is kindled against you. So, instead of securing favour, you secure His wrath.

Let's speak to ourselves! Let's settle down!

If God can't give you that thing, forget it, you don't need it! If He can't do that thing, let it remain undone. If He cannot handle it, nobody else should try. So, leave it there, and wait for Him.

Job said:

"If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Job 14:14

Look, there's a place in God we are missing, through what we call socialization. Let's stop dancing around positions and offices, and start dancing

around the Most High! The Mighty man of valour! Jehovah Jireh! Your God that supplies all your needs!

Friends, let's dance around Jehovah El-Shaddai – the God that is more than enough. Jehovah Rapha – the Lord that healeth thee!

Let's dance around Jehovah Shamah, – the ever – present deliverer! Let's dance around Him! No one else is sufficient for your destiny, but God.

I plead with you, withdraw from those alternatives! Those graven images are digging your graves for you!

Hear what **Jeremiah 17:5-6** says:

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited."

Friends, withdraw!

Settle down and watch what the Lord will do. You have His assurance in **Jeremiah 17:7-8**:

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

No one has ever had God in his company and failed. Never! Just listen to these beautiful words from the Lord:

"Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death..." (Songs of Solomon 8:6)

God's love is enough for you.

Since I stopped worshipping doctor's statements, I have enjoyed divine health. The Great Physicians report is what I now read. If Jesus can't heal you, forget it!

If you are told in a specialist hospital that you are free, do you go to a dispensary to confirm it? That's a paradox! I can never go from Jesus clinic to from man's clinic for confirmation.

Friends, settle down to Jesus! He's all you need.

If God is up to that thing you're asking for, He won't ask you to come tomorrow. No, He won't!

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
(Hebrews 12:1-2)

Looking unto Jesus, for health, for strength, for results, for performance. Looking here establishes its continuity. This perfects your faith and the evidence will be undeniable.

Friends, it's time to look in the right direction! Every alternative to your source of expectation destroys the expectation.

Never mind contradictions. Jesus endured them. He despised the shame. See where He is seated today!

It is never late. If it's Jesus you're looking unto, though it tarries, wait for it, it will surely come. (Hab. 2:3)

Looking unto Jesus. That is where your help will come from. (Psalm 121:1-3). Looking unto Jesus gives opportunity to those who want to laugh you to scorn. If you don't let them laugh today, they won't join to sing your hosanna tomorrow.

Until your life is centred on God alone, you still have a long way to go.

When all your alternatives are closed, then the whole of God becomes available to you.

Psalm 34:5 says:

"They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed."

They looked to Him for help and help came! They looked unto Him for strength and strength came from Him! They looked unto Him for supplies and it came!

Friend, identifying with God as your only source is the cheapest way to success in the Kingdom.

Hear me very well; until you destroy all those your other alternatives, they are likely to destroy you! God forbid! I'm glad to let you know that God is enough.

If your life is built on people, you are under a curse! Come out of it!

Until your confidence is absolutely built on God, you remain a wanderer on the earth. This is a vital key in the school of faith – making God your absolute source of supplies.

Having no alternatives to God for your needs will cause your needs to be cheaply met. Because He will not allow those who put their trust in Him to be put to shame.

I remember when this ministry was to start, some fellows came advising me: "They said, you need people who are already established in the society (reputable people) members of your as board of trustees"

I looked at them and smiled. Because God had told me, "Do you want to live under a curse?" I said, "No!"

He then said, "Don't let any man contest with my place in your life!"

So all of us (small boys as we were) became the members of the board of trustees, because we could be trusted!

No bank accounts to lean on, but the heavenly account was rich and powerful enough!

God's backing is strong, inviting and enviable!

Listen, all those companies of yours, where every kind of name is on your board of trustees shows where your trust is. And that's why you are still crawling!

Everybody else is flying. Why must you allow them to remove your wings?

Before the company closes your life, close it and go elsewhere and begin well. All those big names are the reason why you are living a small, life!

I have made up my mind that for as long as I live, I will never knock on the door of any bank for anything! It will never happen! Because there is a sure

source to which I'm solidly connected by covenant. It is too reliable to fail! It's too dependable to fail!

Granted, somebody can help you with money. But who can help you with health, huh?

Somebody can help you with a job. Who can help you with protection? Well?

Friend, its time to identify the source of our supplies and stay with it. God is enough.

In **Psalm 62:1-12**, we see David demonstrate such absolute trust in God, and he never lost any battle!

When God becomes your only rock and salvation, when He becomes your only defence, the Bible says, you shall not be greatly moved. At all!

The Psalmist cried out in **Psalm 60:11**:

"Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man."

Man's help is vain and unreliable because when you need him most, he is not there. But thank God who has assured:

"...Io, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20).

And **Isaiah 43:1-3** reiterates this assurance:

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour; I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee."

No man on earth can give you such a promise! How can he be with you when he is asleep? How about when he travels? But God never travels! God

never sleeps, nor slumbers!

Friend, you have the surest help in God! Ever-present! Ever-active! Ever-winning! Ever-loving! Ever-sure!

You don't need any alternatives.

Today, make a covenant with Him so that He will remain your surest help, your only help, your only rock, your only salvation, your only defence!

When you have chosen God as your absolute source, stop looking to your brothers and sisters! Stop looking to your neighbours! Stop looking to yourself! You are not equal to the task at all!

Except the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain that build it. Except the Lord watches over the city, the watchman is watching in vain (Ps. 127:1-4)

The Kingdom of God is sweet when you keep its laws.

If you identify with God as your only source, nothing on earth can tamper with your destiny.

If you can say with me today, "God whatever you won't give me I don't need it", there is nothing you need that He won't give you.

If you covenant with God today, saying, "I will never look up to man for as long as I live, You are more than enough," He will be right on time to meet your needs.

If you focus your eyes on Him, the whole world will know you're translated. The whole world will know you are transformed.

Wherever you can't fully identify with Jesus, you can't prosper there. Wherever you can't stand up as a Christian, you can't prosper there! That's not your place!

That's a destiny – destroyer, you better get out of there!

I've never seen anyone who walked with God and is not translated.

Friends, it's time to withdraw! God is more than enough.

As long as you have where you can be borrowing from, you remain a borrower! But God has more than enough for your needs.

No more begging for you! No more borrowing for you!

As you look to Him, your whole body will be full of light. Understand this. It means you can't look in two directions at the same time. You have two eyes. Once God asked me "Can you make one of your eyes to look up and the other to look down at the same time?" I tried it, but it didn't work! And I replied, "No,

Lord!"

So He said to me; "Anytime you're looking unto man, never claim to be looking to me. But if you will look to me alone, you will never be ashamed."

Friends, all those alternatives are destiny destroyers! Leave them alone! Your God is equal to the task!

Chapter 6: Get Drunk...!

**"...If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say..."
(Matthew 17:20)**

Faith speaks!

But you cannot say a thing and stand on it except your heart is filled with it –

**"...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."
(Matthew 12:34)**

So Paul charges us:

**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..."
(Colossians 3:16)**

When the Word of God dwells in you richly, it is not possible for your mouth to be closed. For instance, if a man takes a cup of alcohol, he may still pretend to be normal. But after about seven bottles (particularly if he is new at it), all his education, culture or civilization will disappear! He starts misbehaving. Everything that makes him look like a gentleman vanishes! That's why the Bible tells us:

"And be ye not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)

And you remember Jesus said:

"...The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

So when the scripture is talking about being drunk with the Spirit, it's invariably talking about being drunk with the Word of God, because the Word

of God is Spirit.

When you are drunk with the Word you stop talking and behaving normally.

Until you are intoxicated with wine, you don't come under its influence.

So also, until you're intoxicated with the Word of God, you don't come under its influence.

From the time I got drunk with the Word of prosperity, I've been shouting, "I cannot be poor!" Now poverty has lost my address! It doesn't know where I live any more. We are not companions, neither are we colleagues! We don't belong to the same realm.

I spoke poverty away from my territory!

This your gentleman Christianity is an expression of ignorance. It's time to sit up!

Fasten your seat belt or you'll be thrown out into trouble!

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Not just in the heart, but the abundance of it. So much of it, that you can't be free from its influence.

Once when my wife was being attacked, I told her, "You don't need faith to be well. Even as Christ is the Saviour of the body, so the husband is the saviour of the wife. You don't need faith, mine is enough to get you out of that bed. So, come alive! Relax and come alive!"

That Word from Ephesians 5:23 came and topped the other Words inside my heart and got me drunk! I went from one frequency to another. And that was it! I never needed to pray about the situation. I simply went and discharged her from the hospital!

That was by a superiority complex that comes from being drunk with the Word.

Friend, you need to come under this influence, by moving yourself to intoxication level in your Word contact.

It's not how many verses of scripture you have read that determines your status. It is how much of its nuggets and gems that are getting inside you that determines your level. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. You can't see what I'm seeing on the subject of prosperity and not talk the way I'm talking. It's not possible!

You can't see what I'm seeing on divine health and not talk the way I'm talking! It's not possible. For as long as I live, injection, tablets and I are divorced! I've found out they are irrelevant to my existence. I found that out

from "The Book".

It's time to get drunk with the wine of the Word, because the Word prevails in authority and power, and in the demonstration of the Spirit, anytime, anywhere.

It's not that we are not enlightened, but the Word of God has mad us raw. A drunken man forgets his enlightenment and staggers vomits and speaks anything under the influence of alcohol, as commanded by alcohol.

So, when you are drunk with the wine of the Word, you come under its total influence – your finesse disappears, your civilisation goes on leave, and you start speaking as commanded.

It takes a drunken man to be talking to dry bones! Ezekiel spoke to those "very dry" bones, and they came alive! (Ezekiel 37). Friends it's time to go on an adventure with God.

John G. Lake, by the Holy Ghost went through the book of Acts, and he became dazed and drunk! He lived under that drunken influence all the days of his life!

Friend, that is how to get on and come under the intoxicating influence of the Word.

Let's stop guess-work!

All the time I was speaking boldly against poverty and disease, I suffered so much attacks. I was mocked and ridiculed! But you know, a drunken man doesn't feel any insults. He can't hear them. In fact you can even abuse his father and mother and he will still tell you, "thank you"! Because he is in another world, he can't feel the insults.

When you are drunk with the wine of the Word, you can't feel the negative comments around you. Friend, it's time to get drunk!

Chapter 7: Believe! Speak!

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:10)

There is a believing on the inside and a speaking forth on the outside that gives birth to the creative force of faith.

The heart and mouth combined equals the creative force in man. What you believe on the inside and you speak forth on the outside, is created for you.

Mark 11:23 says:

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Friend, this is a very cheap definition of the creative power of faith.

Believing in the heart and speaking with the mouth, gives birth to the creative force of faith.

Whatever is targeted with that weapon must produce.

"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." (Hebrews 11:3)

Through faith, God believed in His heart, and God spoke with His mouth, and everything He said came to be! God has placed a weapon in your hand and in my hand. He said, **"Thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs." (Ex. 4:17).**

You can create what things are not in existence. You are commissioned to be co-creators with God. God does not count it robbery that you are standing in that office. That is the purpose for which He created you in His image and in His very likeness – to abide in His very class. And He has made faith available,

to enable you do this.

This is where many fail – it appears too simple to be so powerful, too simple to be real. Satan keeps attacking that simplicity in innocent minds.

Friend, the things which are seen were not made from things which do appear. **"As thou knowest not how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all."** (Eccl. 11:5)

Friends, you can't catch God! His ways are past finding out! Whatsoever He says to you, do it and leave it there. It is the incorruptible seed! It is an indestructible seed! It cannot die! Don't let the enemy distort your destiny. God said when you believe in your heart and you speak with your mouth, you have escaped.

What is that issue? Receive the Word on it, mix it with faith on your inside, and shout it out on the mountain top! No devil can stop it!

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light!" (Genesis 1:3)

God said it before it came to be. What you are not able to loudly and publicly proclaim will never become yours.

Please hear this: If you cannot publicly declare your stand against sickness, you have made yourself a slave to it.

If you cannot publicly declare your victory over poverty in spite of whatever condition you are in now, you are enslaving yourself further.

Watch Your Heart

If you look at **Romans 10:6**, it says:

"...Say not in thine heart..."

There are many things you say with your mouth that I wish you are also saying with your heart.

God does not look like man looks. Man looks at the outward, He looks at the heart. The woman with the issue of blood said within her heart, God heard it

– because what she said in her heart came to pass.

What are you saying within yourself?

You have two mouths – the external and the internal. We can only see the external, but the Almighty has access to the internal. Both the external and the internal weigh the same to Him.

Isaiah 44:26 says:

"That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof."

So, what you say and what you think weigh the same in the sight of God.

If what you think is contrary to what you say then what you say will never produce the desired result.

That is why we are told:

"If thou shalt say to this mountain and shall not doubt in thy heart..."

That is, and shall not say any contrary thing in your heart, only then will you have whatsoever you say.

The Prophetic Nature Of The Word

In Ezekiel 37:1-10, we see the power of words. In the most hopeless valley of dry bones came the prophet's vision, in which God instructed him on what to do, and he complied. And we see the dry bones respond and rise up to form a great army!

No matter how dry your situation, anything God tells you to do, do it. Those bones were dry enough for Ezekiel to say, "there is no point". But he answered, "Oh Lord thou knowest..." He went ahead to prophesy, foolishly, so to speak, as he was commanded.

Every statement of scripture is a commandment – "A more sure word of prophecy" Peter calls it. They are not only to be learnt, they are to be proclaimed. They are to be declared. They are to be prophesied.

Everything God has said about you is a prophecy for you. Everything He has said about Satan is a prophecy about Satan. Everything He has said about fruitfulness is a prophecy for fruitfulness. So also, everything He has said about victory is a prophecy for victory – because no scripture is of any private interpretation. Peter said:

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:19-21)

So you take heed to the prophetic nature of the Word. It is a weapon of warfare. Ezekiel said:

"So, I prophesied as I was commanded..." (Ezekiel 37:7)

There is an exceeding greatness underlying that seeming hopelessness you're seeing. The creative force of faith will bring it out.

Romans 10:8-9 says:

"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; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Every mountain can be leveled, every valley can be filled, if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.

This is the secret behind the winner's triumph.

This is what is behind those who are going forward.

This is God's principle for victory. You can't beat it!

It takes speaking forth to make faith produce.

Until You Say It...

Now listen to me: the sower went forth and sowed the seed. What was the seed? The word that was spoken. And of course you know what Genesis 8:22 says:

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease."

The words you speak are seeds awaiting harvest. When you speak miracle words it never fails. When you speak victory words, drawing straight from scriptures, you have victory harvest.

When you speak success words you have success harvest.

I would have died a long time ago (with the several attempts that have been made on my life) except that what I have been saying forbids it. I keep saying, "I cannot be killed in an accident!"

It's impossible! For He has given His angels charge over me. Besides, He told me that the number of my days He will fulfil.

These are the prophecies provoking me to say the things I say. That is it!

Until you're able to declare it, you never possess it. This is the hidden force behind the triumphant saint.

"Whosoever shall say...he shall have whatever he saith." (Mark 11:23)

The three Hebrew boys looked at the threaten fiery furnace and declared:

"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, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (Daniel 3:17-18)

And friends, God didn't let them down!

You know why? As soon as those words went forth, angels rallied round to mess up the fiery furnace!

What is going forth from you will determine what life will become for

you.

Friends, let's embrace this mystery of faith!

It is the power house of the triumphant believer.

What you cannot say, you will never see.

God never saw until He said. He is Almighty and you are "No-mighty."
You will never see until you say.

If you are too civilized to say, you are too civilized to win! It's over to you.

Look at that mountain in your life and say what you believe God has said concerning you against it. Then you will see it leveled.

Until you say it, don't ever expect to see it. This is the foundation. This is how it happens.

Many are doing it, but few are saying it.

God said:

"And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water..." (Exodus 23:25)

But woman, can you remember how many times you have said:
"Groundnut oil has finished!" "Rice has finished!"?

Whatever you call finished keeps finishing – the rats come from everywhere to eat them up! Since this ministry began, nobody in charge of money is permitted to say "There is no money." That's a law! It must never come from your mouth!

Every time you say there is no money, you have canceled your account with the bank of heaven.

Is there any where it is written in the Bible that a hundredfold and manyfold more shall be given unto you when you say there is no money? You never see signs and wonders in your finances, family, career, etc. until you start making sounds that produce them.

A soundless Christian is a signless Christian!

It's time to start speaking forth! The prince of the power of the air must hear you. The angels of heaven must hear you. God the Father is also waiting to hear you. Every one is waiting to back you up.

3 Things Happen When You Speak

*** Satan bows!**

"For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." (Luke 21:15)

No devil can stop the effect of your words. Not with what Jesus says in Luke 10:19:

"Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

That power He has given you is in your mouth.

The words that come from you carry the power of God alone. What you say under any circumstance is what holds.

For instance no matter what and how you feel in your body, don't say, "I am sick," because what you say is what holds. Satan gives up as long as you are speaking the word of faith.

*** The Angels act on what you say.**

"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" (Ecclesiastes 5:6)

Angels stand at attention to carry out exactly what you say. You can't turn around and say "I was only joking."

*** God backs what you say.**

"That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the

counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof." (Isaiah 44:26)

Why? Because He abideth faithful and cannot deny Himself. If you say, "Thus saith the Lord," He will say, "Truly I said so, and when I say, who can unsay? When I stretch forth my hand, who shall turn it back?"

From these you see that the words you speak have 3-dimensional operations that work on them and are affected by them – Satan surrenders, angels go into operation to carry out your orders, and God backs up your word to confirm it.

Prophet Joel said, "Let him that is weak say I am strong;" then he becomes strong; as Satan who is attacking his health gives up, angels come to minister to him and God goes ahead to confirm his word. So, you can't have anything less than a miracle.

This is why God's formula for success and prosperity says:

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy..." (Joshua 1:8)

And **Romans 10:8** says:

"...The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth..."

Your mouth is the compass of your life. What you say today is what you become tomorrow. The words of your mouth are pacesetters of your destiny. They are seeds and whatsoever a man sows, that he shall reap.

Good success lies in your mouth more than anywhere else. This is because your mouth is what gives expression to your faith, giving birth to a creative force. And with a creative force, a miracle comes alive.

Proverbs 18:21 has this to say:

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

So, how much life you enjoy is determined by how much of it you speak. When you speak death, it comes, you speak life, it flows! Choose which one you want.

Acts 14:3 says: **"Speaking boldly..."** Not speaking piously or sympathetically. But speaking boldly in the Lord.

Thus, the signs and wonders God did through their hands came through their mouths.

How boldly you speak determines how great the miracles are done.

Every time you're speaking from the Word of God, you're speaking from a realm that cannot be resisted.

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith, ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." (Ephesians 6:16)

All of it!

Friends, it's time to come alive and level any noticeable mountain before you.

So many of us are so busy saying what God has said, but what are we saying?

What you say after hearing what God has said is what is called declaration. This is the mother of manifestation.

God is committed to what you say – whether positive or negative.

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matthew 12:37)

Isaiah 43:26 says: **"...Declare thou, that thou mayest be justified."**

Your declaration is what will determine your justification.

God has spoken, but what are you saying?

"...Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Psalm 81:10)

Until you open your mouth wide, your enemies remain in charge. They cannot be subdued until you open your mouth wide and declare publicly what you are expecting. What we say, on the basis of what God has said, is what is important.

We are a people of victory, let's shout victory, let's shout triumph, let's

shout abundance, let's shout divine health! Confession has no power on its own until it graduates to declaration.

You must have heard what Isaiah, Peter, Jeremiah, etc., said, but what are you saying? **2 Corinthians 4:13** says:

"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."

We mustn't base our discussions on what we see, but on what we are sure of, what we know. Paul said:

"...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

Do you want to see the victory of Jesus? I command your tongue to be loosed right now!

For the Kingdom of God is within you. How can you carry the Kingdom of God and be afflicted by the devil?

The words you speak are what frames your future. What you say determines what you will have. Friends, make sure your words are creative and offensive, and the enemy will be compelled to bow!

Chapter 8: Faith Is Now!

When is faith?

Faith is now!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Faith is operational in the now.

If He gives men salvation on the spot, He will give you anything you ask for, on the spot. Check through the gospels, in every act of Christ, there was no instance where faith was deferred. His response to faith was always "straightway" or "immediately".

Bartimaeus believed and Jesus responded on the spot (Mark 10:52).

The woman with the issue of blood believed and, He also responded on the spot (Mark 5:34).

God has not changed!

**"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever."
(Hebrews 13:8)**

God has never said to faith, "Come tomorrow."

He won't begin that with you.

Hope can be frustrated. But faith is ever triumphant.

He who did not spare his own Son, how much more will He freely give us all things! (Rom. 8:32)

Stop believing, believe! Only believe!

How seriously would you take someone who tells you he has been believing for salvation. You will tell him, "Sit down! They don't keep believing for it, they believe for it."

No! They believe for it.

Faith is a definite act. It's never late for faith to produce!

You have cried to God, "When Lord?" He says, "Now, son! Stop waiting for me, I'm waiting for you. I have not asked you to wait for me. I've asked you to wait on me. Do what I say! I am committed to respond"

You ask, "When will I be married, Lord?" He says, "Now, son!" "Now, daughter!" "Lord, when will my business prosper?" "Now, son!", He replies.

No one goes to God repenting of his sins and He says, "Come tomorrow." No! He will give you salvation on the spot. In response to faith, He will give you healing on the spot! All that "I am believing God" must stop today!

Even when there is not even a dime in your pocket, believe for it. Think it, speak it, act it! And it eventually becomes a reality – super abundance! Believe right now!

I see you who have been called barren getting pregnant right now! Something is coming on your inside and shooting out for all to see, right now!

I see jobless hands laying hold on letters of employment right now!

I see people whom companies and organisations have refused to pay, (for one reason or the other) receiving their cheques right now!

Friends, faith is now!

If He gave salvation at the instance of your faith, He won't have problems giving you healing right now! He can't have problems giving you victory right now! I declare your victory right now, in Jesus name!

Faith is in the now!

Don't frustrate it by putting it off to the future. Faith works in the now. It brings results direct from heaven at its own instance.

Chapter 9: Heaven On Earth!

Listen people, the mission of faith is to bring heaven down to the earth.

To make Jesus real in His resurrected status, where nothing could as much as scratch Him anymore.

The mission of faith is to make Jesus real in His resurrected form inside us who are redeemed.

This is the mission of faith. And that faith comes by hearing, and hearing from God.

Let me hear you say, "I'm set to create my heaven, to make Jesus real on the earth in His resurrected form, where sickness, disease and failure couldn't touch Him, giving Him a name above all names.

Whatever cannot depress, molest or oppress Jesus, cannot come near me. Because the Word is near me in my mouth and in my heart, even the Word of faith. I am here on earth to make Jesus real in character, charisma, results and in signs and wonders. Amen."

Friends, its possible to bring Jesus from heaven down to the earth. Faith does it. That's the job of faith.

We have been told that in heaven there will be no more sickness. So, we all continued to enjoy sickness here. Until I discovered that we don't have to wait to get to the eternal heaven, we can create a temporal heaven here!

It's happening already! Many Christians are already enjoying heaven on earth in various areas of life.

But is has to be created! Faith does it!

"But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)" (Romans 10:6-7)

With faith you can determine every event in life, anytime.

Don't say, "who can make Christ real on earth?" "Who can adequately represent Him now?" "Who can get the kind of results He got?" "Who can experience the kind of triumphs He experienced?" Don't say that in your heart.

Jesus Christ Himself said:

"...The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

The Word which produces the faith that causes these things to happen is nigh unto you, even in your mouth. That is, you can make Jesus real. You can bring heaven down to the earth by the Word.

Not the word of theology!

It is **"The Word of faith which we preach."** It will bring heaven down on earth.

You remember songs like, "When we get to heaven, no more sorrows...?"

Friends, many have crossed the sorrow lines! We don't know how to sorrow anymore!

Heaven can be real by the Word.

The Word of faith which we preach offers the proof that Jesus is no longer in the grave! That He is alive today.

That is what faith does.

Remember the first heaven was created. Yours has to be created too.

"In the beginning God created...", not God found, not God met, God created, not God wished!

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
(Genesis 1:1)**

Friends, we can create our own heaven!

The Word of faith which we preach is nigh unto thee, even in thine mouth, and has power to create your heaven for you on this earth. It has power to bring heaven down on the earth.

It has power to establish you as an authority, as an institution, for dominion on earth. That is what faith does.

Faith can eradicate every form of shame in your life, because we are getting to heaven shame-free, spot-free, wrinkle-free!

Whatever you have been looking for, I am sent to instruct you on how to create it.

You have waited for it enough. You are not called to wait for it, you are called to create it.

When the earth was without form and void in Genesis chapter one, if God were waiting, for it come forth, He would still have been waiting till now.

Why are you looking at your earth becoming void and without form? Who are you waiting for? For God?

God said "I'm waiting to see what you will do about it yourself." God has been waiting for you.

You are not permitted to wait for God, but to wait on Him –

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Friends, it's time to enter into your inheritance! You can make heaven real on earth for yourself. Faith will do it!

Chapter 10: Signs And Wonders!

I would like to start by helping you to appreciate what and who you are now, as against who you were before you met Jesus.

You are now a peculiar person. You are different. Not because of you, rather it is a thing done on your behalf a thing paid into your account.

This is to help you know the role faith will play to get you to where you are going.

In **Isaiah 8:18**, the Bible says:

"Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion."

Who is He talking about?

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12)

And again **Mark 16:17** says:

"These signs shall follow them that believe..."

You are created for signs, you are created for wonders. You are the son of the great High Priest, whose name is Jesus.

So, a miracle should not be something you experience once in a while. It should be what follows you all the time.

You therefore need to carry a mentality of the miraculous.

From Mark 16:17-18, we see that God has settled to distinguish you with signs, to show your peculiarity with wonders.

You must allow your mind to agree that no matter what is happening with the system, you are peculiar and destined for distinction.

You are created for signs and wonders on this earth. This must occupy your mind.

Testimony is not a thing that should occur once in a while in your life, it is in your new nature. It is packaged in your new status. It is your mark of distinction. It is what establishes your redemption. Miracles are your natural manifestations.

We must get to the point where we are not asking God to do something because we want it. He has already done it. We are only giving it expression. The miraculous is your new natural habitat! But the signs and the wonders have to be worked out. They don't just occur. They are there, but you have to release them. Let's see how to release them, how to work them, how to provoke them. God said to Moses in **Exodus 4:17**

"And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs."

God sent Moses to go and confront Pharaoh on His behalf, to get the children of Israel out of bondage.

**"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse..."
(Isaiah 11:1)**

Here we have the rod personified. It is Jesus.

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God..."
(John 1:1)**

That rod is also the Word of God. Coming back to Exodus 4:17 with this understanding, we now have "And thou shalt take this Word in thy hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs."

The Word is your instrument for signs and wonders.

No situation will require more than the Word to bow.

No mountain will require more than the Word to be leveled.

No valley will require more than the Word to be filled.

No sickness, no pain, no barrenness will require more than the Word to

bow! For all things were made by the Word and without the Word was nothing made that was made.

Whatever the Word has made, it is also able to control.

It takes faith to flow in the miraculous.

And becomes faith comes as the word comes, it takes the word to flow in the realm of signs and wonders.

Friends, your destiny is loaded!

Two thousand years ago, the ultimate price for your liberty was paid. Liberty was credited to your account.

The price for your dignity, health, prosperity was paid.

I'm glad to let you know that we are not fighting obstacles, we are only laying hold on faith, to draw from that account.

Do you struggle to sign your cheques? No! All you need to do is spend your signature.

Faith is your cheque leaf with which you draw from your redemptive bank.

There is nothing you will ever need that is not covered by that account.

You belong to honour, glory, victory, riches and blessings by the blood of Jesus. Whatever that blood has purchased is drawable by faith.

Hear this: Faith is the sole demand of the miraculous!

Everywhere God stepped in, in the Bible, faith made it happen. There was nowhere He stepped in without faith asking Him in.

Signs will always follow faith. Anything you demand from God will always follow faith.

Hebrews 11:6

"...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

You don't get rewarded until you believe.

Believe is a must! It's not optional!

There is nowhere God has moved without faith, because without faith it is

impossible to please God. That is, it is impossible to move Him without faith.

Listen to me, you are created for signs, and wonders, but they don't follow your tears, they don't follow your crying. The signs follow your faith.

Concerning the apostles, the Bible said they went everywhere preaching, and God was working with them with signs following, because they believed. Theirs was to work the faith, God was the one working the signs.

The scriptures cannot be broken.

Signs don't follow those that are busy, they don't follow your activities, they follow your faith!

Whatsoever you do outside faith is sin! And because it is sin, it is dead! For the wages of sins is death.

Signs follow faith not just religious activities.

People in church had been giving and giving all this time. We haven't just started giving. But they were only dead seeds coming from dead souls, producing dead results!

But as soon as faith began to come, the signs of supernatural supplies began to follow!

Yours is to work the faith, God is to work the signs.

Paul saw that impotent man and perceived that he had faith to be healed. And as soon as he proclaimed "Stand upright on thy feet", the impotent man rose to his feet, healed! (Acts 14:8-10) Faith was there!

They were bringing in a man through the roof in Mark chapter 2, Jesus saw their faith and said, "Young man, thy sins are forgiven thee. Take thy bed and go home." That was it!

Jesus saw their faith, He stopped in!

When you work the faith, God is committed to work the signs. Therefore, work out your own salvation.

Enough of activities! The just shall live by faith not by activities! Not by appearance!

Every time your expectation refuses to produce, go and settle down with books and seek understanding, and work up your faith. There is what you must do before God must act. It is those things recorded in "The Book".

There is nothing called luck in the kingdom. No. We are a people of equal destiny, because God is no respecter of persons. He did not design one to be

sickly and the other to be healthy. Nor has He designed for one to be up and the other down.

There is a condition that must be fulfilled for your own placement to be actualised.

"If you will diligently hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth;"

(Deuteronomy 28:1)

You need to settle down and learn!

Every student you see accusing the teacher for his failure, has a problem.

They say, "2 + 2", you say "5" And when you score zero, you conclude that the teacher doesn't like you. So, if he likes you, should he say you are right?

A Christian who thinks his business is going down because he is a Christian, has a serious problem!

Friends, come awake! Sleepers don't win in any race

You are at an advantaged position – you are a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden! You have a divine backing, anytime, that is not available anywhere else.

You are not down because you are a Christian, you are down because you are ignorant!

You are not down because you belong to light you are down because you don't know the value of that light! Light has more value than darkness anyway, anytime, anywhere!

You belong to that order of excellence.

All you need is to seek to know the value of that light.

Friends, every miraculous answers to faith.

Concerning your home, your business your career, every miracle you will ever desire, will only respond to faith in God and His word.

Faith, like I have said before, does not jump on people, it is cultivated. It is built. You work yourself in the Word of God, in order for your faith to come alive.

Faith comes by hearing, not by weeping, not by wishing, not by chance!

Chapter 11:

Faith Strides

There are steps to take to see your faith produce your desired result.

1ST STEP: First, you need to apply yourself to what God has said. **Job 22:21** says,

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

2ND STEP: The second step is to release yourself consciously to what you have heard. **Luke 1:45** says:

"Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."

3RD STEP: The third step is to know that God is committed to whatever He has said. He says:

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the things that is gone out of my lips." (Psalm 89:34)

"...hath he not spoken, and shall he not make it good." (Numbers 23:19)

He said "you have not because you ask not." So, present your case to Him – "Lord I thank you for your Word. I have found it that you yourself took my infirmities, I believe your report. Therefore I know the activity of sickness in my body is illegal. The price has been paid. Thank you Lord for my healing."

Having found it and believed it, you go ahead and remind Him. He is the judge of all the earth. In **Isaiah 1:18**, He said:

"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red"

like crimson, they shall be as wool."

And in **Isaiah 41:21** He said:

"Produce your cause, saith the Lord: bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob."

So when you are talking to Him, put your reasons together. Not ordinary reasons, strong reasons (which you have discovered from His word) that guarantee your victory.

James 5:15 says, **"And the prayer of faith, shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up."**

When you pray the prayer of faith, the Lord steps in.

The Bible says, **"Let him ask in faith..."**

So, you don't pray to get faith, you get faith before you pray. You collect faith before you pray, because only the prayer of faith matters.

After you have reminded God, because He abides faithful, and He cannot deny Himself, he now says to you, "You are justified. You are discharged and acquitted."

It's like you have been in prison, and now a letter of release is being handed to you, incase the warder is not aware.

4TH STEP: After you have been justified, you now do what you please with the situation. God is set to fulfil His word.

Mark 11:23 says: **"If you will say to this mountain..."**

So, you look at that mountain (that situation, that issue, that condition) and you declare boldly: "Get lost! God has justified me. Get lost now! Not tomorrow!"

You have located the knowledge, you have consciously released your faith, you have reminded God of His word (because you believed it), now God has justified you.

So, look at the opposition and say to it, "Shot up there! I'm in charge here!"

God won't speak to the mountain for you, you are the one to do it.

Many of us are so busy talking to God, but we have not said a thing to the

mountain.

God has justified you longest time, but the 'Warder' is still pretending not to be aware.

So, show him your letter of release.

After your letter of release you are permitted to be rude to the warder. You are no longer under his rule.

That's the reason I shout down witches and occultic forces. Because I have in my hand a blood-sealed letter of release!

Friends, prayer is not the end of it, you have to clear the debris, the obstacles, out of your way. So speak to the mountain.

"Hear what the Lord saith", says Micah 6:1:

"Arise, contend before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice."

In most cases, this step of addressing the obstacles is the missing link. But now, you have found it.

Having addressed the mountain, because the Bible says it must go when you do so, now believe God that the mountain has been removed.

5TH STEP: This is the stage where you demonstrate your victory. So, you don't act frustrated or sick anywhere. So, all the things you had been told not to eat, if you are married, you now tell your wife to prepare exactly that thing.

Friends, all the fruits of the field are for your food. A doctor is too small to tell you what not to eat!

After addressing the devil that is oppressing your business, stop doing as if it is still there. 1 Samuel 2:3 tells us that God is a God of knowledge by whom all actions are weighed.

Your actions is what shows that faith is there. **James 2:** says, **"Show me your faith without your works and I will show you my faith by my works."**

Most of the time we fail at action point. It's time for you to identify where the problem is. It's time!

I had believed in prosperity longest time. So I didn't let anybody sympathize with my seemingly poverty – stricken position then for any reason. I wore my best clothes to work. I carried the brightest look around. Why?

I knew action must correspond with what you believe. Action is weighed

by God, and if it is found wanting, there is no result.

You remember what He said to Nebuchadnezzar? **"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." (Daniel 5:25)**

God weighs actions. So it's time to demonstrate your actions, the mountains are gone.

6TH STEP: Make your victory, your deliverance, your healing public, by declaring it loud. Don't be ashamed of saying it anywhere. Paul said:

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Many are ashamed of His testimony. When you refuse to be ashamed, the power is released.

You have to say it before you can have it. So you don't only speak to mountains, speak also before kings, before men and women. David said, "I am not ashamed of thy testimonies. I will declare it before kings."

It was with such declarations that he brought down the head of Goliath in the account given in 1 Samuel chapter 17.

You see, you go to healing services, you hear the preacher make powerful declarations such as: "No disease will escape tonight!" "No affliction will escape tonight!" Those are the things that make for the miraculous.

I have been shouting, "I cannot be sick! I cannot die prematurely! I cannot be poor! I cannot have accident!"

You know why I talk like that?

I have the secrets! Among which is the fact that God has promised to confirm whatever I say (Isaiah 44:26). So, you must say it clearly, for Him to hear. He has a duty to confirm it. If you won't say it, He has nothing to confirm.

This is how to fight the good fight of faith.

It's not just saying what you hear somebody else saying, it's knowing the root of it. By the time you operate that way, you begin to experience technical victories.

7TH STEP: The last step demands that you refuse to give up.

Begin to do those things you couldn't do before, until the result becomes vivid.

Don't stop saying it! Don't stop acting it out! Keep doing it! Keep saying it and acting on it.

Why?

"The just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." (Hebrews 10:38)

So, you are not permitted to quit. You are not permitted to give up. You are not permitted to draw back. You must keep at it!

You can't start with faith and end with unbelief.

Jesus endured the cross, He despised the shame, and now He is set the right hand of God. Right there in heaven, He is seated now.

You too will soon be seated!

Let me conclude this way: there is nothing new under the sun. There is nothing you are facing that is new to God. There is no dream of your heart now that nobody has ever dreamt before. There is no disease in your body that has not been before. So, your case is not special! It is no news!

Hear this: there is no insurmountable mountain. There is no unhealable disease. There is no impossibility in the hand of God.

It takes this technical approach to get your result.

We are serving a covenant keeping God. He is not a man that He should lie. You are not disadvantaged in any way! His name is the Faithful witness. He will do for you what He has for anybody else.

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

Every new discovery will bring you an additional recovery. So, go back to "The book", seek knowledge. Buy books that will help you understand "The book" and contact knowledge.

Don't be a Martha that does not matter!

Be a Mary that knows the secret. She got it at the feet of Jesus swallowing the Word, swallowing the capsules!

Everything has its source from "The book". Faith comes from it. Hope comes from it. Love comes from it. God is there – He is the Word. You can't be taking from love and not walk in love.

Everything that will make you has its foundation in the Bible.

Now, by all that you have heard, you already know what to do for your personal victory. Glorify the Lord therefore in your body and in your spirit, which are the Lord's.

Chapter 12: This Is The Victory...!

"I Cannot Be Sick!"

"Before, I used to suffer malaria attacks quite often. I had quite a lot of malaria drugs behind my bed and I used to take it often. I have a sister, who as a nurse, advised me to make sure I take my drugs regularly, because of the frequency of the attacks.

But when I came here for the April, 1995, Breakthrough Seminar, the Bishop taught us on The Mystery of the Supernatural. On getting home, I went over my notes again. And then I saw, 'Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.'

I said to myself, 'Should a god be sick? Should the children of the Most High be taking drugs? No, It's not possible.'

I continued studying the Bible and again I saw, 'He took your infirmities and by His stripes, ye were healed.' I saw this was written in past tense. Then I thought to myself that I must then be a thief if I'm still suffering from malaria. I immediately decided to drop it. I came out of my room and declared, 'As from this hour, I CANNOT be sick! The Bishop is not lying. As from this hour, I CANNOT be sick!'

My mum said, 'What are you saying?' I told her I knew what I was saying. The devil came to try me by afflicting me with sickness again. But I said I won't take any drugs. At a point, my mum was afraid and called everyone. I told them that I wasn't sick, that I was okay. And since then, I don't know how headache feels!"

—Oloyede, T.

"HEAVEN'S Supplies Is A Reality"

"Before the Tuesday feet washing service, I went to the bookshop and

bought the book Keys to Answered Prayers. I felt there were certain things wrong with the prayers I have been praying, because it was like they were not being answered.

I was able to contact certain things from the book and fortunately for me also, the Bishop said we should list out all we needed on a sheet of paper. I thank God tonight, because God has done everything I listed that day!

I went through a diploma course in computer programming in 1994/95. I finished in August '95, but my result and certificate were seized because I was not able to complete my tuition payment. I had actually relied on some uncles and aunties to provide the money, but it was like all had failed.

I came very early to church that Tuesday and bought the book. I sat down and really put things together. At that service, when the Bishop said we should write down our desires, I listed everything with faith in my heart.

And today, while the service was on, a sister called me and handed an envelope of 4,000 naira to me! The money not only settles my bills, but also leaves me with some extra amount! I also had an accommodation problem, which I also listed that day. A sister also called me this evening and said, 'If only you will be patient, by Sunday, it will be ready for you to move into. I just give God all the glory'

—Dike, O. (Sis.)

"It Is God!"

"Before I came to this church, I had had two pregnancies. And for the two pregnancies, the babies died in my womb in the ninth month, after bleeding.

The doctor then advised me not to be pregnant again, that I might die if it happens again. I told him that I had already decided to stop even before his advise. But when I came into this church, I began to hear diverse testimonies.

And the Bishop will always say, 'God is not a respecter of any person.' I said, 'Oh, this one O! me go get belle.' So, when in March last year the Bishop told those seeking the fruit of the womb to come out, I came out. My husband told me, 'Do you remember what the doctor said?' I said, 'Doctor is not my God.

Don't you hear different testimonies here?'

The Bishop prophesied that day that 'this pregnancy you are going to carry, you will carry it and will not know that you carried any pregnancy, and on the day of labour, you will not have pain, you will not have labour.' I claimed it.

And when I was due to deliver, I just woke up at about two o'clock in the morning and began to feel funny. I went to my husband and told him I was going to have my baby. He was surprised. I told him that the Bishop had prophesied that no pain, no labour. We trekked down to the hospital, and I was even faster than him.

On getting to the hospital, we met two nurses. My husband said, 'No doctor! Who is going to deliver you?' I said, 'Not these nurses. It is God.' And to the glory of God, under 30 minutes, I put to bed! I wanted a baby girl and I got one."

—Omosogie, D.

"I Had My Baby All The Same!"

"I had my first baby some years back and since then, I've been believing God for the fruit of the womb. I've been coming here, and I've tried all the hospitals I knew, but nothing happened.

In October 1994, my husband said that the Spirit of God said we should visit the Bishop. We went, but did not tell him anything. We just visited him. He spoke the kind of tongues I'd never heard in my life that day, and told God that anything that was missing in our marriage, we were going to receive it. So, we started believing God.

One day, I was in the auditorium and I heard him say, 'You come here and you're believing God for something. January will pass, February will pass, March will pass, you will postpone it till the following year. Why not believe God? Then I didn't know I was pregnant.

When the WMI convention was being organized, I joined the choir. I still didn't know that I was pregnant. After all the activities, I will be 'very strong.' I refused to go to the hospital myself. I told my husband to go for me, because I know that I will be ashamed if the result is negative again.

My husband took the specimen and went to the hospital. I waited for him at the gate and when he came back, he told me it was positive. Both of us went into the room and were crying like babies.

The moment we knew I was pregnant, the devil began to wage a war. But I said, 'You are a liar.' I bled for six months! Urinated blood with clots for two months! But I had my baby all the same!

I can't describe what happened on the day I had my baby. They prepared the theatre, but I told them that I wasn't going anywhere, that I was going to bring forth. I held the Bishop's picture. If you think I'm telling lies, go to Adefemi Hospital.

In spite of all the bleeding, my baby weighed four kilos at birth! I asked God for a son and this is my son – King David.

At his birth, the placenta hooked his neck. When I was pushing, the placenta was pulling him back. I insisted I wasn't going to the theatre, that I was going to bring forth.

When the baby came, they said the placenta was so tight around his neck. They even cut his neck when they were trying to remove the placenta. They stitched the neck twice, but look at my baby today!"

—Nkwo, F. (Mrs.)

Baby's Swollen Scrotum Sac Shrinks, Lump Disappears

"I was to have this baby I'm carrying here in my hands by induction. But the induction failed, and the next alternative was to be Caesarian Section (CS). So I carried him for a month more, but to the glory of God, I had him by divine intervention. The devil was not satisfied.

When I had him, the scrotum sac was so big, and he had another lump in it, apart from the testes. He's been carrying it since I had him, and he is 5 months old now.

I have been using the anointing oil on him, yet nothing happened. I went to see the doctor last week. He said there's nothing that can be done except through operation.

I said: "Operation? On this boy? Devil you're a liar!" That was Friday last

week.

I left the hospital and came straight to the church. I sat him on the Bishop's seat. I told God. I said "God, this is your baby. You did not bring him into the world to be sick and for us to be spending money to glorify the devil. As this baby sits on this BISHOP'S SEAT, he is healed in Jesus name." I took the baby back to the house.

On Sunday as I was dressing him, my husband and I looked at the sac and I noticed that the sac was small (before then I used to be ashamed to change his diapers in public because the sac was so visibly big)

Because we were hurrying to get to church, I didn't pay much attention to it. In the evening I looked at it and behold the sac had shrunk, back to its normal size! And the other foreign seed, the lump that was growing beside it, had also disappeared!

I took him to see the doctor for confirmation on Monday. He said it sometimes disappears and comes back. But I said to him; "Doctor, we are not coming back for anything!" Till today, my son is still perfectly healed!"

—Ochei S. (Mrs.)

Breech Baby Lives

"In 1992 I had my first baby by Caesarian Section because it was breech. January last year, my husband and I got born again in this church and during the January Breakthrough, I told God I don't want to give birth through C/S again.

When I got pregnant again, I refused to use any drugs, I kept on anointing myself with the 'power of God' every morning, afternoon and night.

When it was time for me to give birth, I went to register in a hospital and on examination, they told me the baby was breech. Then the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart to go and meet the Bishop. I met the Bishop, he laid hands on me and commanded the child to be in the right position.

On the day of the delivery, I decided not to go to the hospital, I went to a faith clinic instead, where they don't use drugs. The doctor still confirmed that the baby was breech. But I believed that if I have left the earthly doctors to run to the Heavenly Doctor, He will not let me down.

When the baby was coming, it was with the buttocks and the shoulder.

Since I didn't know the implication, I just believed that I won't have any problem. The contractions progressed and the baby's legs came out. When it got to the neck, the contractions seized, I couldn't push again. The leg was outside and the neck was inside.

Then I remembered God's promise of strength in Isaiah 41:10. I told God I needed that strength now. Then I pushed and the head came out. The child came out tired, he couldn't cry. I said "I'm not going to leave here crying. This child is going to leave here crying and I'm going to leave here laughing."

I remembered the Bishop once say that when we are face to face with the devil we should show him our receipt – the Blood of Jesus. So I started pleading the blood of Jesus over the child.

The woman (who took the delivery) on her part kept speaking the promises of God, asking God to breath His breadth upon the child. To the glory of God, 2 hours later the child cried! Praise the Lord!"

—Odufolunrin, R. (Mrs.)

From N50 To N15,000

"I joined this church last year, when my husband was healed of diabetes. He is now hale and hearty.

My testimony is about my finances.

I am a pensioner and my daughter needed to pay for her computer course. It was quite a large sum, and I did not have the means to pay for it. I began to praise God, asking Him to come to my aid, using Philippians 4:19 as my anchor scripture (My God shall supply all my needs...). Miraculously, God paid the money.

As if that was not enough, this afternoon, I had only fifty naira with me. I wanted to buy the book Anointing for Breakthrough as well as a bottle of anointing oil. The money I had was not even enough for my transport-fare.

So I began to pray and praise God in my room. Suddenly, I heard a knock on the door. I opened the door and there stood a man. I had never met him before. He said he came from London, from my son who sent him to bring me some money; it was N15,000! Praise the Lord!"

—Adediran, J. O. (Mrs.)

My Son Was Healed

"I had an encounter with the Bishop's book *Keys to Divine Health*. Before this time, I never had enough faith to claim healing for my children. After praying, I would still be bothered.

One of my sons was sick. So, I read the book to know how to apply the principle for healing. I read from the book that each time the Bishop prayed, he doesn't go back to see if anything was happening or not and that the Bible says our children are sanctified by our faith.

So when my son was sick of what people called jaundice, he was swollen in the tummy and chest, I prayed and told my husband. He said, 'When you have faith, you have to go and sleep after prayers.'

I read the book into the night and finished it. Then, I began to apply the principles therein. I learnt that the word of God is medicine. I began to read the scripture, applying the word. I said this is another dose I prayed and that was the end of my son's ailment."

—Otuoze, E. (Mrs.)

Acid Turns To Water!

"Precisely about one week to my wedding, I got late to my place of work, that fateful Thursday morning around 11 a.m.

I came in very thirsty and headed straight to the laboratory to drink from the De-ionised water (a chemical treated water). Not knowing that the water had been tested acidic.

I took a cup and was already drinking when the chemist in charge of the laboratory screamed at the top of his voice 'Acid! Acid! You are drinking Acid.'

It immediately occurred to me that I am face-to-face with death and I remembered the scripture that says 'Declare thou, that thou mayest be justified' (Isaiah 43:26). I knew right away that my declaration at that time is the only

thing that will save me.

I immediately shouted, 'No! It cannot be Acid. It is Water.'

To convince me of what he is saying the chemist tested the content of my cup, but it was negative. Meanwhile on testing part of the remaining content of the container, the test was positive, confirming that it was acidic! Everybody was surprised and they said, 'this is not an ordinary man.' Glory to God."

—Adeyeye, S.

I Spoke The Word

"The fan in my room got burnt. I mean, tested and certified burnt. I was sad when I heard the amount I needed to spend to put it back in order, as I didn't have up to 50 naira on me then, and there was no avenue of having such amount even a month later. That weekend, I slept without a fan and the mosquitoes feasted on me.

The following week, we were taught New Testament Special Ministration, Divine Health and Dynamics of Faith at the Bible School. I used all these courses to develop myself.

On getting back home at the end of the week, I washed my feet, sprinkled the blood round the house, served myself the Holy Communion and anointed the whole place, sanctifying it.

While doing all these, my mind was not at all on the fan. But on Sunday, while reading my lecture notes, a song struck me – There is nothing that I need that He won't provide. I don't know the wordings of the song fully but I remembered the portion which says If I say to the mountain 'move'...

At this point, I faced the fan, confessed the word and commanded it, in the power of the blood, to start working. In faith, I switched it on and to my utter surprise, the fan came to life! I could not contain my joy. Till now, the fan is still working, even better than before it got burnt."

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"I Gathered Myself Together..."

"I came all the way from the East to give this testimony. I got born again in 1981, but I do not worship here. But a miracle happened in my life two month ago, after reading the Signs and Wonders Today bulletin. The miracle is this: Signs and Wonders Today gathered my shattered heart and life together.

I was poisoned in 1993, and when I was on the verge of death, deadly sick, that all hope was lost, I was discharged from the hospital. I got home and people were expecting the devil's death, not mine. But I had faith in God.

When I was almost giving up, all my faith having deserted me, I remembered that my fiancé sent me a letter which contained some copies of this miraculous Signs and Wonders Today bulletin. I opened it, but could not read.

With the little strength I had left in me, I said, 'God, give me only this grace to glance through this.' And as I read the first one, the second one, the third and on the fourth, I stumbled on a testimony of a girl that was restored by God.

And as I read the story, joy came into me, life came back to me and I gathered myself together! Peace came into me and that was how after reading it, I who used to pass urine where I lie and do everything on the bed, I got up, took my bath, ate, and began to read my Bible! I said I must come and testify of God's wondrous deliverance. Praise the Lord forever and ever!"

—Okeke, Anne

"...THE Girl Is Hale And Hearty...!"

"On the 17th of July, I experienced a special miracle. I danced as I never did in my life that day in church and found out that Satan was waiting for me at home, but he was crushed and smashed!

O getting home at 9.50 that evening, I met my last daughter held by many people. She was dead! But I had contacted the spirit of boldness and faith on this mount Zion. This I went home with that day.

Son on seeing the girl dead, I had no fear. I started pushing out words of courage and prophecies – 'You will not die, Jesus did not die.'

After that, what came to me were songs of praise. I started singing at the top of my voice. My neighbours thought I was running mad. I told my wife and children to join me in singing. Our praises were intense and to the glory of God my daughter opened her eyes!

She could not, however, see, hear, or speak. She could neither stand nor sit. But we continued singing praises. We kept a vigil and wrestled and battled with Satan physically.

The following day, we continued the battle in praises. We did nothing else, because we had contacted power in songs of praises on this mountain.

And to the glory of God, this girl opened her mouth and said, 'Daddy, I want to drink water'. We gave her water and tea and she took everything. She was also given pop with milk, which she took as well.

That same day, this girl who could not walk, sit, see or do anything,

walked up to her mother and started moving around! To the glory of the Almighty God, the girl is hale and hearty today and she eats very well."

—Obadeyi, C.

Open Gates!

"For sometime now, I've been believing God, to make serving Him comfortable for me. I live in Ketu and getting to church had always been a problem for me.

In December, when the Bishop said 17 million naira was needed to complete the church building, I didn't have 17 kobo, but I had something.

I had a share certificate worth 7,500 naira. I sold it and it fetched me 37,500. I sowed all the money, for God to make serving Him comfortable for me and for God to open the gate of mercy on my husband's business.

Last week, a friend who had been on vacation for sometimes sent for me, but I didn't go for lack of time. She then came to my office personally and blessed me with one of her two cars!

Secondly, last week Wednesday, I was promoted to a managerial level! Also, God has opened the gates of mercy on my husband's business. He's coming to give his testimony himself."

—Popoola, A. (Mrs.)