



# WORDSPIRIT



## THE DIGITAL FAITH

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*"But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, 'Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy'" (2 Kings 5:11).*

That was Naaman analyzing his analogue faith. Analogue faith is the faith that is based on a formula as well as what the eyes can see. But scripture talks about those that had not seen and yet had believed (**John 20:29**). They are the ones that had digitalized their faith.

Some will never claim healing from the scriptures. They will always wait for the elders of the church to come to anoint them with oil (**James 5:14**) before they can believe God for healing. It is not a wrong thing for you to wait for the elders of the church to come and minister healing to you. Indeed, it is scriptural; I just showed you that in (**James 5:14**). But what if the situation is so urgent that you don't have time to wait for the elders of the church to show up? Mary and Martha waited for Jesus to travel from

outside Jerusalem to come and heal their dying brother, Lazarus, and Jesus could not "meet up" with that invitation on time and Lazarus eventually died (**John 11:17**). Mary and Martha had an urgent and deadly matter before them and they were applying an analogue faith. They could not digitalise their faith and get healing for their brother without Jesus Christ coming physically (in person) to their home. Unlike Mary and Martha, the centurion asked Jesus to speak from wherever He was so that his servant will be healed (**Matthew 8:8**). And of course, Jesus spoke from where He was and the centurion's servant was healed at the same hour. If Mary and Martha had digitalised their faith, Lazarus would not have died, let alone spend four days in the tomb.

Be careful what you call spiritual formula. God does not operate by formula, He rather operates as He pleases. That is why He is God. When you tie God to a formula, the best you can have is an analogue faith. Faith is the spiritual signal that catches up with the frequency of the Holy Ghost,

making the impossible possible.

Look at Jesus' reaction after the centurion asked him to speak from wherever He was, for his servant to be healed. Jesus said, "***I have never seen such a great faith in Israel...***" (Matthew 8:10). What baffled Jesus was the way the centurion switched his level of faith. Look through the scriptures and you will discover that at first, the centurion sent for Jesus to come to his house to heal his ailing servant. And before Jesus could travel on a camel or donkey to get to his house, the servant most likely got worse and needed the healing more urgently. The Centurion then switched to a higher level of faith and asked Jesus to speak words of healing from wherever he was. What baffled Jesus was how the centurion could switch from a low level of faith to a higher one within a short period. He switched from analogue to digital faith within a short time frame!

When the phone system in Nigeria was still analogue, it was quite difficult to connect to people. Some wires needed to be run from house to house. The houses without telephone wires could not make or receive calls. Connectivity was quite difficult then. Now that the phone system

is digitalised, you no longer need wires to make a call. The same thing applies in the spirit realm. When you digitalise your faith, life becomes very easy. I call it "wireless faith". That is the difference between the faith of Naaman and that of the Centurion. Naaman's faith needed "wires"; it was analogue.

At the onset of ministry when I was believing God for a car, I waited for the car and it appeared as if it was not forthcoming. I digitalized my faith and took it to another level. I stopped seeing myself as someone that was waiting for God to give him a car and started seeing myself as a car owner. So I proceeded to get a key that looked like a car key and carried it around with me the same way car owners carried their car keys. And of course, a car miraculously got to me free of charge.

If you are believing God for the fruit of the womb, digitalise your faith by proceeding to buy baby wears for your forthcoming babies. If you are believing God for a job, digitalise your faith by writing an appointment letter and placing it on your table. And you will be amazed at what you will see. For there is one thing God must honour, and that is your faith in Him.

## THREE KEYS TO DIGITALIZING YOUR FAITH

### 1 Verbalize Your Faith

To verbalize your faith is to speak forth based on the faith that had entered your spirit. This is where a lot of Christians miss it. Once you sense faith in your heart, you must release the same faith by verbalizing it. You must speak forth in the direction of the faith in your spirit. That is why the scripture says "***Let the weak say 'I am strong'***" (Joel 3:10). In other words, the weak must speak in the direction of the faith he has received in his spirit and call himself strong and healthy even when it appears the symptoms of the sickness are still there. He must digitalize his faith by confessing it, that is when he sees it come to fruition and his healing is materialized.

Your faith is dormant until you can verbalize it. That is why Jesus talking in the scriptures said if

you have faith as a grain of the mustard seed, you can say unto this mountain be thou removed and cast into the sea and it will be done (Mat 17:20). In other words, even when there is faith in your heart and you refuse to verbalize the faith by speaking to the mountain, the mountain will remain there. Although the faith exists in your spirit and has not been verbalized, it has not been released to work and you will not see any results. Your mouth is the trigger of your faith, don't ever let it speak negative things. you can use your mouth to kill the little faith in you. Because whenever you speak, the spirit in you also hears the words of your mouth; it is not only your physical ears that hear them. That is why the psalmist said once has the Lord spoken and twice have I heard (Ps 62:11). That is to say, he heard

with his physical ears as well as the ears of his spirit. Implying also that the quickest way to kill the faith in your spirit is to keep speaking negative words.

In the same vein, you can boost the faith in your spirit by speaking positive and Spirit oriented words. It is the faith in your heart that can be like a mustard seed and not the one that you

have boosted by verbalizing it. That is why it is after you have spoken out the faith in your spirit against the mountain that the mountain can be moved and cast into the sea. If you understand the principles of the Spirit and how it operates, you will also understand the fact that your mouth is your faith booster. You boost the faith in your heart by the words you speak with your mouth.

## 2 TAKE STEP OF FAITH

Taking steps of faith is what the scripture refers to as faith with works. Without which, says the scripture, the faith is dead (**James 2:2**). You digitalize the faith in your spirit by stepping out in faith. Once God says it is yours, don't ever sit back, get up and go look for it. Get up and take it. That is what it means to add work to your faith.

God promised Israel Canaan. It couldn't have become theirs by their sitting back and doing nothing. They had to put their faith to work by stepping out to possess Canaan. It is not enough to have promises in God, you must also get up to claim the promises. God does not promise and fail, it is rather people that don't get up to take their promises in God. And they then turn around and blame God. The man that would not step out in faith will always look for someone to blame for his failures. Canaan is to be taken; it is not enough to be left as a promise. If you are yet to find yourself in your Canaan, then you have not gotten up to take it.

Abraham stepped out in faith with God when God asked him to move to a land that he was going to show him (Gen 12:1). Although Abraham did not know where the land was, He believed in God and followed in faith. He was moving to a land that

God was yet to show him, and as he stepped out in faith to search for the place, God made sure the land became his. Each time you put your faith to work, God steps out to work in your favour and the direction of your faith.

We can also learn from the account of the widow of a prophet. God wanted to multiply the widow's oil, but he did not start with the oil, He rather started from the actions of faith by asking the widow to gather vessels, not a few, even when she had only a pot of oil (**2Kings 4:3**). It was not her little oil that called to more oil, it was rather the putting of her faith to work that resulted in the supernatural multiplication of the oil. Nothing beckons on your divine portion like your stepping out in faith. God could not withhold her portion after she had brought her vessels and not a few.

It was the vessel she gathered in faith that called unto her oil. That was why the oil, on its own, stopped flowing immediately after all of her vessels were filled. As long as God can see your actions of faith, He cannot withhold your desired multiplication! That was why archbishop Benson Idahosa could say "God cannot say no when your faith says yes". Faith is proven by her actions.

## 3 KEEPING COMPANY WITH MEN OF FAITH

Scripture says as iron sharpeneth iron so does a man sharpen the countenance of his brother (**Prov 27:17**). In the same vein, as iron sharpeneth iron, so does a man of faith sharpen the faith of his brother. When it comes to the faith dimension, no one is an island. Everybody's faith level had been

challenged and boosted by some other person's faith level. There are people you come in contact with and their faith level spurs you to dare to do greater things with your faith. Those are your true friends. Don't keep company with faith killers. They are people that would never dare to believe



God and would always want to discourage you from believing God yourself. Such people can move your faith in a backwards direction. They move your faith from digital to analogue. Let me show you what I mean by that.

Pastor Benny Hinn had a crusade where he prayed for a crippled woman that was brought in a wheelchair. the power of God hit her and she was healed. She got up from the wheelchair and began to walk and people screamed in amazement. The same woman got home and those she was living with told her to stop walking around and return to her wheelchair, that they don't believe in divine healing and that she could collapse at any time. As she kept listening to them, she kept buying their doubtful words gradually. Faith comes by hearing (**Rom 10:17**), in the same vein, fear comes by hearing. She returned to the wheelchair and never got up from it until her death. Her digital faith was returned to the analogue because she gave ears to faith killers.

Men of faith don't give their ears to faith killers. That is one of the principles by which they maintain their faith. My mentor, Pastor Paul Enenche, once told us that one of the ways he keeps his faith perpetually charged is to keep listening to bishop David Oyedepo, another man of faith. He keeps talking of how bishop David

Oyedepo had challenged his faith unto building the Glory Dome, which is a hundred thousand seaters hall.

When God wanted to hand the Midianites to Israel in battle, the first thing He did was to work on Gideon's faith. Gideon was the leader of the army that will fight the Midianites. How was God able to achieve that? He took Gideon to listen to a group of people that would help move his faith from analogue to digital as they discussed the dream they had the previous night. As Gideon listened to their dream, he was full of faith and proceeded to subdue the Midianites in battle (**Judges 7:13-15**).

If Gideon had given his ears to faith killers, Israel would have remained slaves to the Midianites. To give your ears to faith killers is to remain in slavery. The woman with the issue of blood could not come out of the slavery of bleeding until she heard about Jesus and then proceeded to touch the hem of His garment in faith (**Mat 9:21**). It all started after she had heard of Jesus.

Always take time to interact with people whose faith level is higher than yours. You will be doing your faith a lot of good by doing so. For faith sharpeneth faith.

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