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THE FORCE OF FAITH ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to GOD's peculiar people, to HIS army of believers that refuse to succumb to the patterns of this life, the threats of darkness, the lures of defiling spirits and seductive wantons that seek to plague humanity with failure, corruption, and ultimate defeat. These mighty warriors have chosen the HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS; they are hungry and are desirous for all that GOD has bequeathed those that believe in CHRIST.

Inside them, stirring in their knower, is a force that reckons victory and they are set and ready to work it.

To this kind, Precious and I pray grace, blessings, dominion, power, and all honor. We stand by you and cheer you with this word knowing fully well that your stirring is good for us all. For out of your belly flows gushers of living realities that make light and wonder sufficient for all our good. We thank GOD you were born in this hour and know that you will work this book to the max.

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All glory and praise in regard to this work must belong to my LORD the CHRIST, JESUS of heaven and earth. Without HIM, I would never have faith, no one would ever have had faith; HE is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). So, this testimony to faith in what it can do, how much it can accomplish, is truly a celebration of CHRIST.

Without HIM, I can do nothing (John 15:5); and yet, because of HIM, I can do all things through HIS great strength that works mightily in me (Philippians 4:13).

To HIM, I commit your tender soul as you read this work. May HE work in you exceedingly by the force of faith, causing you to abound in all good works.

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ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Jesus said unto him, 'If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth'. Mark 9:23

Anything can happen: Better still, the wildest fantasies, the most incredible dreams, and the highest goals are all within reach. Nothing is too lofty or utterly out of reach. This is the life that God designed for man.

Man, in the divine course of things, is supposed to be beyond reproach, immortal and infallible, nothing less than supernatural specie of incredible abilities.

From the time God consulted within HIS omnipotent deity in the beginning of time concerning the creation of man, when HE sought to make him in HIS image and likeness, man was intended to be capable of everything imaginable and more. And you my dear, as human, falls within this framework of glory.

Of course we have heard enough of how the first man shortchanged this privilege when he succumbed to temptation (Genesis 3). But that is history now, and need not bother us much. You see, the key to incredibility is getting out of the mindset of what went wrong and positioning oneself to what has been set right.

In spite of what man lost when Adam fell to temptation, Jesus has set the record even better than it was at first (Romans 5:12-21). Jesus has restored all things and given God's designs for man a second chance with an improved quality to it. Through Him and in HIM, man can now be that supernatural creature that God intended him to be (2 Corinthians 5:17): In essence, everyone born of woman has the blessed opportunity to be a God-like kind of being in Christ Jesus (1 John 4:15).

What this means is as varied as thoughts can be. But for starters: Think about the immensity of being like the omnipotent person that God is. Think about the fact that nothing is impossible with Him (Matthew 19:26). Think about the fact that no one can judge

Him, no one can reprimand Him, and no one should doubt Him. Now all these privileges are inherent to anyone that has believed God's beloved Son.

My friend, this portion is not some pie in the sky. It is a very present possibility and is the almighty purpose of this book: Like God, those that believe Christ are beyond reproach (Galatians 3:13-14), they are not condemned (Romans 8:1), they should be believed (John 17:16-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21) and much more. There is infinitely much more that they are or can do, and that is the purpose here.

Are you a believer in Christ? Do you call yourself a Christian? Please read through this book, meditate and studiously digest its contents and suggestions. Get to know your divine inheritance as you discover the life of immeasurable possibilities. The true sons of God, genuine believers in Christ, should realize to such as them ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Christianity, so to say, is much more than a religion. And it is more than a relationship with God. It is a revelation of God in you and you in God as believers in Christ Jesus: If God is in heaven, you are there with Him reigning in glory (Ephesians 2:6); and, as He is, so are you in this world (1 John 4:17). This is the mystery that the Apostle Paul mentioned had been hidden from times past by the devastating effects of sin. As a result, most people lived in suffering rebellion against divine providence. A few others had a religious perception of God or a relationship with HIM without quite understanding who HE was and what He intends men to be or achieve; sadly all had fallen short of glory (Romans 3:23).

To be sure, humanity settled for much less than it's potential (Ecclesiastes 7:29). Across all nations and throughout all generations, men had moved further and further away from the glory that God had intended them to be. And so as time passed, God's original intentions for man became shrouded in mystery. Man became ever more so a fallible being, a limited specie.

However, God was not finished with man; in the fullness of time He sent Christ to unveil His divine plans for man. Consequently, this mystery of godliness that was hidden has now been revealed to those who believe in Christ Jesus, and it simply is GOD IN US THE HOPE OF GLORY or in present day speech- A DIVINE LIFE OF INFINTE POSSIBILITY (Colossians 1:27).

Appreciating the tenets of this divine life will program you to greatness beyond your imagination. It will qualify you in the God-family of beings- a specie without bounds. Knowing who you are in Christ is the beginning to an eternity of unlimited realms of glory, pleasure, peace and strength.

The true believer that has this revelation of God is not anxious about going to heaven as much as he is about extending heaven on earth. He already has heaven, and truly desires to be present with the Lord, but is keener to let others share heaven on earth, here and now (Matthew 6:10; Philippians 1:23-26). It is all possible in perceiving the revelation of God in us as guaranteed in Christ Jesus.

And if you haven't known Christ yet- either because you are bound by religion (a form of godliness that is devoid of the ability to effect change), or worse still, because you are locked up in a dark abyss of fear, unbelief, and evil, subordinated by everything and everyone- please do not despair.

There is a door open in Christ Jesus for you to be free, absolutely free. Jesus made this omnipotent and most assuring declaration:

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36

What this means in its amazing fullness is that in Christ you are not merely *free from* but you are actually *free to*.

You are not only free from bondage, affliction, and all sort of negative depravity but you are free to sketch the stars, to achieve the uncountable, do the impossible, overcome the unbeatable, face the intolerable, and live the unthinkable. You are free for more than your dreams and fantasies could fathom. Come to Jesus, the master key to unlimited potential.

It is just so unfortunate that most of Christian ministry has concentrated on only one aspect of salvation- the freedom from the devils domain. Most believers are only content to be free from demonic oppression, or desire such a freedom. But there is more, so much more. In fact, freedom from the devils domain is only the beginning of what God can do in your life. Remember, Jesus is not only the author of your faith; He is also the finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2). So, do not stay at the started level. This book is in your hands to keep you going further into the benefits of your redemption.

Peter the apostle understood the complete benefits of salvation and desired that all saints would appreciate what Christ had done for us beyond deliverance from damnation and darkness. Writing to all believers, he informs us:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

The believer, in this regard, is not merely an escapee from hell, demonic bondage, and eternal damnation, he is so much more.

He lives in a kingdom of light, of all possibility, from where he can demonstrate the praises of God.

Unfortunately, many believers do not know this. They childishly acknowledge and celebrate the fact that they will not go to hell and suffer damnation or at best rejoice that they are not bound by demons. But there is so much more. All believers ought to realize the infinite benefits and supernatural privileges peculiar to all who believe.

It is instructive that we note that Peter was moved to elaborate on this eternal privilege more than the believer's deliverance from darkness. Speaking of its glorious detail, he reveals:

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 unto glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the

world through lust. 2 Peter 1:3-4

He understood and communicated the incredible benefits that are available for believers. And in his reverend opinion, this privilege included everything pertaining to life and godliness, far more than everything that anyone can dream about. More than that, Peter sought to explain that everything that heaven would desire for men is wrapped in Christ.

In Christ, believers have access to the divine nature, the same nature of God so that they are programmed for what he calls glory and virtue and what I would call *incredible success and fantastic wonder*.

Beloved, the believer in Christ is not an ordinary person. He is never intended to be insignificant and mediocre. There is a divine power at work in such a person so that he/she is able to accomplish feats beyond the measure that other people are accustomed. The believer is not part of the corruption that has cursed mortal man since the fall. Instead, he has been translated to a different type of specie- the God kind: A kind that is divine, glorious, virtuous, successful, wonderful, and infinite in all possibility. The believer is not just some religious member belonging to a sect of worshippers that heed to just another doctrine among many in the world. He is so much more.

The same matter bothered Paul the apostle. Upon hearing of the conversion of the Ephesians to the gospel and of their commitment to the faith, he desired that they would grow in the complete knowledge of what Christ offers those who believe. He did not want their faith shortchanged with the relief of being delivered from darkness and demonic bondage at the expense of what was to be gained in the light of God's glory. Every believer ought to be inspired by his concern:

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints. Cease not to give thanks for you, making the mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; That ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches

of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe. Ephesians 1:15-22

This apostolic prayer is a great education to all who believe and I suggest that you meditate on it.

Paul earnestly prayed that all believers would grow to the full knowledge of the *immeasurable hope, incomprehensible riches,* and *supernatural power* they have been graced with in Christ. Such knowledge would then program the believer to a life that is beyond comprehension as he would live in the full immensity of God's ability.

Both Paul and Peter wanted for us to know and appreciate that in Christ we are not just separated from *darkness* and its *evil* but more than that, we have a calling to *glory* and *virtue*. In Christ, you will discover immense possibilities to success, greatness, prosperity, purity, peace, health and much, much more. Think about it: The believer in Christ is far above all principality, and

power, and might, and dominion, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. That kind of personality is infinitely gifted, blessed beyond measure.

Unfortunately, many in the body of Christ remain ignorant about this glorious privilege. Many are only grateful to God for deliverance from captivity. They spend time *running away from darkness* rather than *running into glory*.

I am saddened by believers that are preoccupied with which kind of devil is limiting them or possessing them. That is not what it is supposed to be. Christ did not waste His glorious life for us to be weak, beggarly, and continuously conscious of darkness. Even more disenchanting are believers that are only content to escape hell and get to heaven. Disregarding the immense virtue and value of being Christ-like, they have reduced faith in Christ to another of the so many empty religions and philosophies present in the world today.

On the contrary, deliverance is not complete until you recognize that in Christ you have power over demons and all the power of the enemy (Mark 16:17-18). More than that, until you recognize that you are fully armored, graced, and gifted with all the power, authority, and dominion of God in Christ Jesus.

Seriously consider the immortal words of Jesus, our most reverend King and High Priest. He said:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19

He also said:

Fear not little flock; for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32

And just to clarify on the ultimate blessing He reserves for those who believe, He declares:

And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones. Luke 22:29, 30

And that is what this book is all about: It seeks to sit you on the throne of life. It endeavors to answer Paul's prayer while explaining in depth Peter's counsel.

In the next pages, I seek to reveal to you sufficient measures of what Peter calls *exceeding great and precious promises*, what Paul calls *the riches of the glory of His inheritance*, and what Jesus referred to as *a kingdom*, but what I have chosen to define as *divine amounts of infinite possibility*.

Read it, enjoy it, but use it. Let its pages run through you as together with God's Mighty Spirit they unplug defeatist impressions left behind by the culture of sin and death. I guarantee you that once you understand without a shadow of doubt what I am saying to you here, you will be on your way to ALL POSSIBILITIES.

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.

Exodus 19:5, 6

There is a fundamental dichotomy that divides people between those that belong to God and those that do not. The two are very different kinds of people. This explains why not everyone pleases God and certainly why we await the on-coming judgment where the sheep will be separated from the goats (Matthew 25:32-33). On a more serious sense, the real difference revolves between those who choose to *believe like God* and those who simply cannot.

I intentionally skip the category that is most often used to distinguish God's people as being those that *believe in God* for the basic reason that it is not useful in separating the two.

Believing in God is not sufficient enough a qualification to warrant one the peculiar distinction of being God's person. Many do, even as the devil and the entirety of his rebellious hosts, but that is it insofar as a connection with God is concerned (Matthew 8:28-29; James 2:19). A further examination reveals that God has nothing to do with many that believe in Him. To really be God's person one has to be a God-type of person, a person that transcends the quality of merely *believing in God* to actually *believing like God*.

Watch throughout the scriptures and observe the faiths of men and women that were mightily used of God. They did not just believe in God but went further than that and believed like God. When God communed with them, they distinguished themselves from their community by seeing as God saw, feeling as God felt, and doing as God did. This was certainly the quality of the faith of a man like Moses. On the one hand, you had a constantly complaining, spineless and erratic Israel that actually believed in God and on the other hand you had a bold, dependable and meek Moses that believed like God.

The distinction continued to the next generation with Joshua and Caleb. It is them that carried a different report from the other spies because they dared to *believe like God*. Like God they knew that Israel was well-able to take over the Promised Land in spite of the odds pitted against them.

And yet those who perceived differently from them actually believed in God but succumbing to fear were unable to believe like God. In the end, all those that believed in God but unlike Him, all died in the wilderness unable to enter their inheritance while Joshua and Caleb crossed over and occupied what God had promised their fathers.

This difference is what promoted David from a mere shepherd boy to becoming the commander of Israel's army in a single day: While all the soldiers of Israel *believed in God* but were unable to face-off with the gigantic enemy that taunted them and insulted their God, David *believed like God*, dared the moment, estimated his superiority over the giant, and delivered victory to a terrorized king and his army. *Believing like God* elevated him,

strengthened him, popularized him, and transformed him into a celebration of his generation in Israel and an inspiration to many over the years since then.

Ultimately, *believing like God* ensured his privileged blood relation to Israel's Messianic King: It must be for this reason more than any other that the Messiah is regarded as the Son of David (Matthew 21:9).

This is the faith that Jesus sought to share with us. In getting us to *believe in Him,* He sought to open to us the infinite opportunity of *believing like He did* even as *He believed like God did.*

Now I am not against *believing in God*. Matter of fact, it is mighty important that we do as this is indeed the initiation to *believing like God*. It should be clear that it would be impossible to believe like a person you did not believe in. **So believing in God is essential in the process of faith. It is vital for the** *beginning* **of faith.**

But it must never be celebrated as an end in itself. This is where religious folk have got it all wrong. Religion is only content in

getting people to believe in God, and that may get them initiated into the family of God but it never fulfills in their life the ultimate purpose of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the one thing that makes me suspicious of the function of religion in the plan of salvation (observe more of this discussion in two of my other books on faith titled- FAKE 2 FAITH and FAITH @ ANOTHER LEVEL). Although it functions well in getting many to believe in God, it steals quite a lot from many who are content with this level whereas there is a lot more than believing in God.

In fact, if not carefully examined, one may not realize that the devil also believes in God and that is why most other religions regardless of whether they believe in Christ as the Son of God or not, also claim some belief in God.

In fact, the day is coming when all these faiths will coalesce in their common belief in God in a dubious formation of a body of questionable believers orchestrated by none other than Satan (Revelation 17). Believing in God was never God's ultimate goal for mankind. We were created for better than that. Jesus shed His blood for much better than that. As I mentioned, believing in God or/and His Christ is sufficient for us to be initiated into the family of God. The scripture declares:

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that *believe* on his name.

John 1:11, 12

But this is the point: Although *being* a son of God because you believe in God and His Son Jesus Christ makes you different from others in the sense that now you are in the family of God and others are not, it does not necessarily <u>distinguish</u> you from them until you *function* as a son of God.

There is a huge difference between *being a son of God* and *functioning as a son of God*.

Being a son of God is the privilege we gain from believing in God and His Christ. But this is not the entirety of God's plan of redemption. God is not content with us being in His family. He wouldn't like us bearing a title of our eternal salvation and divine adoption as if it were some third rate public relations exercise with little to show for it except our claim.

He desires more than that and has revealed it throughout the scriptures even illustrating it through the amazing testimony of Christ and the apostles.

You see, God is aware how merely being His son does not distinguish you from those that are not in His family. That is why the apostle Paul cautioned the believers in Galatia that:

The heir, as long as he is a child, <u>differeth nothing</u> from a servant, though he be lord of all.

Galatians 4:1

He was frustrated by the weak faith exhibited by the Galatians in spite of what he had taught them. Rather than grow in their faith

so that they not only believed in God but believed like HE did, they had since declined to pitiable levels (Galatians 3).

Backslidden to religious observations and legalistic restrictions, their erstwhile faith had descended to a form of godliness that denied the power of God. Although they claimed they were believers in Christ, they still lived a life so short of the glory of the sons of God.

Unfortunately, this problem is still plaguing the lives of many believers in the Lord, even ministers of the Lord. Many are this way for the same reason as the church in Galatia- they lack knowledge, they fear the doctrines and traditions of men, and compromise the promise of God. Sadly to say, many are bewitched by the seductive ways of religious faith.

What has to be observed is the fact that as long as we merely believe in God, we are likely to backslide: The devil believed in God when he was a glamorous angel and he rebelled; Adam believed in God and lost all through disobedience; Israel believed in God while they complained and murmured until they all perished in the wilderness without entering the Promised Land.

The matter must be appreciated at the highest level: Consider the fact that it is not so amazing that God believes in Himself as much as it is that HE actually believes the way he does. It is true that HE does believe in who HE is as is evident throughout the scriptures.

However, what is interesting to note is that several other spirits, notable among who is Satan, have sought to exalt themselves as the Most High (Isaiah 14:13-14). Satan has for a long time *believed in himself as god* but has never *believed like God* and that is where the distinction is.

What is truly unique about God is how He believes the way He does regarding HIS esteemed and reverend entity: When He said to Moses, "I Am who I Am"; it was not just some mantra that He'd rehearsed over time. He went further than that to demonstrate how He believes that He is who He is. He

performed some powerful signs before Moses with which He guaranteed that He would convince Israel of his authenticity as the God of their fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

And when Moses was faced with the most severe tests, God in whom He depended still maintained His confession as the Great I Am.

And so we observe that when Pharaoh refused to release the children of Israel, He did not relent being God. When Israel cried at the Red Sea, He demonstrated He is God. When they cried because of hunger, or because of thirst, or even when they doubted Him concerning the Promised Land, He still held His confession and demonstrated His authenticity as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

It is the *audacious and manifest* manner in which God proved His identity, orchestrated the deliverance of Israel, and steered the leadership of Moses that actually demonstrated His omnipotence and not merely His conviction of who He was.

Similarly, it was not so much that Jesus believed in who He was as much as it is the manner in which He believed that distinguished Him. At the time that He graced us with His appearance on earth, there were several others that had made claim to being the Messiah (Acts 5:36-37). Even to this day, there are several false Messiahs that arise and make similar claims as Jesus made (Matthew 24:24). However, what truly distinguished Jesus was the manner in which He believed He was who He claimed He was.

He believed like God did that He was the Son of God so much as He was able, in the flesh, to accomplish miracles that were evidently acts of God. In fact, even His detractors were mightily impressed so as to question whether indeed when the Messiah would come He would do more miracles than Jesus had done (John 7:31). Jesus Himself pointed out that the miracles He did were of His Father (John 14:10-11).

It would never have been enough for us that He believed in who He was. What is most inspiring about His conviction is how He actually demonstrated He was who He claimed to be. He never changed His faith to suit circumstances.

At all times He held fast and manifested the wonders of HIS faith: Whether it was in the face of a life threatening storm (Mark 4:35-41), or faced with the hunger of a mighty crowd that had followed Him to the wilderness (Matthew 15:32-38), or the appeal of a diseased man (Luke 5:12-13), or the anxieties of his earthly parents (Luke 2:41-49), or the contradictions of angry religious bigots (Mark 14:53-65), He stood to be tried as the Son of God. Jesus Christ believed He was the Son of God against the threat of death.

Even when all those who had believed in who He was had run from Him, He still held His confession (Mark 14:43-51).

Jesus believed like God concerning who He was and regarding any other thing, and laid the foundation for all who believe in Him to do likewise. He was not merely the Son of God as one that bore a label of some sort. He demonstrated what being a Son of God was by *believing like God*. He was not only in the family of

God. The manner in which He believed qualified Him as a distinguished member of the God-family.

My friend, it is one thing to believe in God and quite another to believe like God. Believing in God will at most get one into *the family of God*. It will make you His son. However, believing like God will graduate one into being a distinguished member of *the God-family*. It will make you a revelation of God.

My friend, while it is a glorious thing to be a *member of God's* family, it is a greater glory to be a *revelation of God*. God's ultimate purpose in Christ from the beginning has been to fuse us into the God-family so as to establish us as the express image and likeness of His person.

This is what Paul meant when he said that we have been predestined to be conformed into the image of God's Son so that He may be the first born of many (Romans 8:29). It is also what John meant by boldly suggesting that as God is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). **Believing like God will make us more than**

a son of God. It will make us a revelation of God both to those who know Him and those who don't.

More to this, believing like God will enable us to tap into our inheritance. Adam lost all that God had given him in spite of believing in God. However, it is vital that we realize that he lost it because he did not believe like God concerning his identity.

Notice that the Serpent did not seek to arouse any doubts regarding the existence or omnipotence of God when he tempted him in the Garden of Eden. What he did is cause him to doubt who he was.

Although God had surely created him in his image and likeness, the devil deceived him that if he ate the fruit he would actually be like God (Genesis 3).

Now, man did not need to eat that fruit to be like God as he was already like God and all he needed to be like God had already been done for him (Genesis 1:28; 2:7). All he had to do was accept it, believe like God concerning the matter.

He lost his inheritance, the Garden, the dominion of the earth and all its creatures, and eternal life, not because he did not believe *in* God but because he failed to believe *like* God regarding who he was! And this is the fundamental difference between the first Adam and the second one: The first Adam merely believed *in* God while the second Adam transcended that faith and believed *like* God!

This is mightily important to those who believe the Lord Jesus Christ. As wonderful as it is that you believe in Him, that is not sufficient to cause you to inherit the promises of God in Christ (which by the way are yes and amen! 2 Corinthians 1:20).

You can quote all your life and claim it to all and sundry, how you are the son of God because you believe in Jesus and the Father and the Holy Ghost, and that is still not going to be sufficient for you to inherit the promises of God any more than the seven sons of Sceva were able to cast out devils (Acts 19:13-16).

Sadly to say, this is the critical reason why many of God's children, many Christians, fall sick, are depressed, manipulated,

despair and are continuously struggling with sin by the second. They believe in God but for lack of knowledge, they do not believe like God.

However, believing like God concerning your divine entity as son of the Father will put all that struggle, failure and torment to its proper perspective.

Notice that I do not suggest as some are prone to do nowadays that the struggles will come to a close. That is a lie. The truth is simply that the struggles will cease to be a threat. Instead they will be a tool that you will employ to reveal the glory of God.

Consequently, believing like God will shift you from beneath to the pinnacle of life. Rather than fall sick, you will heal the sick. Rather than be depressed, you will be filled with joy that the world cannot give. Rather than be manipulated, you will take advantage of your position and assume control of your destiny as the Holy Spirit guides you. And your struggle with sin will shift to sins continuous and indefinite loss to your everlasting righteousness. You see, believing like God regarding your divine identity causes you to appreciate, even as Jesus mentioned, that you are not of the world as He is not of it (John 17:16). You cease facing challenges like ordinary people do. Your perspective changes and radically differs from that of mortal men.

You begin to see as God sees, feel as God feels, and can perform as God does. Nothing becomes impossible. Failure, defeat and confusion become out of touch with you. Instead, you become more conscious of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). Your authority is supernatural and your life a consistent pattern of God's glorious interventions.

Now, not everyone can handle what I am saying here. However, what is clear is that those that do qualify to be among the peculiar people Peter refers to in his first letter.

They are a unique type of people on the face of the earth: A people without defeat, compromise, above sickness, corruption and all manner of lusts of the flesh. A priestly and divinely orchestrated royal line of kings in the order of King Melchizedek

(1 Peter 2:9; Hebrew 7); they are born of God's seed and overcome the world (1 John 3:9, 5:4).

It is to those who perceive with excited curiosity the merits of believing like God that I have obeyed the Most High God to pen down this book.

The Force of Faith is a call to such as be willing to grow beyond believing in God to actually believing like God. It is intended for those who will venture further into the omnipotent experiences of functioning as a God-family member.

Its contents are radical and very compulsive. They are not written for everybody and those that have no business reading it will certainly take forever to appreciate, let alone understand, its varied discussions. But as many as do, to them has been granted the privilege of perceiving the secrets of God's everlasting kingdom (Matthew 13:11-12). For this exclusive and celebrated category, the sky is the beginning to an unlimited progress.

You see, once you get this revelation, you aren't starting from the bottom. You are kick starting from the top. And if you find yourself in agreement with its details in the face of many who do not, be sure to know that you are *the mighty minority*, the overcoming remnant.

Just remember the multitudes that shouted Caleb and Joshua down: They seemed to have won the numbers but they lost the point. Remember that Jesus was alone at Calvary but He scored the point even though it seemed as though His detractors had carried the day.

I am not trying to convince the world here. I am only seeking God's people, people that are conscious of God's life in them. They are uncomfortable being human because they sense that there must be something more than flesh and blood. Similarly, they are uncomfortable being religious because they sense that there is something more than rituals, customs, and sermons. In their DNA is a code of glory that wrestles with their apparent limitations and they are sure that there is a more concrete thing in Christ than humanity and religion offers. They will not settle

until they are firmly in consonance with the Most High. Their comfort and joy, their highest achievement is to be able to believe like God does regarding everything.

It is to this stubborn and supernatural breed that I am sent to deposit THE FORCE OF FAITH.

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HEARING THE UNBELIEVABLE

Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. **Ezekiel 37:4-6**

If you are going to be a beneficiary of the force of faith then you have got to tune your antennae to be able to hear the unbelievable. The world of infinite possibility is actually begun with hearing the unbelievable. That is why one ought to be careful about what you hear. Your hearing determines your destiny. What you hear and who you listen to defines the possibilities of your life.

A lot of people do not understand this and complain why their faith is not working. They question the attributes of faith yet they pay attention to the spirit of fear and the evil reports of the enemy. They miss the point: The force of faith is programmed in our lives by the things we hear. If we hear the unbelievable, then we are positioned to achieve infinite possibility.

Think about it: Adam, the first man that ever lived begun by hearing the unbelievable. God created him out of the dust and spoke to him amazing facts. God said to this living clay pot:

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, where there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 1:28

It must be very significant that the first thing man did after creation is hear the Lord. Man did not begin life doing anything else other than hearing, and hearing the Lord. He did not begin by working, eating, walking, talking, or any other thing but hearing the Lord. Before he could do anything that he was actually capable of doing, God who made him knew that it was essential that he heard from Him.

It is also equally significant that man did not begin with hearing anything else other than the word and voice of God. He did not begin by hearing the sounds of waters, the cries of beasts, or the singing of birds or angels, but by hearing the words of God. This hearing from the Lord thus provides to us the foundation of all human existence.

If any man would like to have a sure foundation concerning anything in their life then they must of necessity begin with hearing the word of God. That is why the scriptures declare:

Believe in the Lord your God so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall you prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20

Jesus took it further when he assured the devil that:

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4

And just to notch higher the extent to which hearing the word of the Lord provides a sure foundation, Jesus advised:

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken them unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded on a rock. Matthew 7:24, 25

Consequently, hearing the word of God is the essential requirement for establishment in any regard. It is not for nothing that before Jesus launched His ministry, He actually received that awesome assurance from God at the Jordan during His Baptism:

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lightning upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 4:16, 17

I think it is quite instructive that before Jesus begun His ministry; He received a word from God. In fact a careful study of Jesus' ministry reveals that He only did as was spoken to Him by the Father (John 17:7-8).

All other significant endeavors in the scriptures show the same pattern: Abraham's great ministry begun with hearing the command from the Lord for him to leave his father's house (Genesis 12:1); Jacob's glorious destiny begun when his mother heard from the Lord regarding his victory over Esau (Genesis 25:22-23); Joseph's remarkable triumph over envy, slavery, lust and prison to eventually be second to Pharaoh begun when he heard from God in dreams (Genesis 37:5-9); Jeremiah's radical ministry was the offshoot of words he heard from the Lord in his teen years (Jeremiah 1:4-19); long before Elisha asked for the double portion from Elijah, the latter had heard from God concerning how the young lad would be a prophet in his place (1 Kings 19:16); before Peter stood on the day of Pentecost and won thousands of souls, he had heard the Lord call him to be a fisher of men (Matthew 4:18-19); and Paul's incredible ministry that span across Eurasia winning both Gentile and Jew alike begun when on his way to Damascus he heard from the Lord (Acts 9).

Hearing from the Lord is so vital for the incredible exercise of the force of faith. In fact without the Lord speaking and anyone hearing, there can be no force of faith. However, once the Lord

has spoken and you have heard, then the force of faith will propel you to the point where all things are possible.

Now this is critical to anything God may require us to do. Never seek to please God without hearing from God. The force of faith is not a presumption resting on the fertile imaginations of a person however well intentioned they may be. Moses discovered this when he sought to deliver the children of Israel from the wretched life of slavery they suffered in Egypt without hearing from the Lord. The exercise was futile and ended in his shameful and disastrous escape from Egypt (Exodus 2:11-15).

And yet, when the same guy that run in fear and shame heard from the Lord, when he heard the Lord issue the command to deliver the children of Israel, it did not matter the odds against him. It did not matter that he'd failed before. Once God had spoken and Moses had heard, the rest was as he had heard. Moses delivered Israel from Egypt on the basis of hearing from God.

In fact, he sustained Israel on this basis: Whenever there was a crisis in the course of the deliverance of Israel, Moses sought to hear from the Lord regarding what he might do. Hearing from the Lord saw Moses wrought great miracles in Egypt, deliver the children of Israel, separate the Red Sea, cause rocks to give water, and write the entire law by which Israel would be governed. Hearing the Lord made Moses one of the greatest prophets ever lived.

Hearing from the Lord will position you to be the greatest you that you can ever be. It will literally turn your life around. A lot of people wonder why their lives are not as they would like them to be. They ponder and query why others seem to be happy and fulfilled while they are perennially in misery and trouble. The difference is often on hearing from God.

Those who take time to hear from the Lord will without question experience a life course of blessings, glory, honor and delight. While on the other hand, those who ignore God do so at their own peril. They may at some point presume that they are better off, however sooner or later they will deeply regret ignoring God (Proverbs 14:12).

Apart from the fact that hearing from God will positively impact you, what makes it particularly significant is the fact that you will hear the unbelievable. God often speaks words that are beyond the potential for everybody to believe. He speaks in mysteries and glories', often saying what is beyond ordinary. God never speaks the ordinary. He is God, sovereign and without limit. When He speaks, get ready to hear what so many will doubt in. Whoever has heard from the Lord will tell you that they heard the unbelievable. They heard words too wonderful for the minds of most people. That is why, if one is going to hear from the Lord then they should be prepared to change their mentality to suit perceiving and accepting the incredible.

In the time of the prophet Ezekiel, he asks the prophet to speak to a valley of dry bones. He urges him to tell them to hear the word of the Lord regarding how they are going to live again. Even though the prophet had spent quite some time in the service of the Lord, it was not easy for him to believe what the Lord was saying (Ezekiel 37:1-14). He must have pondered: Can bones live again? Do bones hear? Will they believe? How shall it be?

Similarly, it was to an already disillusioned and resigned Moses that the Lord speaks the possibility of Israel's deliverance. Forty years after he has run from Egypt following his failed bid to deliver the Hebrew, long after he has settled into being a shepherd, certainly when he harbored no further ambitions than providing for his immediate family, then God shows up in a burning bush and speaks to him about delivering the Hebrew. That day, Moses heard words that were too good to be true, yet they were true (Exodus 3).

You might be in a situation right now that seems to be so damning and you are resigned to fate. You may have sentenced yourself to destruction according to the logic of your condition. Let us say that they have informed you that you are sick of HIV/AIDS or some terminal disease with no cure. And you have

heard these words from an accomplished physician plus several other people, some well-intended and others maliciously suggested. Well, it does not matter who has spoken concerning your condition until you have heard from God.

And I will guarantee you this: God is going to say something beyond your grief, fear and fate. If you have purposed to hear the Lord, brace yourself to hear the unbelievable. God will always speak above the opinions of others in spite of their expertise. He will say something that ears have not heard, words that will tingle your ears and excite your spirit.

And this is where the force of faith begins in its manufacturing line. Hearing the unbelievable is the first step to employing the force of faith. If you would love to venture into the life of all-possibility, then accustom your ears to hearing the unbelievable.

Even as you read this book, adjust your antennae to hear from the Lord. While you are doing so, switch your mind to suit the incredible. God is about to speak and you will hear words more marvelous than anything anyone else can say regarding your condition. Just when the crippled man at the pool of Bethesda was lamenting about how no man was willing to carry him to the water, he heard something that he'd never imagined anyone could ever tell him. He heard Jesus tell him to pick up his mat and walk (John 5:1-9)!

In another instance, a paralytic was dropped at Jesus' feet. Everyone looked and pondered what Jesus would do next. To everyone's amazement, Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven! All the religious leaders present questioned his ability to forgive sins to which Jesus retorted with even more astonishing words: He told the man to pick his mat and go home (Luke 5:17-26)!

My friend, God is going to begin to speak what is more than your enemies can bear. He will speak words of increase and prosperity that will overtake your current earnings. You are about to hear words that will forever change your condition. **It**

does not matter how long you have endured that condition or circumstance. You are going to hear God speak with great authority words that even though they are questioned they will nevertheless accomplish their purpose in your life, if you believe.

It may be that you have been accustomed to hearing negative and depressing reports concerning your need. That will change once you hear from God. I guarantee you that there is so much to be gained from hearing the Lord over and above whoever you may have heard from regarding your condition or need.

Exercise this special blessing. Make it a habit to hear from God. Many people suffer an uneventful spiritual life and wonder why when they spend hours praying. I often ask whether when they pray, they take time to hear from God. If you would love to enjoy and appreciate your prayer life, then exercise the blessing of hearing the word of God. This is where faith is built. The scripture declares:

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word

of God. Romans 10:17

So praying will not increase your faith. Neither will attending church, nor serving as a minister. Nor will crying deep into the night or singing beautiful melodies.

What will increase your faith or activate the force of faith in your life is opening your ears to hear from the Lord. Something happens to ones spirit when they hear from the Lord. Hearing the unbelievable stirs ones spirit as it rejuvenates from the initiation of the force of faith.

Do you want a real revival? Open your ear to the word of God. Paying attention to the word of God has an incredible effect. It has the potential of completely changing anyone. A cowardly Gideon was remarkably transformed into the commander of the army of Israel when he heard the Lord address him as 'a mighty man of valor' (Judges 6:12).

Similarly, a greedy and materialist tax collector, Mathew, was significantly transformed into a pious and zealous disciple of Jesus that was willing to leave all his wealth simply because he heard the Master's call to follow him (Matthew 9:9). A promiscuous and abused Samaritan woman was marvelously transformed to becoming an effective evangelist just because she heard the Lord speak to her concerning her life (John 4:4-42). And a violent and angry Saul was radically changed to being one of the most compassionate and forgiving men when the Lord queried why he was persecuting him (Acts 9:1-19).

What about prosperity? Do you need to increase financially? Or, do you desire that whatever you set your heart to do prospers? I guarantee you that hearing from God will ensure that you prosper beyond your understanding. You see, no one desires your prosperity as much as God does (3 John.2). And no one can provide for you as much as God can. He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which you are able to ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

The problem though is that many people do not realize that God has a lot to say concerning their prosperity. They do not take time to listen to Him. When He speaks through His servants, many have tended to dispute these carriers of God's prosperity message for the church.

Many, in complete ignorance of God's will for their welfare, have dismissed God's emissaries as conmen. As a result, many have remained in squalor and mediocrity unaware that they have forsaken their glory.

Beloved, every time God is getting ready to prosper you He will speak a word. If you are in need, tune your antennae to hear from God. I am reminded of the widow at Zarepath, who had just enough flour to bake bread for herself and her boy then face death. But God spoke to her and commanded her to feed the prophet. Thanks be to God she heard and obeyed the word from God. As a result, God miraculously multiplied her flour and oil so that she was well provided for throughout the famine (1 Kings 17:7-16).

Well several years later, Jesus refers to the same instance citing the fact that although there were many widows in Israel at the time God only prospered this Gentile woman (Luke 4:25-26). The reason was that none of the widows in Israel were willing to listen to the voice of God. Each of them had gone astray after their own way.

And that is just as it is with many folk today. Many have ignored God's vital role in increasing their welfare. Now I do appreciate the principle of sowing and reaping, it is divine but it is not the only and absolute means of gaining wealth. In fact, applied devoid of hearing from God, it can be quite frustrating. Seed must be sown in faith; the sower must have heard from God and is convinced of His faithfulness in this regard if he/she is going to get a harvest from God.

Unfortunately, many do not realize that even when they sow their seed, they must still tune their antennae to hear from God regarding their harvest.

Often times, God's means of prosperity will come as an instruction. The seed you must plant, even the harvest you are waiting for may come as an instruction from God. Sometimes the Lord will speak to you to sow a seed of a particular amount

of money in order to receive a certain amount and unless you follow the instruction then your seed may be sown in vain. The instruction may even come with a particular place to sow your seed so that even if you sowed the right amount of seed in the wrong field that seed will have been sown in vain.

True prosperity is the result of submission and obedience to God. It is not some casual formula that is applicable by any means. Remember, the Master talked about seed that fell on the path, others that fell on rocky places, and others that fell among thorns. All those seed were sown in vain (Matthew 13:3-7). Listening to the wisdom and counsel of God regarding your seed will direct you to fertile ground from which you will get a multiple harvest (Matthew 13:8).

Now, it must be understood that seed-faith and harvest-time is not the only means by which God is able to prosper His people. There are other avenues. God may have you prosper by sucking on His breast (Isaiah 60:16). All you may need to do regarding some aspects of your welfare is simply ask. He said, "Ask and

you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8).

Sometimes He may require you to conquer, subdue and recover all (1 Samuel 30:8)! That is what I refer to as the highest means of divine gain- the conquest level of prosperity. Some of what the Lord has for you are in the hands of someone else and you have to conquer and take over. It may be something the enemy took from you, or it simply is a blessing that God promised you and someone else has it in their possession and is not willing to let go. In this regard, you war in the spirit until the wealth of the wicked is piled up for your benefit (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

Understanding the proper means of gain regarding a particular desire you may have will necessitate hearing from the Lord. You couldn't ask the Lord for something He expects you to sow for. Neither can you conquer wealth which the Lord expects you to ask for. Knowing which means of divine gain to apply at a particular time is the result of practicing the art of hearing the unbelievable from the Lord.

Now Joshua employed all the three means in his course of taking over the Promised Land and was able to do so because the foundation of his welfare was premised on this vital instruction he heard from the Lord:

Only be strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:7

The same can be observed from the case of Peter. From the time he met the Lord after failing to catch any fish and he heard the Lord instruct for him to launch in the deep, Peter never turned back. That same day he caught more fish than he could handle (Luke 5:1-9). Since then, his prosperity level so increased that soon he was among the apostles of the Lord able to carry bags of gold, silver, money, with several tunics (Matthew 10:5-10). In fact, even when the Lord required that they leave their possessions behind, they still did not lack anything. At some

point when Jesus sought for his disciples to leave His ministry with the crowds that followed Him, Peter resolutely refused citing:

Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. John 6:68

The manner in which he did so reveals a lot about how beneficial to our welfare it is to hear from the Lord. Peter was wise to have noted the power in God's word. No doubt he had heard the Lord say:

...the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life. John 6:63

These are the words that you must incline your ears to. They may be so unbelievable that many that hear them walk out on them as it was in Peter's day when Jesus spoke of Himself as the bread and meat from heaven that should be eaten (John 6:25-58). They may be so offending that those who hear them persecute you like it was with Joseph when he heard from the Lord about

how his family would bow before him (Genesis 37:5-11). They may be so unbelievable that even critical experts officials regarding the circumstances which they address discount its validity as it was with Elisha's prophecy of the economic miracle that was coming to Israel and the king's agent that questioned the possibility of such a prediction (2 King 7). But they have life, they contain an amazing force that will heal you of any ailment, prosper you beyond your desires, and uplift you from any situation.

Hearing the word of God connects you to a force that cannot be void. That word is on assignment and will not relent until it has accomplished the purpose which God sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11). So when you tune to hear from God, you have tuned to a force field of assigned incredibility.

Someone may ask, "How do I hear from the Lord?" Well, there are several ways one will hear from the Lord. It may be audio as in hearing His voice like Moses and Jesus did. It may be in your spirit, your inner man, by means of strong impressions regarding

what the Lord is saying. It may also be by reading, studying, or /and meditating on the written word (either the bible which is God's most authentic word or a book like this one). And it may be by means of a servant(s) of the Lord. What is important, though, is to desire hearing from the Lord.

I am sure that the fact that you have read this chapter in its entirety reveals your hunger to hear from the Lord. You desire the Lord to speak to you even as He has spoken to many.

Hear the unbelievable, thus saith the Lord concerning you: You shall be healed of all your infirmity. And you shall experience divine health so much as that you will never be sick another day in your life. More still, you will heal the sick and share the divine health God has imparted in you. It does not matter what the cause of sickness may be. If they were knocked down by a car and broke their bones, you will straighten their bones in the mighty Name of Jesus in an instant. If it is a demon(s), you will speak with authority and they will flee leaving its victim totally whole! Diseases will obey your voice as you resonate with the

power of the Most High commanding them to perish! Entire hospital wards will be emptied as you carry into them the healing presence of God. It does not matter the number of sick, wasted and suffering that they will bring to you, you will be able to heal them all!

If you open your heart to the words that you hear in this book and have decided to believe like the Lord, you will never be broke another day in your life. Your ears will tune to the wise instructions of God that will guide you to the greatest means of prosperity ever experienced in your family, community, even city. You will be so prosperous that everyone around you will tap into this force of prosperity.

Your parents, siblings, friends, and associates will prosper as a result of the force of increase operating in your life. Your children will never beg for bread. You will leave them a glorious inheritance of material, spiritual and intellectual prosperity. Yes, they will prosper further than you attained in your life time and

pass it on to the next generation and the next, for a thousand generations.

Disaster, trouble and destruction shall be far from you. You will never be violently attacked, gruesomely wounded, or suffer any damage. Never will you experience any such misfortune. The hand of God shall protect you. Know this from today onwards, you are covered by the hand of the Lord, surrounded with a hedge of fire, and blessedly assured by the power of God. Greater is He that is in you than the devil that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Your enemies will come to you one way and they will flee in seven different directions (Deuteronomy 28:7). The fear of the Lord will cow your detractors so that they will abandon any harm they may consider against you. And in case of accidents, you will miraculously be preserved so that not a scratch will be seen on your skin and never will any of your bones be broken. Yes, even when you are unawares and have been stealthily cast

down, angels will hold you so that you do not hurt as much as a finger.

Sounds unbelievable? Ask the Lord to confirm these words. You will discover that they are without doubt His blessed words to you. He speaks the unbelievable to you because you, my dear, are unbelievable. Inherent in you is the potential for greatness beyond human estimation.

What is necessary for this potential to be nurtured, harnessed, and developed is for you to pay utmost attention to the words of the One who fixed it in you. Your potential plus His words is a critical mix that will catapult you to greatness, richness, and goodness. Hear what the Spirit is saying, hear what the Father is saying, hear what the Son is saying, and hear the unbelievable. Once the Lord has spoken, twice I have heard (Psalm 62:11): Meaning- keep on hearing what the Lord has said. Even after He stops talking, regurgitate those words. Revise them by meditating. Echo them so that you keep on hearing what He has said.

I guarantee you that you will soon be beyond belief. Hearing the unbelievable will translate you to a wonder. If you have been scorned and mocked because of your apparent limitations, hearing and hearing the unbelievable will cause you to be celebrated and marveled at as your potential is unmasked to reveal a glorious you that no one thought possible but God. Hearken to His voice!

CONFESSING THE UNSPEAKABLE

And the high priest arose, and said unto him,

answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witnesses against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, he hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Matthew 26:62-65

Like it or not but the moment you engage the force of faith you are likely to offend some people. The experience is offending to some because it is truly controversial in a perverted world driven by sensory observations. Perversion, fear, doubt and unbelief have instituted a dubious standard of living that is the norm to many. In their ignorance of the spiritual realm and the enormous benefits available to those that will engage the force of faith, many are resigned to being numb and dumb about the promises of God.

In this climate of affairs, claiming the promises of God has become unspeakable as it is met with the fiercest denunciations, if not the severest attacks. It is in this guise that the faith movement has been roundly attacked for mentioning the truth regarding God's inerrant word.

This has been the course of life ever since Adam disobeyed God and fell from glory. Since then, any conviction of glory is carefully regarded and hardly spoken. There is a conspiracy from hell to gag the mouths of humanity from confessing God's promises. Consider Joseph: When he dared speak of the glory God had shown him regarding his future, he was faced with bitterness and malice. His brothers scornfully referred to him as the dreamer and persecuted him in a blunt attempt to kill his dream (Genesis 37).

Similarly, when a bold David sought to fight the giant Philistine that daily threatened and challenged all the men of Israel to a duel, his brothers sought to shut him up (1 Samuel 17).

They preferred that he was as silent about the matter as they were even though the Philistine giant insulted God and made a mockery of the army of Israel. King Saul sought to silence him by referring to the military expertise of the Philistine. Nonetheless, David continued to confess what was hitherto unspeakable throughout the ranks of Israel's army. I am often inspired by his confession before King Saul:

Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 1 Samuel 17:34-36

His confessions did not stop there. Disadvantaged by size, armory, and personally faced with the mockery, ranting, and abuses of Goliath right in the middle of the battle field, David still had something to say. Observe his bold confession:

Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: But I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the hosts of the Philistines, this day unto the fowl of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S and he will give you into our hands. 1 Samuel 17:45-47

This is what one preacher called stubborn faith and another referred to as the audacity of faith- a faith that breaks norms and customs, that discounts facts and figures to manifest the glory of God.

A full contextual account of that epic battle reveals that David had not gone to the battle field to fight. He'd been sent by his father to deliver food to his brothers who were in the army of Israel (1 Samuel 17). If there was anyone supposed to be saying what David said, it ought to have been his brothers or any of the soldiers in the battle field. But they didn't. None of the soldiers did. Not even King Saul did in spite of the fact that God had given him victories by HIS Spirit before (1 Samuel 11).

All of them were subdued by the spirit of fear and unbelief. They paid attention to the military logic that pertained on the ground and shut up. Baffled and intimidated, they all witnessed David confess what had become unspeakable with amazing conviction. These words programmed him, Israel, and King Saul for victory.

Like David, you need to engage this force of faith on your mouth by confessing the unspeakable. It does not matter what everyone else is saying concerning the condition or circumstance at hand, just speak in the name of God what is suitable to your desire and it shall be done as you have spoken. You see, God is willing and available to back up your confession. He will not permit your words to drop on the ground, especially if what you say will glorify Him and is lined up to His will.

What many do not realize is that when you confess the unspeakable, you really are wearing the mouth of God. You are speaking His language so to say, and His words are backed with supernatural power to accomplish their conviction.

These words need not have the approval of men. David's brothers, Saul, and Goliath need not have agreed with David's confession to ensure its outcome. With or without their agreement that word will come to pass. It is a word that is greater than a majority view. Confessing the unspeakable will translate you into the majority. That is what happened to David. He may have been unpopular in his father's house, among his brothers, and totally unknown among the soldiers of Israel, however once he spoke; it was only a matter of truth (not time) before he became the most popular figure in Israel. In fact his popularity out classed that of King Saul (1 Samuel 18:6-8).

Are you being doubted? Does it feel as though no one believes what you have spoken regarding your finances or health? It does not matter. Keep on confessing like David did. You might be so poor or so sick but keep on confessing your uncountable wealth or your impressive health and sooner than later those words will program you to the status of your mouth. Soon everyone that doubted will acknowledge what they mocked. Confessing the unspeakable is a master key to unlocking a force superior to any majority.

The case of Caleb and Joshua tells you as much. When all of Israel believed the ten other spies' damning report and rejected that of the two brave men they did not lose. The majority complained and murmured how it was impossible to take over the Promised Land and they all perished in the wilderness according to their careless words. Caleb and Joshua, although alone in their conviction, confessed that they were well able to take over the land (Numbers 13). In the end, they were the only ones in their generation that entered and took over the Promised Land.

Confessing the unspeakable may necessitate you being unpopular today or being ostracized and even persecuted. Whatever the circumstances, DO NOT LOSE YOUR CONFESSION. Just appreciate the fact that you do not need the majority as much as you need God. It is God that watches over a word to ensure its outcome.

It is Him who performs a word. And He is not obliged to consult with everybody. With or without popular approval, God is not limited to opinion polls. He is sovereign and superior to all opinions. His word will stand the test of popularity to manifest His glory.

What is necessary is to have the same resolute determination that Jesus displayed even in the worst of circumstances. Arrested, betrayed, forsaken, and falsely accused, yet he maintained His confession. Those who had Him arrested were prepared to kill Him if He maintained His confession to being the Son of God.

Bound and overwhelmingly outnumbered in their kangaroo court, they sought to intimidate Him to quit His confession. To

their dismay and annoyance, He maintained His confession of the unspeakable. He assured them how they would all witness with their eyes the unquestionable presentation of the truth He confessed.

And brother, I can assure you that all those guys can observe Him today seated at the right hand of God. All of them will be presented before Him for judgment (Luke 22:67). All of them will bow the knee, and confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Lord of creation (Philippians 2:10).

My friend, do not consult with mockers and scorners. Pay no attention to those who are bound with unbelief. I do not care how many they are or how threatening they may be. They are mortal men. The scriptures declare:

...Let God be true, but every man a liar.... Romans 3:4

Confess the unspeakable confident that the Lord is able to perform what you entrust to Him. Confess it in every aspect of your life and observe the amazing results that will occur. Confess it even when it is unthinkable.

May be your mind has not yet lined up to appreciate the word of God, don't mind. Just confess it; soon that word will adjust your mind to appreciate its vitality. Confess it even when it is unpopular, don't mind. Just confess it; soon that word will be popular. In fact confess the unspeakable until you are convinced of it, until others are convinced of it. That word is not void. It carries within it a power that is able to reach deep inside the hearts and spirits of men. The scriptures declare:

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

That word will program your popularity. It will convict your soul. It will realize its purpose. Confessing the unspeakable is a sure means of operating the force of faith to realize more than

you could imagine, more than anyone could imagine, more than was ever considered possible. After hearing the unbelievable, confessing the unspeakable is the next step in a world of all possibility. In fact I suggest to you to put down the book for a moment and utter loudly some words that have been unspeakable to you.

Speak your prosperity, speak your glory, speak your promotion, and speak your protection. Speak whatever you reckon is acceptable to God and beneficial for you. Speak it with stubborn resolve. Speak it like God speaks it and believe like He does. I don't care how you say it- you may sing it, quote it, paraphrase it- just say it! That confession will unlock a chain reaction of glory that will never leave you the same.

Initially it may seem as though nothing is happening. It may even seem awkward to you. Don't cow, keep on speaking. The more you confess the unspeakable, the more speakable it will become. And the more speakable it becomes, the more concrete it will be. Soon the unmentionable will become the reality. **That**

word is a seed that will keep on growing the more you confess it. One day it will be the proud tree standing in full view of all who doubted it. And many others will be saying what you had always been saying. Confess the unspeakable and live the unthinkable!

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SEEING THE INVISIBLE

Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas my master! How shall we go? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open the eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountains was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 2 Kings 6:14-17

Have you ever heard the expression- seeing is believing? Did you believe it just because it is a common expression? Well, it can be a perverse lie. Not everything seen must be believed. A careful observation of visual realties has revealed that a lot of it is not as it seems. The world is full of these optical illusions that people unwittingly regard as concrete realities. This mass illusion has

reached peak levels in our days. It seems that this generation has mastered this art of optical deception at amazing levels. All kinds of public relation stunts and maneuvers have been craftily employed to dupe a gullible public.

One of the most successful ones is the art of religion. Many faiths have forged incredible doctrines, customs, and artifacts that have won the hearts of many. Nearly all of them have emphasized the benefit of sight underlined as it were on this dubious expression-seeing is believing.

And yet, this contends with the viewpoint of the force of faith. Rather than seeing to believe, faith contends that believing is seeing. If you believe, you shall surely see what you have believed in.

To be sure, **believing is indeed the highest means of sight that is often called insight.** When someone believes something, they are able to see it even though it is not yet existent. This is what I call- seeing the invisible. The force of faith is able to cause you to be able to see the invisible. The scriptures speak of this as the

highest means of sight being as it were the means by which all things seen are based.

There is nothing that we see today that is not the result of what was initially observed when it was invisible. The author of Hebrews elaborates as much when he defines faith as:

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

Both this *substance of things* and *evidence of things* are insights birthed/fashioned by the force of faith. This is the only means by which anyone can see the invisible and is the means by which God created everything we see today. The author of Hebrews goes on to say:

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that those things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Hebrews 11:3

Now this must be properly digested: It is common sense that none of us, including the author of the book of Hebrews, was present at the creation of the world (Genesis 1:1-26; Job 38:4-7). However, the force of faith has enabled us to see what we never physically saw.

By faith we can appreciate facts of an event for which we weren't present. In this sense, faith not only provides insight but also unique hindsight. At the same time, the author of Hebrews shows us in this scripture that God made everything we see from insight. Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear: Everything we see was seen before it was made and therefore made as a result of God's ability to see the invisible.

In other words, the force of faith can enable us to see several kinds of invisibilities: It can enable us to see things that are happening or that happened even though physically we are not, or were not present to see them. I am reminded of an instance when I ministered in a church some time in 2003. As I ministered the word and power of God under an awesome anointing, the Lord showed me a vision of a bushy plot of land. Then He told

me that it belonged to the church but they had never used it and it was time that they relocated from the premises they were renting in the middle of the city to develop their own plot.

Well, after the service I told the pastor what I had seen and he confirmed it. He told me that he'd bought it some two years ago but the elders had refused to relocate. Well, he asked me to discuss with the elders concerning what the Lord had shown me. They were astounded as to how I had known from the Lord about the plot that they all repented their stubbornness and unanimously agreed to relocate soonest as possible. What stirred them was this incredible ability for unique hindsight that the force of faith had demonstrated through me. They were motivated at how I'd been able to see the invisible.

However, the force of faith can enable us to see things that have not yet happened but are going to happen. This is what we call prophetic observation. That is how God created the earth. He saw it before He made it. That is also how God made us the sons of Abraham. Long before we were born, God saw our numbers and spoke to Abraham about us. In fact, he inspired Abraham to see us as well. If you consider today, as Paul correctly did, that all who believe in Jesus Christ are indeed the seed of Abraham, then it is quite amazing to observe how God spoke confidently of a multitude of children to a man that at the time was impotent. In spite of his impotence, yet God inspired him to see this multiple invisibility:

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall your seed be. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 15:5, 6

The scriptures are loaded with so many references of this prophetic ability sponsored as it were by the force of faith: Noah was able to build the ark because he was able to see the oncoming flood 120 years before its fall (Genesis 7; Hebrews 11: 7); Elijah was able to see the fall of the rains after three years of famine before it occurred even though the weather showed a contrary sign (1 Kings 18:41-46); Jeremiah was able to see the

destruction of Jerusalem, the exile of Israel, and the capture of the king in spite of contrary views held by the kings counselors and a host of false prophets; David, Isaiah, Zedekiah and several other prophets were all able to see various aspects of the life, ministry and death of Jesus even though they lived long before His time; and in His ministry, Jesus saw and spoke of His death and resurrection and all the details that took place in that regard were as He had seen and spoken (Matthew 20:18-19).

Seeing the invisible is simply amazing. No wonder it is the highest level of sight being as it were able to see **before time** and **after time**. But there is so much more.

Further still, the force of faith can empower you to see more than the physical eye can appreciate **within time**. This explains why Jesus after His resurrection was able to see the fish on the other side of the boat that Peter and his comrades had failed to catch all night long (John 21:4-14). It also explains why Paul was able to see deliverance for everybody in a storm when everyone else,

including the captain of the ship, feared they were going to drown (Acts 27:13-44).

Further still, it also explains the difference in conviction between the ten spies, and Joshua and Caleb concerning the ability of Israel to take over the Promised Land (Numbers 13). It certainly explains the difference between the courage of Elisha and the fear of his servant when surrounded by the Syrian army (2 Kings 6:15-17).

Well, in every regard, the force of faith gives us better sight than we can afford in any other way. Concerning its superiority in observing within time, seeing the invisible is wonderfully demonstrated by God in His choice of David to be king of Israel. While Jesse and the prophet Samuel were impressed by the physical appearance of Eliab (Jesse's eldest son), God saw better. He assures Samuel as much:

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. 1 Samuel 16:6, 7

That is it! God sees better than man sees. The vision of the optical eye is a limited vision. What is necessary is for us to see as God sees. The reason many despise others including themselves is because they choose to limit their vision within the optical function of their eyes and the cultural impression of their times. And both are limited. On the other hand, the force of faith causes you to put on what I call the eyes of God or the Godvision.

It is vital that you realize that this vision is not an illusion or a fantasy. It is a concrete reality existent in the past, future, and the present. That is why I disagree with those suggesting such a thing as 'blind faith'. There is no such thing. Faith can never be blind. It sees. It has superior sight to the physical eye. This

superiority is substantiated by the word of God in which there is no lie. The scriptures declare:

> 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. 2 Corinthians 4:18

Important to note here is the fact that **vision is a matter of choice.** You choose what you want to see. You choose the optical lens through which you appreciate reality.

Consequently, seeing the invisible by the force of faith is in fact the optical prescription God gives the just. It does not matter the available evidence that is contrary to it. It may even take long before what you have seen matures in the material realm. It does not matter. As Bishop David Oyadepo is known to say, "It is not a matter of time it is a matter of truth." Just in case your faith tires over the delay of your visions material evidence, the Lord counsels thus:

Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:2, 3

So proud and confident was Paul of this vision that he boldly commended it to the church in Corinth citing:

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

My friend, seeing the invisible is so powerful. It will convert you from being a sucker of everything or a spectator of everyone to actually being a creative actor of your destiny. Seeing the invisible is vital if you are going to live the abundant life God has promised the seed of Abraham.

Begin to see your wealth, your uncountable blessings and you will initiate the ability to create it. See yourself overcoming the sentence of poverty in which you may have been born. Don't

just admire others. See yourself living as well as they do, or even better. Envision your success and empower your ability to overcome where you may have failed before.

This vision works: It may be that you are weak in body. May be you suffer from an infirmity that has crippled you or an injury that pains you; see yourself free from that pain. See the body of Jesus taking your infirmity (because that really happened 2,000 years ago even though you weren't there- Isaiah 53). See that cancer, HIV/AIDS, fever, arthritis, leprosy, whatever disease or infirmity, leave you for good. I guarantee you; **if you can see it you shall have it.**

The things which are not seen (but are visible to the eye of faith) are eternal. The things which are seen (by the physical eye) are temporal. That is what the book says. This means with your Godvision you can replace the temporal condition of your body with the eternal condition in Christ Jesus! My friend, Jesus healed you yesterday, today, and forever! (Hebrews 13:8)

And so stop seeing bad things that are happening or you perceive are going to happen. It is all possible. **The God-vision is good-vision, it is great-vision.** Do not see yourself or your family or friends badly off. See them in good stead. That is how Abraham saw Lot. He saw him good even though he abandoned him to live among a sinful people.

This power of Abraham to see Lot as righteous was so incredible that even though Lot was lustfully drawn to Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 13), Abraham's God-vision of Lot kept the young man living a holy life among the evil people in that city (Genesis 18). Abraham's divine vision of Lot overrode the young man's evil vision of the cities he went to. In the end, Abraham's vision was superior as several millenniums later (long after they had all died) Peter shows up and speaks of Righteous Lot (2Peter 2:7)!

I say this for the benefit of those who are accustomed to seeing evil everywhere: When they look at themselves, they see evil; when they look at their spouse, they see evil; when they look at their children, they see evil; when they look at their nation, they see evil; when they look at the world, they see evil. Stop being consumed with evil.

Change your world by changing your sight! Engage the force of faith and construct a whole new world by seeing it through a more positive outlook. The evil you see is temporal and subject to change. So change it by seeing those things which are eternal.

And yet, although seeing the invisible is indeed the most powerful means of sight it is hardly used by many saints, even ministers of the Lord. That explains why many of them live below what God intended for them. One day as I discussed with a pastor friend of mine, he revealed to me a serious problem he was experiencing that threatened his pastoral ministry. He sincerely told me how he was disappointed because pray as much as he did, he was continuously seeing no improvement in his church. I told him that if he did not change his vision, then he should not expect that anything would change. You get what you see.

This is the reason why a lot of prayers are rendered useless. If the truth were told, we would have to admit that not many Christians have a problem praying to the Lord. They pray. The problem however is compounded with their views concerning what they pray about. Many people go before the Lord with supplications but they keep their sore views of the predicaments they have presented to the Lord. Many would do well to heed Jesus' advice on prayer when He counseled:

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

How can one receive something they have just prayed for before they have it? What He meant is that when we pray, we ought to see ourselves receiving what we are asking of the Father. The Lord guaranteed that if we can see it, we shall have it!

When I discovered the power of God-vision, I celebrated the ability to create a better world. As a matter of fact, I am so

excited you are reading this material right now. I see you adjusting. I see your prayer life adjusting. You are firmly being birthed into the prophetic. I can see your vision changing. I see you influencing your world, changing it for the better and for the glory of God.

I see you becoming more glorious as these words impact you in an amazing way. All around you, people are marveling at the impressive leaps of progress you are taking. They too acknowledge what they see in you. They are telling you about your change and you are telling them of this book and this chapter. Many are reading and getting positively impacted.

In the Name of Jesus, I command you to see your prosperity, to see you're healing, to see your promotion. See as far as your eye can see. See what no eye has seen. See it till it happens. May the Holy Spirit enable you to despise the temporal set back you are experiencing at the moment so that you may see the glory that lies ahead of you.

MOVING THE IMMOBILE

For verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, <u>ye shall say unto this mountain</u>, <u>Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove</u>; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:20, 21

Hallelujah! Things are getting ready to move in your life. Things that have been immobile for a long time are firing to move as the force of faith ignites a sense of dynamism in your life. It is happening that is why God has programmed you to read this book. You can't be stuck any more. There is an invisible but very massive force that is causing you to move from glory to glory.

You see, God never created you to be stuck. Neither is it His desire that your plans and efforts should be stuck. On the contrary, He created you to be dynamic. God intends for you to move, to constantly improve and change from one stage of

progress to another. Those are the plans that He has for you. That is what he meant when he confesses to Jeremiah how He plans for the prosperity of Israel and how He desires to give them an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11). The divine desire is universal. The apostle John assures us as much when he says:

Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

Many saints do not realize this and falsely presume that God would like them to be stuck for good. Nothing can be further than the truth. God would like you to be on the move. When He observed that the children of Israel had been stuck in slavery in Egypt for 400 years, He sent them a prophet, Moses, to get them moving. The book of Exodus is a testimony of how much God would like to get His people moving. In fact, it is dangerous to restrain the Lord's elect once He gets them going.

The force of faith by which He got them moving from Egypt was far stronger than the will of Pharaoh and the entire strength of Egypt that sought to restrain them. When Pharaoh sought to contend with this dynamic development, he paid a huge price: He almost lost his entire kingdom; He lost his first born and that of all his subjects; he lost all the treasures of Egypt; he lost all his soldiers and chariots; he lost several of his animals and that of his subjects; and above all, he conceded and lost all his slaves (Exodus 11, 12).

My brother, whatever is holding you down, refusing to release you into the flow of God's dynamic glory, is going to pay a very dear price. First of all, get it from me, you are going. You will go. Nothing can incarcerate you when God has released you. Mark you: If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed (John 8:36). You are free to sketch the stars, to leap and bound, to reach your destiny. Nothing has the permission to restrain you. If it does, whatever it is, whoever it is, is risking to be mowed down by the incredible force of faith.

The violent and murderous Saul that went about persecuting the early church soon discovered the might of this force. His zeal to restrain and cut short the growth of the gospel with orders from the Sanhedrin to hunt down and imprison those who believed in the Lord Jesus, was severely interrupted on his way to Damascus (Acts 9). That incident and its subsequent result demonstrated the caliber of the force of faith inasfar as moving the immobile is concerned. Saul was thrown off his high horse, rendered blind, and subsequently recruited into the force that he passionately resisted. Later, he actually became a most useful comrade in spreading the very gospel he had mercilessly fought against. In fact, he did so at many painful costs till he died for it in Rome (2 Corinthians 6:3-10).

By the time he died, no one had spread the gospel like he had. To this day, he remains the most inspiring figure of his time to believers with a call to spread the gospel. His example serves to show so well that the force of faith is so massive that even those who contend with it risk being won over so that they sponsor with all their life the effort of moving the purposes of **God.** And that is what is going to happen to you my friend. Only believe in God. Once you do, nothing can by any means block your divinely programmed path of progress. Nothing! Saul, who later even changed his name to Paul, put it this way:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:29

Do you sense God's calling on your life? Do you realize that you are divinely chosen of God for a specific purpose lodged in the heart of God? Do you share this sense of purpose? Then take it from me, you cannot be stuck. That is impossible. When you think you are, or when it appears as though you are, take it from me that God is working things, moving them for your benefit. When you are not moving, do not think everything isn't moving. Sometimes God holds you back to move the immobile that would restrain you from accomplishing His divine purpose.

This is what happened with the child Jesus. For six years, He was stuck in Egypt together with His earthly parents. It may have seemed to them as though the words of the angels were never going to be materialized. How could they be when the Messiah of Israel was growing up in Egypt?

Well, there was a reason for that. God was working on King Herod who sought to kill the child. And when Herod was dead, soon the child was moving out of Egypt to grow into His destiny in Israel (Matthew 2: 13-23).

So when you are not moving, do not cry. Just trust God to be working all things together for your good. The force of faith can never fail you. Take it from me that it is impossible for you to be stuck. This force will move whatever has to be moved so that you may move even better in the purposes of God. That is why Paul encourages us to give thanks to God in all things (1Thessalonians 5:18). He knew so well that if God is on our side, nothing can be against us. With God on our side, we are moving even when we think we aren't. No opposition can resist the purposes of God.

It does not matter the opposition. I have mentioned how armies, kings, and ambitious men that contended with the force of faith to stagnate or nullify the move of God have been subdued even to the extent that some have in fact facilitated the move of God. Well, it does not matter the kind of opposition. It may be some physical condition or object; it does not matter. It too will move.

This was the case of the crippled man at the pool of Bethsaida. He lay at the pool unable to move to the water. Everybody about him was able to but him. Even the water moved but him. Have you been in a situation for so long and it ached you observing everybody being able to move while you stayed stagnant? The man's physical condition rendered him immobile. He was stuck close to his deliverance but unable to move into it. Then Jesus came. When Jesus comes, things must move.

The man sought to give Jesus a lengthy profile of his condition and immobility but Jesus would have none of it. Sparing the rest of the details, Jesus commanded him to pick up his belongings and go! For the first time in 38 years, the man was able to move by the power prevalent in the force of faith (John 5:2-9).

It does not matter the resistance to your mobility: Be it physical, personalities, or demonic, none can withhold the purposes of God in your life. You will move. In case you are convinced that some devil (it may even be the devil himself) is poised against you, do not despair. Greater is He that is in you than the devil that is in the world (1 John 4:4). The apostle James actually advises that we resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7). And, how do we do so? By the mighty force of faith.

To be sure, principalities, devils and wicked spirits are the most resistant powers to your mobility. All other immobile blockades are actually facades of spiritual forces that seek to cripple you and render you immobile. But I do not care whatever the quality or/and quantity of demonic influence contending against you and the purpose of God in your life. All of them are subordinate to the force of faith.

No wonder Paul who had fought beasts in Ephesus and contended with false god's in pagan cities, audaciously declared in reference to the force of faith:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. 2 Corinthians 10:3

Elsewhere he assures the church in Ephesus what we really are contending with and how to deal with it:

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:11, 12

He goes on to give prescriptions of how to contend with this array of evil forces. He mentions the need to use the truth, righteousness, and the helmet of salvation, the gospel, but the most vital of all weapons he mentions is faith:

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith

ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked. Ephesians 6:16

It is important that we realize the central role the apostle gives faith in this whole array that he calls the armor of God. My friend, all the other armors must be applied in faith: Salvation must be accepted in faith, the truth must be received and applied in faith, and righteousness must be regarded in faith. Without faith, none of them is a weapon worth any spiritual battle.

Because of the central role of faith in the whole armor of God, Paul actually calls this warfare, **a fight of faith** (1Timothy 6:12). And that is why I am convinced that it is **the force of faith** that he refers to as the weapons of our warfare when he states:

The weapons of our warfare (read, the force of faith) are not carnal, but they are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds: Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of

Christ. And having a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5

My friend, the force of faith is not carnal. It may not be considered among the mighty array of forces prevalent today by those who are ignorant of spiritual realities, nonetheless it is vital, more than real, and the most formidable strength ever. Once resolutely applied, it guarantees victory against any type of enemy. It does not matter whatever you face, with faith you are able to move it aside and claim victory.

No wonder Jesus was able to speak of moving mountains using this force. He knew better being the author and finisher of faith (Hebrews 12:2). He was present in the beginning to appreciate the key role faith played in creation. A proper understanding of the creation account given in the book of Genesis reveals that God fashioned everything by faith. He believed, spoke, and it came to pass as He spoke (Genesis 1:3-31). **The force of faith**

literally moved everything and every being that is existent into its proper place.

This is how it worked: God saw the invisible, confessed the unspeakable, and manifested glory. In fact even to appreciate this account requires faith. The scriptures declare:

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were made of things which do appear. Hebrews 11:3

It is guaranteed that if you can understand faith, appreciate its role in the moving of things, and apply it in any situation, it will perform better than any force there is. The mighty force of faith moved everything we see into its place.

What aren't you happy about? Where you are? How you are? Where your staff is? Simply apply the force of faith. The force of faith will move you to where you desire to be. You may be at the lowest rank in your organization, it does not matter. If you desire

to be at the top, just apply the force of faith and it will get you there.

How else did Joseph become the chief steward of Potiphar's house, or the chief of all the prisoners, and eventually, the chief of all of Egypt? By faith!

The problem has always been that many are ignorant of what faith can do. Instead they have confidence in other means. Means, which I must state, that are inferior to faith. As the scriptures declare, some trust in chariots and others in horses (Psalm 20:7). Often times, these means are not dependable. They may not move you anywhere or as much as the force of faith will. My friend, the force of faith is greater than horses and chariots, greater than automobiles, airplanes, better than any means of mobility. Moses applied the force of faith and outclassed Pharaoh's chariot men (Exodus 14). So did Elijah, who applied the force of faith and outrun the chariots of King Ahab (1 Kings 18:46).

I know of people that thought their lives would move if they had a car: I have seen them acquire a car and their lives remain stationery. The car did not move them from one glory to another. In fact, I have heard some complain of how the car had frustrated their lives. Rather than take them forward, it has taken them backward.

Some have placed their confidence in a plane. They have presumed that if they got a plane ticket or worked with the aviation industry they would move. Sadly, many have discovered that flying does not translate with substantial movement: I remember meeting a pilot in a city where I'd gone to minister who had been flying for 30 years and was rather frustrated with his life as he had been stationery without much positive change for many years! Although he flew people around the world, they were moving while he remained stationery in the cockpit.

I have known of people that were sure that if they switched jobs, or if they changed countries, their lives would move, only to do so and find themselves still where they were at before the transition. Some have thought that if they got married or even married another partner their lives would shift for the better only to be disappointed when it actually turns for the worse.

It is vital we realize that all these mobility utilities are not in essence what really moves us. What moves us is something far greater than cars, airplanes, spouses, or any such thing. The force of faith will in fact make these other utilities have their true sense of value. Once you engage it, then the car you have will be worth the while moving you from glory to glory. Once you have the force of faith, then traveling in a plane from one destination to another will translate into a substantial movement from one glory to another. Similarly, the force of faith will make marriage a sufficient utility to shift you from one glory to the other.

I wish to emphasize on some particularly false mobility utilities to make a point on the force of faith. The first is marriage the other is leadership and the other is nations or cities: A lot of people presume that if they got married, their lives would automatically move for the better. Many have been grossly disappointed.

Many women have sadly discovered that marriage can in fact be a trap or can actually set them backwards rather than propel them forward in life. In some parts of the world where poverty is endemic, women often marry so as to escape poverty. Unfortunately for many, they do so only to find themselves in another episode of poverty altogether. Sometimes that episode is actually worse than the ones they were escaping from.

What is necessary for both men and women when getting married is engaging the force of faith in their marriage. Once they do so, they will realize a positive advancement to glory. It does not matter how inadequately resourced their partner or both of them may be. Once they apply the force of faith in their marriage, a lot is going to move.

Consider how far the force of faith has taken both Abraham and Sarah. Both of them were unable to get children. But once they applied the force of faith, to this day they are still making children even though they are long gone. The scriptures declare that every one that believes in Christ is the seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:7). It also recognizes Sarah as the mother of all who walk by faith (Galatians 4: 21-31).

On the other hand, you have people that get married for the wrong reasons. Some people make the false presumption that if they married some person they would of necessity move to a better place in life. Unfortunately, many do so and get moving to the wrong place. This is the huge mistake King Solomon made. He married many women from different kingdoms on the wrong presumption that they would enable him to ensure peace with their respective kingdoms. Worse still, his choices were not driven by the force of faith but by such weak calculations like political strength and carnal desire:

King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites....And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 1 Kings 11:1, 3

Abandoning the force of faith cost him a dear price. Rather than defend his kingdom or increase his pleasure, he turned away from the Lord and as a result lost the kingdom:

And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared to him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other god's: but he kept not that which he commanded. Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 1 Kings 11:9-11

Unfortunately, Solomon's mistake is still being committed today. Many people are placing a great premium on marriage. They think that marriage is a defense, or that it will get them moving to their ambitions. Many realize later that this is folly. What they

do not realize is that although marriage is intended to get things moving, it will not function that way outside the force of faith.

In fact, getting married outside the force of faith is likely to result in one's life moving in the wrong direction. Be careful when seeking a marriage partner to apply the force of faith. The same applies in all manner of relations. Do not connect with people outside the force of faith. Once you do, for whatever reason, you stand to suffer the consequence of moving in the wrong direction. Solomon lost his kingdom, Samson lost his life (Judges 16:23-31), and the young prophet lost his life (1 King 13).

The force of faith is the most fulfilling means of switching a marriage, family or any other social contract to a better place. I would advise most couples not to look at their spouse to lift them up but look at God to do so. God is not only able to lift you up but is able to lift up your spouse as well. Similarly, I would advise believers involved in business not to look at your associate or for a partner that can lift up your company. Look for God: Apply the force of faith to your business. In that way God will order the right associations that will promote your business.

The force of faith is also vital in moving a nation. A lot of people look at leaders to move their nation to greater glory. Most of the time, they are disappointed when the leaders they celebrate let them down. I have found that the force of faith is more effective than any regime, than any leadership administration. It does not matter the degree of competence a particular leader may possess, or the magnitude of problems present in that nation. Once people in that nation engage the force of faith they can realize progress in spite of the inadequacies of their leaders.

That is why I am convinced that true believers in the Lord ought not to be so agitated with leadership whether good or bad. You do not need to put confidence in men. The scriptures warn:

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar. Romans 3:4

In fact elsewhere, God is severe about these matters, pronouncing curses and blessings for those who trust in men and God respectively. Speaking to Jeremiah, He declares:

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 inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. 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 rivers, 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. Jeremiah 17:5-8

Believers in God ought not to have confidence for progress on any man or being other than God. In this regard, the force of faith is superior to any political figure inasfar as guaranteeing the positive course of any nation. That is why when God wanted to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt, He could not permit it to occur with a proud Moses straight from Pharaoh's court. He let Moses, the great leader fail at first, so that together with Israel, they would have confidence on none other than God. It is the force of faith that got them out of Egypt and not the great leadership of Moses.

Moses himself relied on the force of faith. And when Moses failed because of his disobedience, God chose Joshua to get Israel into the Promised Land (Numbers 27:12-23). Joshua too, used the force of faith to get Israel into the Promised Land. To be sure, the force of faith made a great leader out of Moses and Joshua in spite of their personal failings.

And that is what the world needs. We do not need more great leaders. What the world needs to get better are great believers. Great believers will of necessity make great leaders. That is why, if a nation is in crisis or in jeopardy, God's prescription is the force of faith. It is instructive that it was one of the great kings of the bible that wisely counseled:

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20

Believers ought to realize that whenever anything goes wrong in their nation, God is counting on their faith. This is very vital. The force of faith is what will sort out the entire mess. God promises so:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

I am reminded of how my country Uganda was significantly impacted by the incredible ministry of Drs. T. L and Daisy Osborne in 1984. At the time, Uganda was suffering under the hands of a horrible dictator that kept everyone in fear. The

Osborne's nonetheless ignored the dangers on the ground and hosted a glorious crusade in the capital city.

During this momentous occasion, Dr. T. L Osborne delivered a prophecy in which he declared that the dictatorial government would collapse and be replaced by a David that would usher in a new season of prosperity in Uganda.

Two years later, the word was fulfilled and Uganda has never been the same again. Since then, a new regime has established the culture of democracy and the foundations for prosperity that has also witnessed a glorious revival in the nation.

I give this as a suitable example of what the force of faith can accomplish in a nation. Without an army, without the support of multitudes, without any visible utility, Dr. T. L Osborne was able to ensure a positive change in Uganda. How did he do it? By engaging the force of faith. Once he'd heard from God, he spoke a new era to existence. That force gave room to a new regime and a glorious leadership that has moved Uganda from its deplorable and horrific state of poverty and massacre to the hope it is today.

Some would like to say that the changes in Uganda today are the result of the visionary leadership of President Yoweri Museveni more than anything else. However, I beg to differ. In my opinion, it is Dr. Osborne's prophecy more than anything that yielded this result. Once he released the force of faith in that amazing prophecy way back in 1984, God was able to select and ensure Museveni's victory and consequent good leadership. I am positive that were it not for the force of faith, Uganda might still have been under the hands of dictatorship, or in war, or Museveni might not have been the great leader he has been to this day.

My friend, employ the force of faith in your nation. Don't observe with your eyes to determine the destiny of the nation you are in. It does not matter what your eyes observe, faith is able to do for your country more than any leader, more than any organization, more than any one can imagine. Confess the unspeakable concerning your nation, see the invisible in it,

hear the unbelievable about it, believe well concerning its prospects, and watch and see the salvation of God.

As a believer in God, remember that the earth and the fullness of it belongs to the Lord (Psalm 24:1). Do not curse the Lord's possession with evil predictions. Rather bless it with powerful words of blessings and favor. See your nation get better. See its leaders adopt the right policies and you will ensure a progressive force that will change your country for good.

The same principle can be applied in your organization. Trust the Lord rather than your boss. Trust that the Lord will guide your organization to prosperity and progress. Speak this conviction and watch its results. It does not matter that the available evidence may suggest the contrary.

Choose to see the invisible. Once you engage the force of faith in your organization, you will cease to agitate against your boss. Instead, he will be glad that he has you in his company. That is what Jacob did and his boss, the evil uncle Laban, sincerely observed that his house prospered because of him.

When Jacob wanted to resign, Laban pleaded:

I pray thee, if I have found favor with thine eyes, tarry: <u>for I have learned by experience that the</u> <u>Lord has blessed me for thy sake.</u> Genesis 30:27

His boss recognized that his house had prospered because of Jacob's efforts. *How had Jacob done this?* By the force of faith. Long before he got his job in Laban's house, he engaged this force. Praying at Bethel, he pleaded with the Lord in this regard:

If God will be with me, and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's house, then the Lord will be my God. Genesis 28:20-21 (NIV)

Once he programmed this force, and sustained it (did not waver because of unbelief), God was obliged to prosper everything and everywhere he went. *Halleluuujah!*

My friend, you can get that organization moving from stagnancy or failure to incredible progress. You do not have to be afraid whether your boss will give you a pay rise or promotion or whether the company will survive the competition or not or even whether you will survive the downsizing.

All you have to do is evoke the force of faith. It will move markets, profit figures, even competitors to suit the blessing at work in you. The force of faith will cause you to be indispensable to the progress of the organization you are working for.

It may be that your organization is non-profitable and relies on donor assistance. Well, evoke the force of faith and see donors move to the benefit of your organization. Like Pastor Chris Oyakhilome says, "Every believer does not need to be at the top of the organization he works for. But every believer that discovers the Holy Spirit (read, the force of faith) will run the whole thing regardless his position in the organization."

Lastly, I would like to deal with the issue of placing confidence in cities or nations to move your life. Some people presume that if they switched locations they will automatically switch to some higher glory. It's not always the case. Merely moving to a nation is not a guarantee that one's fortunes will improve. It can actually turn the other way round once such a movement is done outside the force of faith. Not only is the world full of examples of disillusioned migrants but the scriptures is loaded with them. As I travel ministering the gospel around the world, I encounter a lot of immigrants that are literally trapped in other countries. Many are lost of what to do as their great hopes have been rudely dashed and they do not know how to return home.

Sometimes it is a double disappointment of a failed marriage and failed experience in a nation that someone may have gone to. I am reminded of a young lady that had a good job in Uganda that for some reason was bent on marrying a Caucasian man.

Well, she soon sought this possibility in the World Wide Web (the internet). She met an Italian gentleman through an online chat room who "fell in love" with her. It was not long before she resigned her job, bade farewell to her family and joined her lover in Italy. They quickly got married.

Then the nightmare began: The man moved this lady to some country home in northern Italy. There he invited a number of his male friends to have an orgy with his newly wedded wife. The lady objected and suffered the misfortune of being rapped by thirteen men for 4 months.

Bruised physically and emotionally, wasted mentally, she found her way back to Rome and was able to solicit fellow Ugandans there to give her a ticket back home.

Unfortunately, this is the horrible misfortune many unsuspecting girls are suffering from today. Many young girls from developing countries are lured to developed countries on the false promise of a job only to get there and find that they are the victim of a prostitution racket.

Many times they are abused sexually, infected with killer diseases, and in some cases even killed. Sadly, they discover that going to a foreign land does not automatically translate into a better life. Rather than move positively, they regress to a disgraceful and dangerous life.

In some cases, some men have been victim to this movement outside the force of faith. Many men have been known to abandon their vocation to take advantage of better opportunities in other places. Well, many have discovered at great loss that they were poorly informed about the places they venture to. Some have reached these places and realized that it was better they had stayed home.

This seems to have been the problem Lot, Abraham's nephew, suffered. He chose to go to Sodom and Gomorrah because he was enticed by their apparent beauty:

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord Destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest from Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east:

and they separated themselves the one from the other. Genesis 13:10-11

He did not consult with God and therefore we can deduce that he did not apply the force of faith. Instead, he was lured by the appearance of the place. As it turned out, there was much more than meets the eye in Sodom and Gomorrah. The evil in these cities were so gross and at some point moved God to destroy them.

Now this remarkably contrasts with his uncle Abraham who waited on the Lord to know where to go. In so doing, Abraham applied the force of faith. Instead of moving west as he had told Lot, Abraham remained in Canaan (Genesis 13:12). There he waited for the Lord's instructions regarding his movement. I suggest that you meditate on the instruction the Lord gave Abraham:

And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward,

and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. Genesis 13:14-15

When Abraham applied the force of faith rather than the judgment of his eyes, God was able to give him exceedingly far more than Lot settled for. In fact, all the land that Lot went for was in essence given over to Abraham and his seed!

And if one follows through on the stories of Abraham and Lot, one will discover that whereas Lot actually regressed rather than progressed, Abraham on the other hand progressed beyond his imagination. Lot ended up in a city that suffered the judgment of God and his life was spared only because of Abraham- and that, twice (Genesis 14:10-16; 18:20-33).

My friend, this account tells us a lot about the benefits of applying the force of faith regarding our movements and the consequences of relying on the appearance of destinations that we prefer. Faith is better than cities, nations, plains, vineyards, minerals or whatsoever attracts people to certain destinations. Never venture to any place regardless its prospects without applying the force of faith. Any such endeavor will end in disaster. Instead, let faith drive you to your destination. Listen to God: He is the greatest Shepherd you can ever have. He knows all the corners, will never abandon, and is able to turn around any situation to suit your desires.

No doubt, Isaac must have learned this from his father. During a famine, he waited on God to know where to go. The obvious choice was Egypt, which it seems was not as affected by the famine as other places but the Lord counseled him to migrate to Philistine:

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech King of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land that I shall tell thee of:

sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee, for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father. Genesis 26:1-3

The result of obeying the Lord's instructions was that Isaac unleashed the force of faith to such an extent that he was incredibly blessed in a foreign land. He was so blessed that everything he did in that land was amazingly multiplied so that he became the richest man on the land:

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possessions of flock, and possessions of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. Genesis 26:12-14

Isn't that amazing? Clearly from this scripture we can deduce the fact that God is not against migration. His immigration policy is

simply for men to listen to His voice, to hear the unbelievable. If men would hear the voice of God regarding where they should relocate, rather than pay attention to their calculations, then they would abound beyond their imagination. This is Abraham's testimony. It was Isaac's. And it can well be yours.

This is the testimony of the force of faith in moving the immobile. There is probably more than I could put within a book. However, what I have put down is sufficient to get you moving. Do not be discouraged when you seem to be behind others. It may be that like Lot, many that are ahead of you have not consulted with God and certainly have not moved by faith.

My friend, in this regard just be patient. Wait on God. Engage the force of faith, and it will not be long before you will progress beyond the imaginations of those who you thought have left you behind. The force of faith is sufficient to move anything that you desire within your locality and domain. It will also propel you to the land of your promise.

I guarantee you: Operate the force of faith and you will ignite a field of dynamism that will shift your life from mediocrity to infinite possibility. Moving the immobile is one means of living the unthinkable. So, why quit and settle for nothing when God has positioned you for the best. As I have written in another book- GO FOR IT!

RECEIVING THE IMPROBABLE

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful to ask for alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of

Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were all filled with amazement at that which had happened unto him. Acts 3:1-11

The guy had received *the improbable*. After several years of receiving *the predictable*, pennies that were other people's pocket change, he received something that no one had known he was able to receive.

Isn't life interesting? I find it quite amusing how people, society, or culture presume what you can and cannot receive. It is important that we break out of the expectations of our environment and appreciate that God is not limited to it. He is above the fray and does not need to suit everyone's vision of what He should do or not do in your life.

What is more in this regard is that God is not limited to giving you what everyone gives you. In this account, everyone was content on giving him silver and gold. Now, God could have given him the same and if the truth were told, it is Him who touched men to give him their silver and gold. However, the fantastic thing about God is that He can go beyond what men can give to you. In this case, God gave him strength in his legs so that he was able to walk for the first time in his life.

My friend, get ready to receive the improbable. The force of faith will program you to receive more than anyone thought you could ever receive. I do not care what men think, once you engage the force of faith you will gain more than the imaginations of those around you. This was the testimony of Joseph against the envy he faced in his family.

When he dreamed of them bowing before him, none in the family ever thought that he would ever receive such honor. When his father, Jacob, favored him with a coat of many colors that was more than his brothers could stomach. They did not think that he deserved the privilege and so they worked hard

and mean to ensure that Joseph was not around to receive any more dreams and favors.

What they did not count on was the force of faith that Joseph had engaged. In spite of their sinister plot to kill him, and their compromise decision to sell him to slave traders, the force of faith kept Joseph alive and the fulfillment of his dream on track. In Egypt he was taken on as a slave to one of the Pharaoh's captains called Potiphar where the force of faith programmed him to be favored highly among all the other slaves. But as ill-fortune would have it he was falsely accused by a lustful and envious wife and was thrown in prison.

Yet even in that experience was the impression by his accusers that he did not deserve better. And in prison, although favored again above all the prisoners, he is forgotten by an aide to Pharaoh who he nevertheless had assisted in understanding his fate. Yet again, in that experience, lay the aides impression that Joseph did not deserve better.

My friend, I do not care who does not think you deserve the most glorious. It does not matter how many they are or what caliber they are. Once you engage the force of faith, the improbable is on its way to you. This was Joseph's testimony. In spite of being betrayed by his brothers, by his master, and by his friend, he nonetheless held his peace with God. He knew that God never forsakes, He never abandons. In so believing, Joseph engaged the force of faith that programmed him to receive the greatest honor in all of Egypt.

In a rather *bizarre twist of events* that required his gift of interpretation, Joseph was removed from prison to assist a rather disturbed Pharaoh understand his dream. Pharaoh was so amazed at the wisdom of the young man that he asked him to be prime minister of Egypt. And it is in this prestigious position that he *received honor* from his brothers. The force of faith ensured that all Joseph's detractors were present to observe him receive this most incredible of honors. His brothers not only bowed before him but observed with their eyes Joseph receive the double

portion blessing from their father, Jacob, reserved for the first born.

Are you disadvantaged? Does it seem that you are denied of everything you desire? Do not be afraid. Just engage the force of faith and you will receive more than anyone, including yourself, is able to predict. God is about to do something entirely new. As He says in His word:

Behold I do a new thing even if you were told you would not believe.

The force of faith is able to cause you to receive beyond your imagination. The scriptures declare that it is:

able to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which you are able to ask, think, or even imagine.

Ephesians 3:20

That is why early in this book, I urge you to prepare for the incredible, to expect the most auspicious, to get ready for the

fulfillment of your most remote fantasy. Once the force of faith is on, nothing is beyond reach. The stars close in your hold and the sky is your beginning. If you can only believe, you can receive anything and everything. Indeed, all things are possible to him that believes (Mark 9:23).

And yet most believers in the Lord do not know how to receive from the Lord. Most believe and pray but are ignorant about how they should go about receiving the improbable. A significant reason for this misfortune has been the tendency for teachers of God's people to overlook educating the saints on how to receive from God.

There are many sermons on believing the Lord, many books and materials on the subject but little on receiving from the Lord, let alone on receiving the improbable. And yet, faith is incomplete if we believe and do not receive. It's not enough to believe the Lord; we must receive from Him whatever we believe Him for.

This seems to have been a problem that was shared with the prophet John who was sent to prepare the way for the Christ.

Early from his womb, he believed the Lord. From the time his mother, Elizabeth met with Mary, the Lord's mother, John believed the Lord. He preached so resolutely about his coming because he believed so firmly that Jesus was the Messiah.

However, when Jesus showed up at the Jordan to be baptized, John was at a loss on what should be done. He did not know how to receive the Lord and it had to take the Lord to educate him on what to do. For a moment, he thought that he was too lowly to be blessed with the opportunity to baptize the Messiah. Jesus reminded him that it was necessary that the scriptures might be fulfilled (Matthew 3:13-15).

This is the same problem many saints have regarding receiving from the Lord. Like John, they will believe the Lord for anything. And yet, once the Lord gets ready to provide what they have believed for they will panic and like John consider themselves of little worth to receive from the Lord what they had believed him for all along.

That is why some people will initially believe for something from the Lord and just when the Lord is about to give it to them, just when they are about to receive what they have believed for, they doubt whether the Lord is willing or able to grant them their desire. They believed but do not know how to receive.

Like John, I sense the Spirit of the Lord educating you about receiving from Him. It is vital that the Church is knowledgeable about receiving from the Lord. I say it is vital because the Lord has indeed given all that heaven could give. The scriptures declare:

God hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

Wait a minute, *did you see that?* Meditate on it for a while: God has already given- He is not going to give to us- He has already done it. *What's more?* He has not given us <u>some</u> but <u>ALL</u> SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES!

What is left my dear is just to receive. Can you imagine what it would be like if we were to receive all that the Lord has so graciously given? And yet it is indeed possible. It is possible if we can, like John, humbly receive the instruction from the Lord regarding what He has already given. The apostle Paul understood the glorious role played by spiritual knowledge in this regard that he never ceased to pray that:

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:17, 18

May God answer that prayer in your life even as you read this book. I obeyed the Lord to write this book so that you may gain spiritual knowledge for the purpose of programming you to receive the improbable. When I think about how much there is to be received by every child of God, I get so mad at those who preach against receiving the promises of God. Of particular regard, are those who minister against the possibility of receiving miracle healing and the prospect for financial prosperity.

These false prophets ought to have their dubious theologies thoroughly thrown out of the body of Christ. When the scriptures declare that we have been given ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS, I would like to assure you that healing, miracles, and money are in the package.

Several times throughout the Old Testament, we are shown God's desire to heal the children of Israel: He healed the children of Israel of the wounds they suffered from the snake bites in the wilderness (Numbers 21:5-9); He also healed King Hezekiah of the infirmity that threatened his life (2 Kings 20:1-5); He promises the prophets Jeremiah and Hosea to heal the children of Israel of their backslidings (Jeremiah 3:22; Hosea 14:4); and the prophet Malachi speaks of the Lord rising with healing in his wings (Malachi 4:2)

On His part, the Lord in His earthly ministry demonstrated the will of God to heal people of their infirmities. In fact **it seems that every often Jesus met a sick person, He healed him.** I am inspired by the fact that when the Lord was scourged and beaten, the scriptures attest to the fact that by this suffering he took our infirmities (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peters 2:24). It is also instructive to know that central to His mission was a solid commitment to heal those who are broken hearted (Luke 4:18).

And such was his ministry- He went about doing good and healing all those who were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him (Acts 10:38).

Against all norms and traditions, Jesus healed the sick: Annoying the teachers of the law, He healed on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:10, Mark 3:2; Luke 6:7); astonishing all present, He healed those who had been sick since birth (John 5, 9); and blessing those who had suffered, He healed them of bleeding (Mark 5:25-34), blindness (John 9:6, 7), leprosy (Luke 17:12-19), and paralysis (Mark 2:3-12). Many times he healed all who were brought to Him (Matthew 4:23, 24; 8:16, 17; 15:30, 31; Luke 9:11).

The apostles ministered healing in the tradition of the Father and Son (Acts 5:15, 16). They too spread the gospel with miracles of healing accompanying the message (Acts 19:11, 12). After all, the Master had commanded them to lay hands on the sick and they will recover (Mark 16:15-19). It is also vital that we realize that they were aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit had given the church gifts of healing (1 Corinthians 12:10). It did not matter whether it was Peter, head of the Church in Jerusalem, or Paul, God's foremost apostle to the Gentiles, all preached the gospel and healed the sick (Acts 8: 5-19; 1 Corinthians 2:4). In fact, miracles of healings were always vital to their evangelical efforts as was the case when Peter healed a man crippled from birth at the gate of the temple (Acts 3). It is also instructive that they referred to miracles of healings to authenticate their ministry (Romans 15:19).

All these references to healing tell of the fact that you do not have to be sick in your body. God has already given miracle healing to you and all you have to do is to receive it graciously. It's yours! In fact, you may share it with those still suffering. Once you are healed, heal others. Help them receive what you have received.

And money? So much ought to be said about receiving financial prosperity from the Lord. Some would like to discredit money as though it were some vice that the believer should stay safely far from. In this strange theology, the scripture is erroneously interpreted so that money is considered to be the root of all evil. That is incorrect: Money is not the root of all evil. That domain belongs to something else and not liquid or solid cash. And neither is there any scripture that backs this false theology. What the scripture refers to is the *love of money*, and not money per se as the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10).

How could money be evil and yet the scriptures show that money is a useful tool. The wise philosopher, King Solomon, is known to have actually commended money citing:

A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things. Ecclesiastes 10:19

The Lord Himself made good use of money. When He was required to pay His taxes, He worked a *money miracle* causing a fish to provide sufficient finances for both Peter and Himself (Matthew 17:27). He even received financial support for His ministry activities from people, notably women:

And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God, and the twelve were with him. And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils. And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. Luke 8:1

And to administer the financial resources he had He employed a financial director, Judas Iscariot (John 12:6; 13:29).

What is more is that there is much more to prosperity than money. God would love for all His children to prosper and He has not limited this to money per se (3 John 2). True prosperity goes beyond money to include health, family, peace, an overall advancement in ones welfare, and most importantly, a spiritual richness of one's soul and inner man. In fact the testimony of Jesus is such that He so desires that we prosper and become rich. It is for this reason that at the cross He became poor (2 Corinthians 8:9). However, He was against focusing on all other aspects of prosperity at the expense of one's soul.

In receiving the improbable, we ought to ensure that first and foremost, we receive spiritual wealth before any other. That is what it is all about. If you can receive spiritual nourishment, if you can sort it first in the spiritual realm, then you qualify to receive it in the natural:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall fall in line. Matthew 6:33

And that is what this book is doing to you right now: It is programming you to acquire the force of faith so that you may appreciate the things which are not seen first and foremost so as to receive that which no eye has seen, no ear has heard, what has never entered into the heart of any man (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Get ready, get ready, get ready, to receive the impossible. Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, hilariously declared something of eternal value to you and all believers citing:

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS (1 Corinthians 3:22).

Do not limit God because of your background or experience. Do not be cowed by enemies and evil pretenders who do not know the richness of God's love towards those who are His in Christ. You can receive all the desire of your heart from a God that has already given more than you can comprehend in your finite mind.

Receive the fulfillment of your dreams, your fantasies, your hopes and God's promises. Receive beyond that which you have experience or qualification to apprehend. Receive it in the Name of Jesus. Receive that which He paid for so dearly with His life.

Do not settle for less than what God has infinitely given. Stretch out your arms, your mind, and open your heart to things and blessings that you have for long disqualified yourself from.

They are yours. They were given to you and all you have to do is receive. It does not matter how remote or obscure you are, it does not matter the opinions of others regarding what you can or cannot receive. Surprise yourself and everybody else and take by the force of faith what the devil had stolen from you.

Receive your health, your wealth, your glory. You do not need to lack a single day in your life. The Father left a will for you. Your Name is in the book and everything He has, anything you can imagine or see, He has given to you.

Consider me to be your usher, urging you to the seat of your glorious reception of the divine. This book is in your hands to enable you discover the possessions registered in your name. Name it, you can have it. That is true. God did not deliver you out of darkness to keep you revolving in a wilderness of

complaint and scarcity. Do not be content with just enough when you are destined for more than enough.

Receive till your cup overflows. Receive till you have enough to spread out to others. How else will they know your love and the love of your God. Receive so much so that you have more than enough to shine the light of God. Become God's pipeline of blessing, channeling abundance to those near and far. Receive the impossible and live the unthinkable.

MULTIPLY THE INDIVISIBLE

And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, And said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my sons, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:11-16 The Almighty Living God is a miracle working supernatural person. Nothing, absolutely nothing is impossible with Him. And the force of faith is the means by which we are able to access His omnipotent power to work His works. Oh yes, when we operate in this force we are translated to His supernatural person so that we are able to do what He is able to do.

That is why when some teachers of the law approached Jesus inquiring what they might do in order to do the works of God, He told them to simply believe (Mark 9:23; John 6:28, 29). And that is how Jesus conducted His dynamic ministry while here on earth. He simply saw what the Father did and did it also (John 5:19). He saw the invisible to manifest glory.

Well, a significant reason why many saints of the Lord do not experience God beyond their religious observations lies in the fact that few really appreciate God's abilities and way of doing things. Many think the hand of God is short to deliver. They limit God by their vain philosophies. Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His days for making the word of God of no effect because of their traditions (Mark 7:13). As a result, many that actually confess Christ hardly believe Christ. And they cannot receive from Christ if they do not believe Him.

You see, the scriptures do not guarantee that all things are possible per se. They assure that all things are possible, not to everybody, but *to them that believe* (Matthew 21:21). Now multiplying the indivisible is indeed one of those supernatural manifestations of God. The force of faith is able to multiply what is roundly regarded as indivisible in several regards.

In the account just given in the prologue, what was indivisible was a meal of a widow and her son. In her opinion, the meal was too little to be shared with Elijah or even to last till the day after. But thanks to God, His power is not limited to the opinions of men. What the woman considered small and indivisible, God saw to be a sufficient means to make provision that would

outlast the famine and nourish the woman's entire household as well as His prophet, Elijah.

A lot of people are as hesitant as the widow to such a prospect of multiplying the indivisible. They question whether it is possible that something that is too small can actually be translated into becoming too much. Well, what is impossible with men is possible with God (Luke 18:27).

In the realm of human experience, multiplying the indivisible is unthinkable. But in the hands of a supernatural God, the force of faith is able to do the unthinkable. It is important that we realize that there is nothing too small for God. There is nothing that God cannot upgrade, improve, or increase to magnify His glory.

Remember, He made the world, everything we see by His word. All of heaven, the stars in the sky, and the galaxies in their multibillions in number were all stretched across the heavens by His own arm (Genesis 1: 14, 15). Out of nothing, God made the

multitude of everything we know, even more than we know (both seen and unseen- Colossians 1:16).

As such God has proven experience in creative manifestations. We ought to trust Him to be able to multiply whatever we place in His hand. The widow at Zarapheth did so and engaged the force of faith in her household. She saved her house when all over the land people were dying of famine. My friend, you do not need to die of lack or suffer shortage when God is at hand to magnify whatever is seemingly minimal to you.

In another instance in the scripture found in the fifth chapter of Second Kings, a widow whose indebted husband had died and left the family to face angry creditors that sought to take her children for what he'd owed them applied the multiple abilities of the force of faith to save them. She run to Elisha the prophet who asked what she had.

Initially, she despised the little she had thinking it was not sufficient to meet the need of the hour. She lamented about possessing nothing but a vessel of oil. Well, God was able to use even that if she was willing to apply the force of faith. She was instructed by Elisha to borrow many vessels and to pour the oil in her vessel to as many as she borrowed.

The widow obeyed even though logically it did not make much sense that a widow already in debt and threatened with creditors should borrow to meet her needs. And yet when she obeyed the instruction of the prophet the oil miraculously poured out of her jar for as many jars as she borrowed. The Lord supernaturally multiplied what had previously been hopelessly insignificant to meet her needs. From the proceedings of the oil, she was able to pay her debt and save her children from being taken by her husband's creditors (2 Kings 5).

That account is significant for many that find themselves in that awkward position of debt or insufficiency. It tells you that you never really lack if you have faith. The force of faith is able to convert what may seem inconsequential to you into something so vital as to meet you at the point of your need. Once you have faith, you have provision. My friend, there is a way out of that

insufficiency. It may not be apparent to your natural man but that does not disqualify its existence.

I submit to you that your limitations are unreal. Your solution is in your hands. What you need to resolve that debt or financial obligation is to exercise the force of faith.

This is why I strongly believe that there are no poor believers. There are believers that think they are poor. Worse still, there are believers that think poorly. They are ignorant of how much can actually work for them. Anything, however insignificant, in the hands of a believer that is able to engage the force of faith is able to multiply.

Several times Jesus was given less than was sufficient to meet the needs of people around Him and he was able to creatively multiply whatever was needed to more than serve the numbers. At some point He multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000 men without counting the women and children. There was even a bonus of twelve baskets of remains (Mark 6:37-44). In another instance, He gloriously turned water into wine to meet the demands of a wedding feast where the wine had run out

(John 2). And when Peter confessed to have caught nothing all night, He miraculously caused the same waters to yield so much fish that the nets could barely draw them into the boat (Luke 5).

That power is still at it today. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). What He did yesterday, He is still doing right now, and will perform forever. Just do not limit Him. Everyone that observed Jesus multiply their limitation did so after they obeyed His voice. When Jesus suggested to Peter to launch into the deep, he obliged.

The young lad that owned the five loaves and two fish submitted these to Jesus. And, at the wedding at Cana the servants at the feast paid heed to Mary's instruction that they obey everything Jesus told them.

My friend, if you find yourself in that awkward position of scarcity pay heed to the voice of God. That is when you should incline your ear to hear the unbelievable. Many hopelessly consider their plight. They seek natural means to resolve their debt or to raise money. They suffer for nothing. There is a

supernatural means of gaining abundance if only you are willing to obey and engage the force of faith.

Now I am not talking about some pie in the sky or some vain philosophy only experienced by some figures in a popular book we call the bible. I have experienced supernatural multiplication of food, finances, relations, and several other blessings. In fact, this is how I gain. I have chosen to live out of the hands of God. Once I discovered the force of faith, I found the means of meeting my needs in whatever regard.

That is indeed how Precious and I run our ministry; we multiply the indivisible. By the grace of GOD, we never look at our budget to run the ministry but the multiplying power of faith. Regardless of the small amounts that come into our hands, we refuse to get discouraged because we know that ministry is never by might nor by power but by the SPIRIT of the Living GOD. We always do a lot more than is usually placed in our hands by this force of faith.

Now this is what the Lord has done for us. It may be different with you depending on the plight you are facing and the instruction He gives you. The point is that there is nothing too difficult for Him to do (Jeremiah 32:27).

You might have a different need other than finances that you would like to have multiplied. Whatever the shortage, God is able to work a multiplication miracle. In fact, whatever you release into the hands of the Almighty God He is able to multiply beyond your measure.

Note: The key word is RELEASE. A lot of people hold onto their scarcity, they hesitate to release it to God and suffer for nothing. If only they would learn and practice the art of releasing to the Lord whatever they have, whoever they are, they would see God make something wonderful out of it however inadequate it may have seemed in their hands.

I am reminded of the testimony of Abraham. He was unable to have children till he was late in years. In spite of this apparent failure and the fact that he and his wife were well advanced in years, God nonetheless promised him as many children as he could count the stars (Genesis 15:5). Abraham believed God and was credited righteous on account of his faith (Genesis 15:6).

However, God tested his faith by giving him one child when he was a hundred years and his wife ninety. At some point in the youth of his child, God asks Abraham to sacrifice his only child. In a moving account of incredible faith, Abraham obeys God and proceeds to prepare his child for a sacrifice as requested by the Lord. The Lord was so moved at Abraham's faith that he intervenes in the process to save the child's life and swears to uphold the covenant He made with Abraham (Genesis 22:15, 16).

What is vital in this regard is the fact that Abraham was willing to *release* his child to the Lord. And because he was willing to do so, God was obliged to multiply his seed. To this day, God is still multiplying Abraham's seed. God is in fact willing to do anything to multiply his seed. When unrepentant Pharisees rejected the message of John the Baptist, citing they were

Abraham's seed, the prophet assured them that God is able to make children for Abraham out of stones! (Matthew 3:9)

Once you release to the Lord whatever is dearest to you, better still, whatever He requires of you, He will be obliged to multiply your release beyond your finite imagination. It does not matter how insignificant it may seem to you at the time. It may be your life. You think it is insignificant? Perhaps you are down and almost out and think that you are better of dead? Nothing can be further than the truth.

No life in the hands of God is insignificant. I dare you to release your life to the Lord, commit all your cares to Him and trust Him as much as father Abraham did. He will multiply your life so that you will abound in all ways, prospering in everything that you do. What is more, God is able to multiply your 'insignificant' life so that you rescue others tomorrow.

The evidence is replete throughout the word of God. That is what the Lord did with an old shepherd called Moses and a young one called David. Both were pretty insignificant at the time God called them to be the deliverer of their nations. Once they released their insignificant lives to a significant God they became of incredible significance to their nations.

Both led the nation of Israel from bondage and defeat to freedom and prominence in spite of their insignificant background. Both became invincible and apparently indispensable to the incredible destiny of the nation of Israel. And in spite of their former failures, they both became significant persons to God Himself. From obscurity to preeminence Moses became the greatest prophet that ever lived and David the greatest king.

And I too can claim a similar testimony of an insignificant life turned right-side-up: I was backslidden for ten years and had failed in everything. I had also disappointed those dearest to me. As a result, I sunk into a depression and considered to take my life. I thought that I was so insignificant, a scum that is better off dead than alive. I even thought it would please God that I died since I had backslidden and had been unfaithful regarding my call to minister the gospel.

Fortunately for me, on the fateful day when I set to administer the suicide I happened to hear the bare whisper of the Holy Spirit ask me to go back to where my faith begun. I did and even recommitted my life to the Lord. It's been some ten years to-date.

Today, I minister the gospel in evangelical crusades, teaching seminars, broadcast programs, music concerts, and in audio, visual and written materials like this one. Thousands upon thousands and millions around the world are saved, delivered, and blessed as a result of my ministry. I am awesomely impressed at the faithfulness of God as I observe first hand in my life how a zero can be multiplied into a blessing for many.

When I think about my life and what the Lord is using me for, I am profoundly aware that an insignificant life was released into the hands of a supernatural God to become the multiple benefit it is today.

It may seem to you that the time you are spending to read this book is insignificant. It may seem to you that all the material in it is insufficient to meet your current needs. My friend, engage the force of faith and multiply the seemingly indivisible material you are reading.

Commit your appreciation of this truth into the hands of God and you will unleash a force of multiplication that will bless you beyond imagination as well as your loved ones and those you associate with. It is just amazing how a book can transform the life of its reader and that of others he/she is willing to share the book with.

When I obeyed the Lord to write my first book- **The Value of a Name**- I did not realize what a blessing it would be to others. The book had been the result of my personal inquiry of the Lord concerning my identity and it was difficult for me to appreciate at the time I wrote it how it would be relevant, let alone a blessing, to others. I actually wrote it and had it published in obedience to the Lord more than conviction that it would be of much use to others.

Well, God multiplied what was seemingly indivisible. The testimonies from **The Value of a Name** abound: One amazing account that touched me was that of a lady that had a kid born with multiple deficiencies- unable to talk, walk or be vital in any way. Well, she had given the child a name that was not the result of inquiring from the Lord. When she read the book and sought to know from the Lord regarding the name of the child, she found a most divine name, Samuel, to be the child's true identity. She then called the child by the name the Lord had given her and immediately the child was healed of all his ailments.

There is the account of a dear friend of mine who did not think much to the revelation of naming until he miraculously survived an accident and the Lord revealed to him his identity while also commanding him to buy the book. At the time, his wife was expectant and he had sought to name the child Wisdom but the wife severely objected.

When he bought the book and read it with his wife they not only accepted his new identity as revealed to him by the Lord but also confirmed the child as Wisdom. I was so moved when Wisdom was born to know the parents had received yet another divine name for the child. He is called Wisdom Jeremiah. And only God knows the extent of divine destiny such a name will have on that child and the lives he will affect as a result of this revelation.

I am so blessed to be used of God in this way. This has been the testimony with all my books. God has breathed His glorious life in them so that they marvelously affect the lives of those who read them. My friend, **The Force of Faith** is in your hands to supernaturally multiply what is indivisible. May be you are at a point in your life where you think that your life is insignificant or your business or your job/marriage/family/nation. You have resigned to a dreary and doomed impression of your lot. Depression is firmly settled in you and nothing excites you anymore. I dare you to open your heart to the words God has inspired me to pen down in these pages. They are life changing and will instigate a move of the supernatural in your life.

Beloved, you are about to leap and bound in every good work. God is going to multiply your seed, your dreams, and your destiny, for the glory of His Name. Remember, you serve a God that still does miracles. And He is not far from you.

Your burning bush experience may well be the words you are reading right now. Believe them, seize them, use them, and let them go through you. As you delve further into the force of faith, you will find that multiplication of the indivisible is one more thing that God can do among so much else.

Suffer not that unbelief should rob you of God's glory. Whatever is in your hands is vital. Do not despise the days of your small beginnings. It may be a little capital in your hands and you are at loss how you will fulfill that dream business. Or, it may be that you have one child and would love to have several others and at the moment it seems impossible for one reason or the other.

Do not fret, whatever the indivisible matter is, however small it may appear to be, the force of faith working in you is able to condition a multiplication process that will surprise you and everybody else. People are about to wonder at you. Those detractors that were convinced that you are hopelessly out of your depth, that you have so little to work out anything great, are going to praise your God. They will acknowledge that there is more to you than meets the eye.

I urge you to move out of the realm of carnal observation into the spirit realm. See the invisible, hear the unbelievable, confess the unspeakable, and multiply the indivisible. All things, all, all, however small they are, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!!!

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CHANGE THE INVARIABLE

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. John 9:1-7

Do you realize that change is on the way? A lot is going to change however established it may seem to be to you or everybody else. Once the force of faith gets firmly rooted in ones conviction, then such a person becomes an agent of change. The force of faith will

not only change you but will employ you to cause changes wherever you go.

And I am glad it is that way. I happen to be one of those people that just get bored easily. I am offended by stagnancy and monotony. I love life on the drive. I am sure that is the way God is too. When He saw the earth empty and void, He changed the whole thing. When man fell, God sought to change the whole thing. When Israel was stuck in Egypt, God changed the whole thing. It does not matter how invariable the situation may be or the subject is, if it is not favorable to the purpose and will of God, it is going to change.

Unfortunately, many believers do not realize this. They accept fate and conclude that things are meant to be the way they are. Some even attribute ill-fortune to the will of God. In their mind, they are convinced that it is the will of God for things to be the way they are and nothing is able to change or should change. The status quo, however improper, is accepted to be God's will. Any change is roundly condemned.

That is why Jesus' ministry had a difficult time, and I suggest, it is also the reason why it still has a difficult time. Jesus, being the *master of faith*, is in this regard also the *master of change*. His ministry was a testimony of change all the way. Everywhere Jesus went, He changed lives, changed traditions, changed cities.

Nothing ever remained the same after it encountered Jesus: Six pots of water in a wedding at Cana changed to wine after they encountered Jesus; five loaves of bread and two fish changed into a multiple number that fed a crowd of 5,000 men without counting the women and children after they encountered Jesus; even the winds and storms of the raging seas changed to a serene state of peace after they encountered Jesus; a fig tree that did not provide fruit to Jesus when he needed it was changed to a rotten piece after it encountered Him; eyes that had never seen, legs that had never walked, ears that had never heard, and all manner of ailments were never the same after they encountered Jesus. He changed everything everywhere He went.

Neither did anyone ever remain the same after they encountered Jesus: John the Baptist decreased after he met Jesus; Simeon Peter increased after he met Jesus; Mary was blessed among all women after she encountered Jesus; Zaccheus was humbled and transformed before men after he encountered Jesus; Simeon, Prophet Anne, and Nathaniel, Jews without guile, ceased to doubt and agonize Israel's consolation after they encountered Jesus; the cripple at Bethsaida, the lepers in Capernaum, the maniac in Genessaret, the Syro-Phoenician woman, the Roman centurion, and Lazarus were all marvelously transformed when they encountered Jesus.

As the master of change, Jesus expected change everywhere He went. It did not matter whether it was urban or rural, receptive to Him or hostile, whether it was in the confines of a home, a place of worship or the public space of a field, wilderness or even the seashore, He expected change there. When he visited the home of Peter and found the disciples mother-in-law demobilized because she was ill with a fever, He healed her and soon she was attending to Him and the disciples. When He went

to the Synagogue to pray and preach, He cast out devils and healed the sick that had been unattended to before. When He went to the wilderness with the crowds and observed their hunger, He turned the desolate place into a party of multiplied food and fun. He expected change everywhere He went.

There were moments when He was disappointed because while He expected change, the residents of these places were not responsive to His ministry as master of change. He was quite amazed when in His own home town of Capernaum; He could work few changes there because of the unbelief of the people:

And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in the synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto

them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Matthew 13:54-58

However, it was not long after Capernaum that He went to a desert place where the people were as expectant as He was and he was able to institute some serious changes:

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship in to a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. Matthew 14:13-14

Did you see that? There is a huge world of difference between the reception He received in His own home town of Capernaum and the people that followed Him to a desert place. When people were antagonist to His ministry, when they were hostile to Him, He could not effect much change even though He wanted to. On the other hand when He went to another place where they

celebrated His ministry and anticipated His kindness, He was able to effect significant change. In fact, it was in this desert place that after healing the people, He went further to make a miracle party of multiplied bread and fish (Matthew 14:15-21).

And the change went on after that as Jesus visited an Island called Gennesaret. I would love you to pay serious attention to the incredible response the people there gave Him:

And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. Matthew 14:34-36

Now this was serious: The people did not wait for the master of change to stir them with a word of faith. They didn't give Him much chance to settle down for an elaborate sermon. The moment they saw Him, they mobilized all those in need and pleaded with Him that they only touched the hem of His garment.

Notice that it's not Him who told them that there was a supernatural power in the hem of His garment. Neither is it Him that called them to attend His ministry. The people were already stirred and convinced regarding the abilities of His ministry so much that they be sought Him. They placed a demand for change because they knew beyond any doubt that He was the master of change.

Jesus changed everywhere He went and everyone He met because He was (and I must add, He still is, and will always be) the master of change. And He was, is, and will always be the master of change because He is the master of the force of faith. The force of faith propelled Him to effect change in any and every circumstance. Even at the cross, facing death, Jesus changed Golgotha from some remote venue outside Jerusalem to the centre of the world's interest that it has been through the years to this day.

At the same time, in His death He changed a thief, a Roman Centurion, and as many as believe in Him so much as they will never be the same again. Faith in the cleansing power of His death ignites a force of faith that is sure to change anyone's life forever. To be sure, the world has never been the same again since Jesus died and rose from the dead.

The same force of faith operative in the life and ministry of Jesus will cause you to change and effect change everywhere you go and to everyone you meet. Once this force is assumed and mastered in the life of a person, such a person cannot live a stagnant and monotonous life. The force cannot allow it.

For starters, the life of such a person would change from a sorrow decline to oblivion and despair to a rosy celebration of unlimited potential and achievement. It does not matter what the odds against you are or how long you have been stuck, once you ignite the force of faith and master its benefit you

will soon be flying in ecstatic joy to a destiny loaded with achievement.

And it will not only be a personal experience. Not at all: The force of faith will enable you to inspire others around you. It will create a force field of dynamism so that even those around you find themselves caught in a change they may or may not have anticipated.

When I returned to the Lord in 1988, my life was down beat stuck. I was a loser in every way. And so was my life and that of the friends around me. It seemed like it was impossible that I would ever be able to accomplish anything, let alone anything great. My family was stuck with me. My father had been out of a job for eleven years. My mother's businesses had collapsed and she had been out of a job for five years. My siblings had dropped out of school to do nothing. Satan threatened me with these facts and I decided to commit suicide.

Fortunately, the Spirit of God was present to rescue the moment. Just as I prepared to take my life, the Spirit of God advised me to return to the Lord Jesus. And so on the second of December 1997, I gave my life to Jesus and ignited the force of faith. In a short while, I changed direction: Rather than despair at the hopelessness of my circumstance, I begun to celebrate the opportunity that God showed me these circumstances provided for His glory. I begun to see the invisible, hear the unbelievable and believe the incredible.

Since then, I have grown in leaps and bounds. Not only have I changed, or have I seen the wonderful change in my family, but I have by God's grace been used to effect change in other people's lives, in churches, in communities, cities and nations.

The change is going on even as you read this book. There is a supernatural release of God's dunamis (power) that will stir you from that invariable state so that you experience significant change. It does not matter the magnitude of mountain that seems to have blocked your way, or the extent of depravity that you

may have sunk under, or even the certainty of destruction from which restoration is completely inconceivable in most opinions. IT DOES NOT MATTER. What I am sure of is that you have not read this book for nothing. Your eyes are perusing through a divine appointment with destiny. God has connected you with words that are pregnant with the necessary unction that will cause change in your life. More than that, I envisage you causing change all around you and even in far distant places as you grow in the force of faith and begin to master change.

It may have been that prior to this book, you were subject to change. Rather than being a master of change, you found yourself in circumstances where others changed you or where conditions affected you. You were a pawn of life, a victim of everyone and every circumstance. Well, that too is changing. From this day forward, I commission you to effect change. Rather than being a victim of life I anoint you to become a master of it.

Engage the force of faith and affect your environment. I refuse you to let that debt or disease or depression change your life style. Instead, release the force of faith and change your circumstance, cause those setbacks to vanish out of your life!

What a life, what a way to live and have your being. This is the promise of the righteous. God's children are not victims. They are masters, kings and priests loaded with all the power and authority of heaven and earth. Are you a child of God? Is the Spirit of God living in you? Do you know your divine position among men and creation?

Then, appreciate and take advantage of the fact that God has programmed you to be a master of change. You are the one that establishes, uproots, builds, and plunders as led by the Spirit of God. All believers that can transcend believing in God to actually believing like God are able to be rulers of the air, land and sea.

I for one think that the Church has absconded this privilege to all kinds of mediocre sons of darkness. We have allowed those who do not know better to affect a world that we have already been granted victory over. We desperately hear of terrorists seeking nuclear arsenal and wonder what the government is doing. We helplessly complain about how greedy corporations are destroying our lives with dangerous consumer products. We are agitated that the state is not doing enough to provide adequate security, education, or welfare.

We watch and observe helplessly as natural disasters destroy lives and properties, and are even stranded for what to do regarding providing humanitarian assistance. All this negligence on our part has to do with a poor education of what faith is, why we have it, and what we can do with it.

The force of faith is in our lives to restore peace, prosperity, and privilege to a fallen creation. We are to effect positive change in a world accustomed to degradation, danger, and death. None of the agencies of this world outside this force have it in them to accomplish this task. No government, no religion, no coalition of agencies or states, and no community organization or Private Corporation can ensure the most adequate status for men. That

role was given to us- the Church, the sons of God- and we can if we realized who we are, what we have, and how to activate faith so as to realize desired change.

It does not matter the status quo. A lot of the degrading circumstances that we face today personally, publicly, and around the world may seem intransigent or invariable. Things may seem to be beyond our ability to change for the better. Take the case of global warming or fundamental religious terrorism. Well, this book is in your hands for you to know that you are the man or woman that the world is counting on to effect change.

Remember Joseph? One man engaged this force and saved the world in his day.

What about Esther? She was able to save her nation. You too, after effecting change in your life and among those close to you, should rise to the occasion to help a world unable to resolve fundamental faults like peace in the Middle East and trade imbalance between the developed and developing world.

In this sense, **The Force of Faith** is a provocative script that should see its reader wake up to the infinite amounts of possibilities availed to Him in Christ Jesus. Do not limit its experience to simple matters of bread, house, comfort and money. There is more to life than these things.

The book seeks for believers to grow from believing in God to believing like God, from being ordinary members of their faith and citizens of their nations to actually being kings and priests reigning in life with Christ Jesus (Romans 5:17). It urges you to locate yourself in the realm of the Spirit, in the heavenly places, and promises that this *level of faith will unleash a force field of dynamism that will change your world, the world around you, and even the world seemingly beyond you.*

Never again should you cry as a victim of circumstance or someone else. Never again should you observe helplessly as events affect those close to you and even those furthest from you. Once you master this force, you have connected and programmed a significant factor in life. Your life, your world, and the world at large can never be the same again as you shift

from being victim to victor, from being subject to master. Remember the assurance of the apostle John:

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

TOUCH THE UNREACHABLE

And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick. **Luke 7:6-10**

It should be clear by now that the mighty force of faith has no bounds. There is absolutely no zone that its impact cannot reach. There is no one so obscure, so remote, or so invaluable that faith

cannot reach, touch, and alter. There is no place so distant, so out of place, so inaccessible that faith is unable to contact, engage, and construct. The force of faith is so able to touch the unreachable. Its sphere of operation is only limited by those who fail it. But **once faith is mastered, it will cover any distance; bless any person, to impose any desired outcome.**

Once you engage the force of faith, take it for granted that you are not too far to be reached. Neither are you too destitute to be touched. I am reminded of a lady that attended one of our meetings held in a remote countryside in Uganda. This lady had a very disturbing problem that had seen her husband abandon her because he thought she was a taboo.

The problem she had was the dual sex genital development of her child. From birth, the child had both male and female sex organs. She did not know what to do about it. Such a problem is taboo in Africa and even though she was a believer, she was afraid to mention this matter to her local pastor as she thought she might be banned from church. Well, she prayed that God would send a minister that would pray for the child to have one sex genital. And it turned out that I was the minister. I went with our evangelical team to do rural revival meetings that included a conference, personal door-to-door evangelism and a crusade.

During the conference, the lady approached one of my helpers with her problem. He in turn mentioned it to me and I told him to tell her that the genital of her preference had remained while the other had disappeared during the service. I asked her to examine this miracle in the toilet. She returned exclaiming at the top of her lungs. What she had hidden, what had ostracized her from her family and society had been miraculously resolved.

Now this woman was blessed by the force of faith ordering my steps so that I could minister to her child. Geographically she was quite distant from where I was; it didn't matter. Her faith placed a demand on my healing gift so that I was present in a remote rural village to minister to the need of a daughter of Abraham.

And it happens all the time: Every so often we travel in the ministry, we are told by several people in the place we have gone to how they are glad that we had gone there. Some express their gratitude in such emotion asserting that we visited their nation/church/city specifically to attend to them. What they do not realize their saying is that they engaged the force of faith to draw a ministry like ours or specifically ours to wherever they are.

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's ministry, how when he was ministering in Asia yet he saw a dream when a man from Macedonia was beckoning him to go there. Now Macedonia was not in his itinerary, he was not thinking about going there yet someone there placed a demand on the ministry of Paul so much as to cause him to deviate from ministering in Asia to actually going to Macedonia.

I think that is amazing! The force of faith is able to interrupt with someone else's program and cause them to attend to you regardless of where they are and where you are. By it you can touch the unreachable. You might be disadvantaged geographically by distance but that is not a factor once faith is activated. The force of faith is able to cause someone at a considerable distance from you to attend to your desires.

Remember how Joseph helped the cup bearer interpret his dream correctly and how the cup bearer once out of prison forgot Joseph. Remember how after two years, Pharaoh had a disturbing dream that no one could interpret and how he threatened to kill everyone in his court if the dream was not interpreted for him.

At which point, the cup bearer remembers Joseph. Joseph was not in Pharaoh's court. He was locked behind bars and yet from this disadvantaged location he was able to influence matters in Pharaoh's court. He was able to touch the unreachable cup bearer so that he was remembered.

What about Abraham? Remember how in a moment of fear he let his wife stay in Pharaoh's house in the guise that she was his sister. Remember how Pharaoh sought to sleep with her only to be terrorized by God himself. So frightened was Pharaoh that he sends for Abraham and asks him to leave Egypt for deceiving him. Interestingly, he sends him away with plenty of blessings. What happened? Well, I am sure when Abraham realized his folly after sending his wife to Pharaoh; he engaged the force of faith and affected affairs in Pharaoh's bedroom! He touched Pharaoh and was able to restrain him from sleeping with his wife eventhough his bedroom was seemingly unreachable.

My friend, do not despair for being forgotten or for being foolish to leave your spouse/children by themselves. It does not matter the distance, from wherever you are just engage the force of faith and you will reduce distance to affect whatever matter to suit your interest.

Once you master the force of faith, you cannot be forgotten. Your faith is able to cause your issue to surface in the lives/dreams/aspirations of those who think they have forgotten you. Faith can reach into the minds of anyone that is necessary to accomplish God's purpose in your life.

It does not matter how insignificant you may have been to the person when you first met. When the force of faith is activated, your memory is only a moment away. Not to mention, that faith is also able to make you prominent enough to be reconsidered. Opinions of those who had underestimated you will change as the force of faith reveals your outstanding vitality.

What is more? Your loved ones are secure in the force of faith. By it you can ensure their safety and security. Once you have activated this force, you should cease to worry about your family or those close to you. It does not matter where they are. Once faith is activated their welfare is a settled and foregone conclusion. It may be your child studying in a foreign nation, or a loved one in the armed forces in a foreign, distant, and dangerous mission, or a spouse working in a foreign nation, it does not matter. The force of faith is able to sustain their life, your marriage and ensure a desirable outcome.

Touching the unreachable is a privilege that every believer in Christ ought to experience. It is not a benefit of ministers only but is an integral part of God's blessing for the believer in Christ. Every believer in Christ can transcend and affect worlds beyond their physical reach. From the confines of their prayer closet, the believer can shake the nations, affect entire cities, open opportunities, and cancel disasters.

It could be that although you are a believer, yet most of your habitation is in gross impoverishment or may be its your family, or it may be the organization you are working for (it may be declining in its performance and is actually threatening closure). Well, it does not matter. Once you are there, you can master the force of faith and orchestrate resources from distant, unfamiliar and unreachable places to visit your home, community or organization. This is what the scripture means by saying that a people in darkness have seen a marvelous light. You are able to draw by faith this marvelous light to your vicinity.

I am reminded how my family was in a rather deplorable state when I returned to the Lord. One of the problems we experienced is the failure of my dad to get a job in eleven years. As a result of this frustration, he'd resigned to a life in the countryside. On my part, from the time I returned to the Lord I continued to pray and ask the Lord to avail opportunity to my family. Well, while my father spent what he often regarded as his last days in the countryside, I released the force of faith that interrupted that resignation.

One day, the president of our country visited our region of the countryside. While there, he mistook my dad (who was merely one of the country people that had turned up for the president's rally) for an old friend. In a bizarre twist of events, he offered my dad a significant position in his government. My dad has so far completed his first contract and cannot hear of resigning if you begged him!

What happened? The force of faith was released affecting the president and causing my father in the distant countryside to

have a new lease of life. By faith I had touched the unreachable from the humble confines of my prayer closet.

I can go on and on. I am not sharing some theoretic, high-handed, impractical sermon here. I have experienced it firsthand. I have observed close at hand God enable me through the force of faith to touch the unreachable. There is the case of my mother who had resigned to ministering in the most dangerous parts of our country.

Every so often, she would inform me how she is going to rebelinfested areas to minister. My heart never sank when she made these confessions or when I escorted her to the bus park to get her bus to her dangerous missions or when I read how the ruthless rebels had blown up a bus entering that region, or invaded areas where my mother was and had abducted several civilians and killed many others. I was always firm, knowing that from the confines of my closet I was touching my mother with a security blanket in the unreachable places she went to.

To this day, she is safe and sound. Today, she is sound and well, far from any such danger, indeed from any danger at all. The rebel-infested areas where she had sworn to minister all her life has seen peace restored as the rebels are negotiating a landmark peace-agreement with the government. Every often I think of my mother, I am reminded of how the force of faith secured her life by enabling me to touch the unreachable. By the way, even in the seemingly more secure environs of Europe, I still extend the force of faith to prosper and protect her there.

Recently when she returned from Europe, she revealed to me how she had survived several attempts to poison her from deadly friends.

While she narrated her nail-biting ordeals, I marveled at the cross-distance efficacy of the force of faith. By that infinite measure, I had indeed work in the glory of GOD to secure her life even though I was not physically present with her.

That is why I do not accept that believers ought to ever worry or be anxious for nothing, not even dangerous conditions or temptations facing their loved ones wherever they are. All they have to do is activate the force of faith and project to unreachable destinations the desires of their heart. Similarly, believers should not consider that they are unreachable or that they cannot be touched by their hearts desire.

The believer that considers any such thing only believes in God and has not graduated to actually believing like God. If you believe like God you must realize that you will be touched by every desire you have, however obscure and remote others may presume you to be.

That is why I am persuaded that someone is about to be touched with a financial opportunity even as you read this. Someone else is about to be touched with a divine and genuine-unto-marriage love affair even as you are reading this. Yet another is about to touch a ministry opening in a nation that seemed unreachable. By faith you can touch the unreachable. Do not hold back, just go for it.

Well, how does this work? How does the force of faith enable us to touch the unreachable? I believe the answer is found in the wise confessions made by the Roman Centurion used in the epilogue of this chapter. In believing that Jesus was able to heal his servant without necessarily entering his house, he cited how he was a man under authority and how there were also people under his authority to whom he can make orders to accomplish his desires.

Consequently, he believed that Jesus had forces under his authority by which he could command healing to be granted to his servant without necessarily entering the house.

A careful understanding of his radical confession will reveal that he was speaking about angels- God's ministering spirits. He knew that just as he had soldiers to take his orders, Jesus' soldiers were angelic spirits that could be summoned to undertake whatever Jesus desired. He also knew that these ministering spirits were able to touch what was seemingly unreachable.

Elsewhere in the scriptures we are shown this dynamic: When Daniel was thrown in the lion's den he must have applied the force of faith so that although he was unreachable by the king who was bound by his decree yet an angel was able to ensure that no lion opened its mouth to eat the prophet (Daniel 6: 15-23). And when the apostle Peter was put in prison, closed behind three metallic doors, and chained in shackles, the church communicated this force in prayer to activate his immediate release. Heaven responded by sending an angel who broke the shackles, opened the doors and led the apostle out to freedom (Acts 12:5-11).

The angels of the Lord are His ministering spirits to accomplish His purposes. And when we come to Jesus, and especially when we believe like He does, we will be able share on the leadership of angels. You see, today we are allowed to employ the Name of Jesus which is superior to the name of angels (Hebrews 1:4). Consequently, in the Name of Jesus we can commission angels to work the purposes of God regardless of where we may desire

that to occur. Angels enable us to touch the unreachable when we activate the force of faith.

Once you understand things this way, international business, ministry, politics, and every other maneuvers become a close possibility. The world shrinks to size and opportunities in far flung corners of the globe become present day realities. That is why Jesus was able to have a global view of His mission.

It is by faith that He commanded us to go to all the world and preach the gospel. It did not matter that we do not know the languages, cultures, or even the peoples of the respective nations but once we engage the force of faith we can touch them however unreachable they may seem to us geopolitically.

It is in this regard that some of us are anticipating supernatural change in the Middle East. Many today have paid attention to the deception of the enemy regarding this area of the world. They look at the radical activities of fanatic Islam and they presume that matters are getting worse there. They believe the carnal media's classification of these countries as Moslem

countries and conclude that it is almost impossible that their people can experience revival.

Well, I am different. Ever since I grew in faith to experience God beyond religion, I have found out that I can touch this seemingly unreachable region. The force of faith has actually revealed to me a radically different view of this part of the world, if not all the world. I have discovered that through the eyes of God there is no such thing as Moslem nations or nations of Islam.

That is a lie from the enemy and the spirit of this world. All nations in the world actually belong to the Lord our God. All people are His only that most are His lost people. The word says. "For God so loved the world…." (John 3:16), meaning they are His people and He loves all of them enough to seek to save them, even at the cost of the death of His Son.

As I ponder on the Lord's ownership of these nations, I project His power to them. In so doing, I am touching the unreachable in Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Egypt and all over the Middle East. I am sure that my faith will open doors for the gospel and close doors of disaster there. I do not need to speak Arabic to do that, or know the Koran, or have human contacts there. The force of faith is contacting me with all the necessary opportunities there so that I am able without being there or having gone there to touch the unreachable.

This is the privilege of all believers. When we talk about reaching out, it must be understood that we have no bounds. By the force of faith, we are able to touch areas, people, or situations that seem beyond the natural man's ability to affect. This is part of accomplishing the impossible that we have been enabled to experience.

Think about it: Do you realize that as you read this material, we may have never met? We may actually never meet this side of the Jordan and yet by faith, God is using me to stir your spirit to accomplish all possibility in its varied dimensions.

As you read this book, I have trusted the Lord to commission angels with divine packs of wisdom to ensure that you awaken to the truth embedded here. I trust Him to surround you with even more angels ready to take any assignment you may desire to give them in any part of the world. Activate your faith and promote the will of God regarding your business, ministry, or love in any part of the world. From this day, the world will shrink and fit within your faith. Do not suffer and despair by stretching your hand when you are able to commission your faith to touch the unreachable.

BLESS THE UNFAVORABLE

And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who having received such a charge, thrust them into prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

And

at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto

God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. **Acts 16:23-26**

If there is one thing the force of faith will accomplish in you, it is strength, inner strength. Mastering faith will occasion a significant tenacity in you.

That is what we need today more than ever before: We need believers in Christ with backbone, not some flaky pretentious presentation of a form of godliness that denies the power thereof. True believers do not quiver, they do not quit; they are resilient even in the face of what seems to be certain destruction. They have it in them to go through anything confident that as always, they never lose. Come rain or shine they are guaranteed to come out on top.

Now there is a certain strange message doing the rounds in the body of Christ pertaining to whether believers should suffer. Some ministers teaching faith actually claim that mastering faith is equivalent with disqualifying suffering. They teach that if one has faith they will not suffer, that faith is able to shelter them from all the attacks of the enemy.

This school of faith is currently growing in popularity and seems to have persuaded a significant number of believers. Many that have suffered are only too eager to receive a message that promises a life without suffering, without struggle, without pain. A careful study of this school will reveal that their persuasion is an anti-thesis to yet another dubious school that actually associates faith with suffering. This school is really the oldest, most religious, and the most popular. Its tenets suggest that faith is demonstrated by how much one is willing to suffer for the Lord. And so, it is not uncommon for ministers of this school to make oaths of poverty and sacrifice in a bid to exert in themselves 'the pains of Christ'. Some of their members will dress as plainly as possible in a bid to avoid expense and attraction or/and confine themselves in remote monastery's in an attempt to distance themselves as far as possible from the worlds of temptation.

Of course they view with much suspicion the other school that disqualifies pain and suffering. They accuse them of being self-gratifying and for peddling the gospel for their own gains and glory rather than Christ's. On the other hand, the emerging school (often referred as the prosperity gospel) is critical of the older school accusing them of ignoring the sufficient evidence in the scriptures regarding the victory of the believer in every regard in life.

And believers are left in the middle wondering whether they should suffer or not, whether suffering glorifies God or not.

On the one hand, the older school views the evidence of suffering as a testimony of one being closer to God after all the scriptures declare:

Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Matthew 5:11, 12

When they couple this with the Master's account of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:20-25), poverty in Christ becomes a qualification of faith.

On the other hand, a section of the current school of faith and prosperity views the absence of suffering and continuous prosperity as indeed a qualification of the great faith of the believer after all the scriptures declare:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

And when they couple this with:

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

prosperity becomes the divine yardstick of great faith.

However, it is my impression, backed by the word of God, that whereas both schools contain persuasions that are in a sense true yet both of them are an unhealthy extreme of the beautiful realities of suffering in Christ and the prosperity of the believer.

To begin with, let me address the suffering issue: Should believers suffer? If a believer suffers, does it necessarily disqualify his/her faith? What if they master faith, are they guaranteed not ever to suffer? A proper place to begin on this issue is the account regarding Peter's revelation of the Lord, his subsequent rebuke of the Master regarding His anticipation of His oncoming suffering and death, and the Masters stern rebuke of the apostle for not appreciating the divine profit of His suffering (Mark 8:33). In this classic episode, we are clearly shown how Peter's enthusiasm for revelation was celebrated by the Lord, but also how his disdainful impression against suffering was quickly corrected by the Lord.

I would compare Peter to the present day school of faith and prosperity. His confession of the Master's Lordship was the result of glorious revelation that he was privileged to receive from the Father. This act demonstrated his great faith in Jesus as spoken of Him in the scriptures. However, it would seem He was over enthusiastic of this revelation that He was not able to appreciate the full context of the Messiah's ministry.

In receiving one revelation of the Lord's ministry, he yet rejected another revelation of His ministry. Peter wanted a Messiah that never suffered and could never suffer. In so doing, he did not realize that after he'd just paid attention to God, he had opened his ear to Satan so that he was against the very purpose for which the Messiah had come.

Looking at Peter's impressions of suffering, the Lord must have known that a similar persuasion would catch on among those who believed in Him. Many, like Peter, would pay attention to Satan's revelation and view suffering with disdain. To place proper sense of suffering for the present day believer, it is important that the Lord went further, soon after His rebuke of Peter, to elaborate on its profit for everyone that believed in Him: Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:34-36

The message for every believer regarding suffering must be clear. Every believer that is genuinely committed to the Lord will suffer at some point or the other. Rather than ridicule the experience, the believer must rejoice in being counted worthy to suffer for the sake of the Lord.

It should be apparent to all who believe in Christ that the kingdom He has conscripted us in positions us to suffer at some point. How else should we understand the Masters description of the kingdom in those immortal words:

From the time of John the Baptist until now

the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11

The kingdom that Jesus had described had just suffered the death of John the Baptist (the greatest of all men and women born of women before the coming of Christ and the onset of the kingdom). And not only John, but the testimony of nearly all the prophets before him attests of men that suffered even as they faithfully served God (1 Kings 19:14; Luke 11:47-50; Hebrews 11:37-40).

Why should suffering be viewed with disdain when the most celebrated apostle of his time had this to mention to an entire church and to all generations of saints:

For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour

we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place; And labor, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. 1 Corinthians 4:9-13

I am so impressed at the manner the apostle Paul related his own sufferings for the Lord. I believe that many ministers and believers that are currently caught in the trap that views suffering with disdain would learn a lot from him.

Here was no less than one of the greatest ministers of his day, and yet he was never hesitant to boast, not about his opulent lifestyle, but about his sufferings in ministry (2 Corinthians 11:24-27).

Every believer ought to meditate on his conviction regarding this experience as he shared it with the church in Colossus. Although he ministered faith to them, he nonetheless shared with them his sufferings:

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church. Colossians 1:23, 24

And this is the complete testimony of Paul's ministry: On the one hand, he admonishes believers to have faith, not to waver but to hold on to an assured hope which is promised by God. This is the gospel that we preach, a message of hope, patience, and victory. On the other hand, he mentions his sufferings for the sake of the believers, which isn't the *message of the gospel* but the *experience of the gospel*.

Now this is where the old school goes wrong. They preach and minister suffering. Believers are told how they must suffer, be poor, and how beneficial it is for them that they are destitute. That is wrong. The *message of the gospel is faith, hope and love*. It is

victory for every believer over the forces of the enemy. However, the experience may be that in the course of believing, hoping, and loving, the believer will experience suffering.

The dilemma most believers have with the experience of the gospel is what has given occasion to the school of thought that views suffering with disdain. In getting the message right (ministering the good news of prosperity and blessing in Christ), some have nonetheless misunderstood the experience of the gospel.

Now, is this a contradiction? Shouldn't the message be consonant with the experience? Where do we reconcile a message of goodness with the experience of suffering?

It is necessary to appreciate the context of the experience of the gospel within its message. I believe the Lord provided sufficient insight to it when He assured us:

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have

tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Notice that He mentions why He has spoken these things: He knew that there would be the possibility of confusion among those who believed in Him regarding this experience of the gospel vis-à-vis the message. He knew that suffering ought to be placed in proper perspective if the believer were to appreciate His message.

One can therefore discern two proper perspectives to the experience of the gospel in light of its message. These two perspectives motivate you to **bless the unfavorable**, to realize the profit of suffering in Christ: The first perspective is the vital revelation that suffering in the life of the believer is not in vain. Whereas it should be accepted that all believers must suffer in this world, all believers ought to realize that their suffering is not for nothing. Every suffering in the experience of the believer has a profound purpose.

The example of Christ provides the lesson par excellence:

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:3, 4

Did you see that? If suffering was not an entirely negative thing for Jesus, why should it be negatively viewed by those who believe in Him? Well the new school of faith would like to tell us that Jesus suffered for us once and for all, and we therefore on account of this need not ever suffer. However, that would rob a vital aspect of the example Jesus set for us. Many would do well to realize that in His suffering, He sought that we should learn how to suffer for others.

The apostle Paul gives an inspiring account regarding what I am talking about here. In the scripture I quoted where he was writing to the Colossians, he actually viewed his suffering as a

service for the church. There were several occasions in his letters where he revealed that his suffering was beneficial for those he ministered to (Colossians 1:24; Ephesians 3:13). Paul blessed the unfavorable by viewing how his suffering was beneficial to others.

Beloved, your suffering is a message of hope to someone else. Your experience of the gospel is indeed a message of hope, endurance and victory. The afflictions you face, the inconvenience you endure, the scourges you bear, are all means through which you will touch others that are suffering in Christ. Bless the unfavorable circumstances you suffer by appreciating how they are indeed a ministry to others.

You see, your suffering is not in vain. You can count it all joy when you suffer diverse tests. Out of your unfavorable experience you will find resource to minister to someone else. I have shown you how the veteran apostle Paul viewed suffering in Christ. That would explain the joy he expressed in prison in that encounter I have used in the epilogue to this chapter.

Thrown in prison yet together with Silas they praised God. They knew that their experience was not in vain. It had an incredible purpose. Following their praise, the power of God visited the prison house and their jailer was moved to receive Jesus with his entire household.

Throughout the scriptures, we are shown how ones suffering may indeed be someone else's blessing: Joseph suffered from the pit to prison so that he could prosper Potiphar, provide hope to the cup bearer, and save Egypt, the world, and his own family; Moses suffered his initial failure when he sought to deliver the children of Israel as a prince so that he could grow into the ministry of God and deliver them more effectively as a prophet; Elijah suffered fear and persecution from Jezebel so that he could feed a widow, anoint a farmer, and ordain a king; and David suffered the persecution of Saul so that the most distressed in the land would join him and be transformed into the mighty men of war.

All these men and women were able to bless their unfavorable situations; they were able to convert perplexing and frustrating circumstances into incredible advantages for others. Apart from that is the fact that their trials offer inspiration to us today. How they endured and eventually overcame what they suffered tells us that we need not view suffering disdainfully or hopelessly (Hebrews 11). Their triumph over the evil that they were confronted with is the message we call the scriptures just as Jesus' triumph over the evil he suffered is the message we call the gospel.

Beloved, your suffering is not in vain. Within it are the necessary ingredients to inspire or/and deliver someone else. Consequently, you can celebrate your trials. The force of faith is what enables you to appreciate this reality so that in your suffering you nonetheless bless the unfavorable.

In your disadvantage, you may nevertheless be positioned to advantage others that you may or may not be aware of. So when you suffer as a believer, engage the force of faith and find out who can be blessed by what you are going through. I am sure

you will discover that your suffering may indeed be the blessing someone in unfavorable circumstances needs.

I am reminded of a moving testimony by the world renowned American gospel artist, Vicky Yohe. She testifies how for ten years in her marriage she failed to have children. Try as much as she did with her husband there was no evidence of any opportunity to have kids. They tried all kinds of doctors and made all manner of prayer with no results. This was very trying for her as a minister and woman of faith. Then after ten years, she stopped thinking about her need to bear children and instead sought to alleviate the plight of orphans in Uganda.

Think about it: The answer to that need you are suffering from could easily be locked up to the attention you make to meet someone else's need.

I suppose that this is what Dr. T.L Osborn meant when he appropriately defined success in philanthropic terms as being the ability to look out for people's needs and reaching out to meet that need. When you do, your doors open.

Beloved, God is obliged to extend mercy to those who extend it to others. You bless the unfavorable when you covert your misery into someone else's miracle. If you can appreciate the extent to which God has positioned your trial to be someone else's relief, then you can enjoy a blessing in spite of the unfavorable circumstance(s) you face.

The other perspective to the experience of the gospel has to do with the fact that your suffering is not indefinite or everlasting. **No believer ought to suffer longer than is necessary.** There is hope on the other side. The believer must acknowledge that regardless what they are going through, it will come to an end. And not only that, their trial will conclude in their triumph.

My friend, when you engage the force of faith you will appreciate everything you suffer. The force of faith will enable you to appreciate that your pain is only temporary and is in fact the means to your promotion. It is also an opportunity for the manifestation of glory. The apostle Paul knew this and was able to bless the unfavorable citing:

For I reckon that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

And elsewhere he asserts the same truth:

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Corinthians 4:17

Paul knew what every believer should know. By the force of faith, he was able to appreciate that whatever he suffered was programmed to end and give way to a great glory. For the believer, suffering need not be perpetuated longer than necessary. Like Paul, it can be for only a moment, a temporary encounter that should pass away and release in its departure a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

I am so glad to be able to communicate this perspective of suffering to you. I do not want you to be confused about suffering. Do not suffer for its own sake and neither be alarmed by it. Just engage the force of faith and realize that it is a prelude to something glorious. That is why I am convinced that those who are despising you today because of what you are suffering are actually going to swallow hard as they witness you in the glory that will follow.

When you are able to appreciate this perspective to suffering, then hope is kindled. Beloved, **suffering becomes a stepping stone to a better you and therefore a better circumstance.** That is why the apostle James counseled thus:

My brethren, <u>count it all joy</u> when ye fall into diverse temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that <u>ye may be perfect and entire</u>, <u>wanting nothing</u>. James 1:2-4

Notice that he admonishes the believer to count it all joy when they suffer. In other words, he was asking believers to celebrate, to bless the unfavorable. **You should not regret whatever**

disadvantage in your life. Instead, engage the force of faith and convert it to an opportunity for greatness.

I am sure that even the most enthusiastic students of faith will appreciate that your faith will be tried, and this means that you will suffer. It may be a healing you need, or a financial opportunity, or a marital breakthrough, whatever it is you believe for, your faith will be tried. That means you may suffer delay or the inconvenience of being discouraged or the aggravating of your sickness, poverty, or marriage. However, he reveals that whatever the case the trial of your faith is intended to make you better. Rather than quit, appreciate that the end of your suffering will be a perfect work, 'perfect and entire, wanting nothing.'

Only the force of faith can give this perspective. Engage it and it does not matter the odds pitted against you, your ministry, your family, your career, your nation, whatever the case may be. You will be able to bless the unfavorable because it will certainly leave you better than it found you. The force of faith is able to

commit that suffering to perfect work that will transform you into a better, if not an entirely thorough person that is well endowed.

As such, there is incredible hope for every child of God. Every believer ought to realize that whatever they suffer need not be in vain. It has purpose that is only appreciable when they engage the force of faith. Only then, are they able to celebrate what ordinarily makes others cry.

Job's testimony offers an excellent example of how not to and how to view suffering. When his wife suggested that he curses God and dies, he declined citing that we ought not to receive only good from the Lord but the bad as well (Job 2:9, 10). Later on, he actually declares to the Lord that though he slays him nonetheless he would die trusting in him (Job 13:15).

Job knew what every child of God engaging the force of faith knows when suffering: That whatever the disadvantage you suffer, you can trust the Lord that the experience is not intended for evil but for good. With this knowledge, you can

bless the unfavorable and celebrate the experience rather than cry. And when Job changed his mind and begun complaining against the Lord, and what he perceived was His injustice towards him, he misfired.

The Lord sorted him out in three incredible chapters of rebuke that brought him to his senses (Job 38-41). After the Lord's rebuke, Job confesses to have spoken words that were too wonderful for his understanding (Job 42:3).

Many believers tend to wonder where the Lord is in the hour of darkness. Some grumble and wonder why God would reward their faithfulness with the trial they encounter. All these questions and complaints are foolish mutterings. They are the result of perceiving with our flesh what usually very spiritual experiences are.

What every believer ought to realize is that just like Job, suffering is not a natural occasion to the child of God. It does not just happen. As such, believers ought to realize that every suffering they encounter is actually programmed from the spirit realm

and is measured, assigned, and permitted by God to ensure your promotion and victory. There is double for all the trouble if only you will win and not whine. Trust God, and in your suffering rather than get bitter, get better.

Engage the force of faith that will enable you appreciate the true status quo. When Job did in the 42nd chapter, he was able for the first time to repent his whining and pray for his friends. He stopped thinking about himself and begun to appreciate his God and others. And the moment he did that, he was given double for all he suffered.

Think about it: You do not need several chapters of suffering when God has programmed it for only a moment. Suffering for the believer is not supposed and has never been intended to be an unending story. Like the apostle mentioned, it is a light affliction lasting for only a moment.

However, many have not engaged the force of faith in these moments and responded to them in their natural wisdom. The consequence of this fleshly response to what is otherwise a spiritual experience has been prolonged suffering. It is this extension of what heaven has intended to be a moment's occasion that I view as vain. You needn't suffer longer than is necessary.

What is needful is for you to engage the force of faith and bless the unfavorable. Keep your trust of the Lord up in whatever circumstance and confidently appreciate that all things work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Meaning, there is a purpose in all that a believer would suffer; that plight is not in vain.

In the experience of the gospel, God Almighty would like you to appreciate the message- which is, you have overcome the world (John 16:33; 1 John 5:4). It does not matter the character of depravity that you may suffer but take it from me, it does not start to compare with the exceeding weight of glory that God has positioned ahead of you if only you can see what seems invisible at the time.

I am sure someone has caught this revelation and is running with it. That torment, delay, or disadvantage you are suffering does not disqualify you as someone lacking in faith. Do not be shy of your calling just because you are suffering today. If anything, the truth is that you are suffering because you are qualified and whatever it is you are going through right now is intended to make you better and promote you to a higher level.

So don't cry. Laugh yourself through it. Sing praises and make joyous noises in the midst of that darkness. Let that devil know that you know that whatever you are going through is a passing moment. Drive him mad with your winning attitude and refuse to whine. You are more than a conqueror and that means that your victory over the adversary is not about to happen, it has already happened.

This means that you can be thankful enough to bless the unfavorable. And that is where we most qualify our distinction from those of this world. We are different because we are the sons of God. As sons of the Most High, we do not cry and are not confused, or at a loss what to do.

You know what to do because you know who you are and whose you are. Your Father in heaven is not about to leave you destitute. If you can open your eyes to see how much is actually working to your advantage, you would rejoice. Communicate this to your friends. Tell those that pity you that they need not to. You don't need a pity-party. What you need around you is a praise-party. And those that are ridiculing you as a result of what you are suffering- bless them. They are at loss of how God works and who He is using. I can guarantee you that with their own eyes they will witness your glory. You will shine light for their benefit and they will know that you suffered for their sake.

You are not a loser. Your suffering is an experience of spiritual repositioning that will qualify your faith and promote you to your next level. I am confident that God has not abandoned you and that you will arrive to your glory. So confident am I that I kindly request that you remember me in your kingdom. Write to me and share your testimony, I will be glad to share it with others confronting what you have overcome. The force of faith

will translate your difficult experience into the glorious message that we call the gospel.

TAKE IT BY FORCE!

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12

There is a lot that has to be taken, so much more than we have ever conceived but now it has been revealed to us. God has in His everlasting kindness already ministered blessings beyond words and thought in the realm of the spirit that is intended for His kind. None of His children really lacks. None of His kind is void of whatsoever they desire. It is all done and properly available in the invisible world of faith:

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9

Just because they are unseen does not discount their existence; just because they are not heard does not discount God's voice on

these glorious matters; and just because they have not entered the hearts of men does not discount their prominence in God's heart. The things God has prepared for HIS beloved are more than real and what is necessary to manifest these infinite benefits in the material realm is the force of faith.

The force of faith is the amazing weapon that will contend with every trick of the devil, every weakness of the flesh; it will counter every challenging circumstance to manifest that which the Lord has already performed in the spirit realm.

It does not matter the odds against you. Your weaknesses are as temporary as they are obscure once you engage the force of faith. That force overrides your apparent failings and translates you from a loser to a winner, from a zero to a hero. Once you are geared to employ this force, you become more than whatever contention that is poised against you.

In fact the force of faith discounts the challenges you face. It reduces the size of your contention while increasing your ability to overcome whatever is set against you.

It is the invincible weapon that a young David employed against the giant Goliath.

Beloved, it was not with the sophisticated armory of the king that he killed Goliath. It was not even with the benefit of the encouragement of his elder brother that he did so (1 Samuel 17:28). Without any such carnal privilege, David simply employed the force of faith and rendered Goliath to be null and void.

I love the way the force of faith motivated him to courageously confess against the boastful taunting of the giant:

Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield:
But I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.
This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the

earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly will know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hands. 1 Samuel 17:45-47

Make no mistakes about it my friend, there is a battle raging. Satan and his evil kingdom do not like you to discover the benefits that God has already lined up for you. They do not want you to gain the immeasurable benefits available if you believed. They will employ every tool at their disposal to achieve their sinuous intentions. They will deceive, intimidate, seduce, even seek to confuse. But do not be cowed or fooled. The force of faith is more than able to settle any score the kingdom of darkness levies against you.

To be sure, the force of faith is greater than the physical weapons of war. It is greater than sword and spear, than guns and bombs. The force of faith is able to overwhelm more than the most experienced soldiers. It can defeat an entire army, a collection of armies, or even entire nations.

It was equipped with it that Moses tormented Egypt and delivered the nation of Israel. It is with it that his successor, Joshua, valiantly fought and defeated no less than thirty-one kingdoms. And by it, Abraham pursued, seized, and slew five kings in order to recover his kidnapped nephew.

The force of faith has ability beyond comprehension. The apostle Paul was actually referring to its impressive ability when he hilariously observed:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5

Equipped with it, every challenge is reduced to a stepping stone: Goliath was David's pathway to the throne of Israel; the pit, slavery in Potiphar's house, and the prison house were Joseph's pathway to royalty in Egypt; Pharaoh's hardened decision against letting the Hebrew free, the Red Sea, and the constant

complaints and ranting of Israel were Moses' pathway to being one of the greatest prophets ever lived; and, it must always be emphasized that the cross was Jesus' pathway to the highest position in existence where to this day He is seated at the right hand of God with a Name exalted above every other name.

Regardless the suffering endured by the kingdom of God, by the sons of God, the fight is far from closure.

I wish to disagree with those who promise a pathway free of any struggles or trials. They tell a most naïve, if not deceptive account of the promises of God. Every promise of God, every blessing of God, every inheritance of the believer, will be attained after engaging the force of faith. The force is necessary to counter the constant series of challenges that seek to dispute your claim to God's provision.

The force propels you to move against the tide of discouragement and opposition. It will comfortably cruise you through the valley of the shadow of death fearing no evil till it positions you at the front side of the table of blessings specially

prepared by God for you (Psalm 23:4-5). It may be that all around you nay-sayers and doubting-scorners seek to discourage you but the force of faith will steady you on the course of victory God has set out for you.

The dogs are barking but the caravan is moving!

The force of faith will qualify you over and above what is expected of you. It may even surf you over your own expectation.

May be you have a need even as you read this book. You might have prayed and prayed but have never received. May be it's a healing miracle or a miracle of house hold salvation, or favor in business, or a marriage. Brother, don't sweat, don't expire. The force of faith is more than able to fix it. Just quit relying on yourself and employ this force. See your miracle as though it were actually done. Do so because if the truth is told, once you believe, it is as good as done. For once you believe, God is obliged to release. Do not stagger because of unbelief. Do not pay attention to the discouragement of friends or enemies. Just ignore everything else and engage the force of faith.

The force of faith will turn the whole thing around. It cannot fail. I have had some preachers speak ignorantly about faith rhetorically suggesting that 'your faith can fail you'.

That is a lie. They speak what they do not know. On the contrary, it is men tried by faith that fail it rather than faith failing anyone that engages it. Wordless, carnal-minded men are bound to fail the faith test and are never to be a reference to the excellent performance faith engenders.

My friend, **faith can never fail.** It works better than you do, better than a thousand friends. It is as efficient as God. **The force of faith is indeed able to do for you all that God has willing done for you. It is the force of infinite possibility.** It can deliver the astonishing, move the immobile, change the invariable, heal the incurable, and manifest glory.

It is the force that ventures into what God has already accomplished for us and programs you to *seize it, enjoy it,* and *share it.* **Mark these words: Everything that can possibly be**

done has already been done in Christ. Everything- all your needs have been met, all your enemies have been sorted out, and your desires provided for. What is necessary is to take it by force.

My brother, do not be afraid, neither dismayed, the heavenly Father has given you the kingdom (Luke 12:32; 22:29, 30). He is not planning on doing it; He has already done it prim and proper. All you have to do is engage a force that is able to venture into the realm where it has already been done and pull it to your level. That force will cause you to see those things that are not as though they are (Romans 4:17); it is indeed the means by which everything we see and even those which we do not see was made (Hebrews 11:3).

If you are moved by that force, if you are running its course, you cannot end in defeat and failure. Your end is a marvelous conclusion as you manifest the glory that God has kept hidden over the ages. What eye has not seen, nor ear heard, what has not entered the heart of any man is revealed by the Holy Spirit to the

saints, and through him/her, to all and sundry at the mighty effort of the force of faith (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Let the force dwell in you, motivate you, may the force of faith program you for greatness and amazing manifestation. May you surprise your most cynical and scornful critics.

A lot of people are at loss of this immense benefit simply because they are ignorant of how it all works. Too many give up so soon. You see the force of faith actually begins with forcing faith. Before faith propels you, you have to stir it. Many quit at the point when they are forcing faith, when they are still believing the word, praying the promises, and confessing the blessings. Many unwittingly lose their nerve when they do not observe with their carnal eyes the merits of their faith. They are not aware that if they held on to their faith, that if they forced faith long enough till its maturity they will soon experience the harvest of their belief. Forcing faith matures when faith forces you.

Let us say that you believe God for a glorious financial harvest and for that result you are sowing financial seed. It may not be that as soon as you sow you will actually receive, especially where a great financial harvest is expected. The greater the harvest may mean the longer the period of gestation. You may have to wait longer than those who require a lesser miracle. Well, it may also mean that you may have to actually plant more seeds than others do. Now both activities of *waiting* and *planting* constitute what I call forcing faith.

Now, many get tired of forcing faith when they observe that they are 'waiting so long' or 'planting too much' with little or no results. They begin to murmur and complain against the church where they may be planting or against the pastor or even question the principle of sowing and reaping altogether. Some even question God's justice or faithfulness. They make Him to be a liar.

It is these kinds of people that errantly conclude that faith does not work. Quite a number have become particularly antagonistic about the faith ministry and would trash a book like this one.

They miss the point: Faith never fails. It's a force and if you consistently engage it, it yields glorious results. Neither does

God fail. In fact, like faith, God cannot fail you (Romans 3:3-4). If the truth were told, many quit when God is about to manifest their desires. Many throw in the towel just when the shift is about to occur, just when forcing faith is about to yield the mighty results of the force of faith. Consequently, what is necessary for those who are forcing faith is a resolute determination and confidence in the positive results of forcing faith.

You may seem foolish at the time, even out of your mind but *keep* on waiting, keep on sowing, keep on believing, keep on fighting the good fight of faith. The scriptures testifying of the father of faith say:

He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. Romans 3:20

We know from the testimony of Abraham, the other patriarchs of our faith, the prophets, the apostles, and Jesus that once we have committed ourselves to believe we should not quit as our endurance will yield to positive results. The apostle Paul had this in mind when counseling the early church, wisely advising:

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

Forcing faith may be particularly difficult but once we are fully persuaded about God's faithfulness, we can rest assured that what we believe for however remote, obscure, or costly, will be ours. The time will come when what we were *forcing in prayer*, *confession*, *and patience* will *force us to glory*, *power*, *and dominion*.

Once you are fully convinced of this result, the rest does not matter. You quit paying attention to whatever seems to be contradicting your expectation. It may even appear as though your condition is getting worse. May be as you are sowing financial seed and waiting for a harvest your financial status deteriorates until you have little if anything to sow; it does not matter.

It may be a miracle healing for HIV/AIDS that you believe God for and yet it appears that your immunity is only getting worse and worse the more you pray; it does not matter.

Or it may be a promotion at the workplace that you believe for and instead you seem to be neglected by your boss or are increasingly becoming an offense to him/her; it does not matter. Be like father Abraham who the scriptures testify of as not paying attention to the dead condition of his body nor that of the dead condition of his wife's womb but endured these seemingly negative conditions till he was able to behold his son Isaac (Romans 4:18-19).

Today, Abraham has more children than Sarah's body could ever bear: All who believe in Christ are counted as children of Abraham (Galatians 3:7); I am also amazed as to how the Prophet John stood at the banks of the river Jordan 4,000 years after Abraham and chided the Pharisees citing that God was able to make children from stones for Abraham (Luke 3:8)!

Point is, because Abraham forced faith in his time, to this day faith is still forcing him even though he is long gone.

The force of faith will override your current challenges and outlive your expectation, to work for you amazing results exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which you are able to ask, think, or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20). In every and any situation, if you do not waver, if you consistently uphold the convictions of faith, you will behold your Isaac. It may take long but I can assure you **faith-results compensate for every time you wait.** Delay is not denial, and once faith is upheld it is not a matter of time as much as it is a matter of truth.

Every opposition to your faith is losing position to you. The more you believe, the less it can stand. The more you fight, the less it can stand. Soon or later, your assured victory will be a popular victory.

I am awesomely inspired by the solid conviction expressed in prophet Habakkuk's resolute confession in the face of significant challenges to his faith. Forcing faith he vowed: Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. Habakkuk 3:17-19

Notice how he confesses his faith against all hope in the beginning and how he is confident that he will be more than compensated for in the end. That is exactly what I have said here: Forcing faith will eventually translate into the incredible benefit of faith forcing you- it will make your feet like hind feet, it will make you to walk in high places.

The force of faith will program you to make incredible leaps forward. It does not matter how much time seems to be lost waiting on the Lord, once the force of faith matures you will soon be skipping and leaping past those who might have left you behind. This is what the Lord means when He promises to restore the years the locusts and cankerworm have eaten (Joel 2:25).

My friend, forcing faith is never a waste of time. It is never a wasted effort. Keep at it and you will testify of the faithfulness of God. It may seem to those about you that you are up to no good. Many may urge you to quit as they did seek to silence blind Bartimeus as he cried for the Lord's attention (Mark 10:46-52).

Do not quit. Like Bartimeus, shout the louder, plant more, wait more, pray more, confess more but do not quit. When the force of your faith matures, you will be more than compensated for your endurance.

Many will observe your ascension to glory in uttermost admiration, unaware of the time you spent forcing faith. When faith forces you, it will become apparent to many that you are a supernatural being with wings underneath your arms. And that is exactly what you are. Only that you are supernatural from the first step of forcing faith that you take. From the time you believe that you are a son of God, from the time you confess Jesus as

Lord, you cease being ordinary and become supernatural (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Now this may not be apparent at the time you are forcing faith, at the time you are believing for prosperity, or healing, or deliverance, but once this exercise matures and faith begins to force your finances to increase, your health to blossom, your enemies to make peace with you, your desires to be realized, then your supernatural entity will be apparent to many. The force of faith is therefore the key to manifesting the supernatural.

Consequently, the force of faith will program you for the divine life shifting you from being among the masses to being distinguished and excellent. Engage the force of faith and live beyond material reality. Exercise it and you will be more than hell, the devil, and demons can handle. The force of faith will realize the greatest you that there can ever be. MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!