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Introduction

some Christians that lack the full knowledge of God's word see faith as impossible to Christian Journey, while some see faith as a risk. Not all faith is a mystery of God in the kingdom, its faith that convert the word of God to power, It's not a gentle shout rather violence force makes impossible to be possible. But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, with men this is impossible but with "God all things are possible. Mathew 19:26

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Faith makes Christians journey interesting with physical evidence that surround it, before faith will command result there needed points that supported it which we shall consider in this book.

Faith is not a religion logic rather spiritual weapon that commands impossibility to the world of possibility.

The birth of Isaac in the scripture was impossible to human nature but faith made it possible. For by grace are ye saved through faith and not of yourselves it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Salvation is free to everyone that accepts it but faith command the reality in every believer, Believers cannot do without faith. But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrew 11:6

It's impossible to please God without faith, these means that it's expected to all believers to operate in faith before we can please God.

God understand the language of your faith not your complaining or murmuring.

Your faith is important to God as your breath is important to you.

"Faith is the money that believers spend in heaven and which guarantees an answer to their prayers."

CHAPTER

Heavenly CURRENCY

There is nobody that will go to the market and buy anything without money. Of course, anyone who does that will be called a thief. Similarly, there is no Christian that will receive anything from God without faith.

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

My own conclusion regarding faith is that, it is the money spent in heaven. And so it's the heavenly currency. If you lack it, you cannot get anything from God.

Heavenly Currency God will not consider the years you have spent in the church before answering your prayer, but rather the level of your faith. "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6

You might be handsome, pretty or ugly; but that has nothing to do with God in answering your prayer. It is your faith that attracts the attention of God to your prayer more than anything else.

Faith is the money that believers spend in heaven and which guarantees an answer to their prayers. Don't forget that it was faith that set the woman with the issue of blood free from her sickness of twelve years.

"And behold, a woman which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment." Mathew 9:20-22 and Just imagine the miracle that happened in the life of that woman. She touched the garment of Jesus and her faith touched the heart of Jesus and she received her miracle.

The blind man that heard that Jesus was passing where he was sitting begging for alms is another good example to consider. A blind man that couldn't identify anybody; but he heard that Jesus was passing and started shouting at the top of his voice.

"And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging; and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it

meant and they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by, and he cried saying, Jesus thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou the son of David, have mercy on me, and Jesus stood and commanded him to be brought unto him; and when he come near, he asked him, saying what wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him receive thy sight thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he receives his sight, and followed him glorying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God." Luke 18:35-43

It was the uncommon noise of faith that came out of that blind man's mouth that made Jesus to stop to attend to his case, and not just the ordinary and common noise of the crowd around there. What a great God!

There is no amount of tears you shed during your prayer or moments of challenges that can move or provoke God to do something in your life, but your faith.

People that were following Jesus were very many. And you will agree with me that there was no way they would be following Him without talking. But the shout of faith of the blind man overshadowed the cacophony of voices or noise of the crowd; and it was only his own voice, borne out of strong faith that Jesus heard. The request of the blind man was immediately attended to and granted by Jesus. It was indeed an uncommon display of faith.

Many Christians are at the edge of their miracle or breakthrough, but they lack the faith to grab it. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7

Many people see the great plans of God for their lives in their dreams, but these cannot come into reality due to their lack of faith.

A minister of the Gospel came to me one day and told me that God had instructed him to go to a certain place for an assignment. I congratulated him for receiving the purpose of God for his life. But he said, what actually brought him to me was that he needed some money to start the assignment. And I told him that when God told Abraham to leave his father's house and relations to a certain place, He showed him where to go, but did not give him anything. I told him to take a step of faith and go to wherever God has directed him. But it was quite unfortunate he was not willing to go, but looking for someone that would give him money to start up the assignment.

Take it or leave it, God cannot give you money to start His assignment. The only thing you need is your faith.

What God did in my ministry and marriage has really made me to stand firm in my faith in Him. Based on my faith, He has been faithful to me all the way. When I started the ministry, I had no money. When it was time for me to get married, I had nothing also. But my unwavering faith in God has been of great help to make all things possible for me.

Many detractive suggestions and pieces of advice came from different quarters in order to discourage me, but my faith kept on telling me that all things were possible in God.

And to God be the glory, I am overwhelmed with visible testimonies today. Fasting and prayer are good spiritual activities, only if faith is involved to channel it to the throne of God. "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God for verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but believe that those thing which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what thing so ever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and he shall have them. "Mark 11:22-24

Spiritual activities are good and yield positive results, provided faith is at work. But in a situation where faith is absent, everything will be an exercise in futility.

Our faith is the carrier of our desires to God. Let me share an experience with you. When I needed to buy a land to build the church to start this ministry, I did not have money. All the same, I had a meeting with the people that wanted to sell a plot of land that was worth millions of naira at the time. A man came with cash to buy the land, but my faith turned his plan upside down, that even with his money he could not get the land. Do you know why? It was because God was moved with the faith I exercised. Despite several attempts by people from different places to buy the land, to the glory of God and surprise of many people, my faith made it possible for us to acquire the land.

Your years in the church or weeping over challenges cannot move God. It is nothing but your faith that can provoke God to answer your prayer. Your faith can break the strictest protocol and open doors for you. "Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." John 2:4

The mother of Jesus knew quite well that if the case of the finished wine should be presented to Jesus, something positive would definitely happen. She had absolute faith that if the case could get to Jesus, wine would be available. It was not the right time as Jesus rightly remarked, but faith broke the protocol. I pray your faith will break every protocol or obstacle standing against your fulfillment in Jesus' name.

Begin to operate in faith and not in fake practice of religion from now. God only understands your faith and not your noise when you ask anything from Him.

"If your faith does not come from the Word of God, you can never receive anything from Him."

CHAPTER 2

The Word

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

The Scripture here makes us to understand that the Word of God is the source and strength of faith. In other words, without the Word, there will be no faith.

It surprises me at times seeing how some Christians are far from the Word of God, and yet claiming that they have faith. I don't know the basis of their faith. Faith without the Word of God is fake and useless.

I have said it earlier that faith is not a religious logic, but a spiritual weapon that makes the impossible to be possible, for every believer that operates through faith.

The Word of God is the backbone of faith. "I will worship towards thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou magnified thy word above all thy name." Psalm 138:2

God magnifies His Word above His name. And it's the same Word that gives birth to faith. If your faith does not come from the Word of God, you can never receive anything from Him.

Many are not serious with Bible study in the church and yet expect God to do wonders in their lives. It is more ridiculous that some churches disregard Bible study and yet they desire God's blessings upon their ministries by faith. It is impossible!

Any church that jokes with the Word of God can never receive any miracle from God.

Many Christians have the Bible, but lack the good knowledge of the Word inside it. It's not just having the Bible that matters, but careful and constant reading of it, in order to have good understanding of the Word of God.

Every situation in life is inside the Bible, if only you can create time to read it.

Some ministers in the church are too busy to read the Bible, but expect miracles to happen in their prayer meetings. They celebrate the years spent in the ministry, but are yet to celebrate what faith has done in their lives.

After reading the Word of God, what should come next is meditation. It is a God-ordained way to study His word effectively. It is one thing to read the Bible, but another thing to meditate on what you have read. Meditation is careful and deep thinking of what you have read in the Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher that teaches you how to meditate on the Word. "But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26

As a believer, you need the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life in order to understand the things of the spirit.

Again, let's also look at revelation. After meditation, what follows is revelation. Revelation is the unveiling to man those things that we cannot discover through our own efforts by God. And this can only be derived from the Word of God, through the power of the Holy

Spirit.

It was the revelation I discovered from the book of Nehemiah in the Bible that helped me to build our first church.

You also need spiritual eyes. "And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look 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 forever." Genesis 13:14 15.

Just consider what God told Abraham in the above Scripture; that as far as he could see, so shall he be given. So it means, it is the level of your faith that will determine the blessings you will receive from God.

When God asked Prophet Jeremiah what he saw, he answered God that he could see a rod of an almond tree. And God declared He would bring to pass what Jeremiah had seen, because he saw the correct thing. "Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jer-mi'ah, what seest thou? And I said I see a rod of almond tree, then said the Lord unto me. Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it." Jeremiah 1:11-12.

You need spiritual eyes to see your promotion, breakthrough, marriage, baby, new car etc. What you see is what you will receive. As a matter of fact, I have never seen a farmer that planted corn and harvested yam. It is Impossible. What you see matters to your miracle, based on your faith.

One thing happened to me many years back. At a time, I declared by faith that I would know how to drive a car before the age of 24. And what I declared and foresaw through faith at that time eventually came to pass. But assuming I have said I would own a car at that age also, nothing could have changed it; I would have become a car owner as well. Never mind your present situation, but what your faith is seeing concerning you. "I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me." Philippians 4:13

Apostle Paul saw himself as being able to do all things through Christ. What you don't see, you cannot possess. You have to see with faith, before you can get it.

It is the level of your faith based on what you are seeing about yourself or that situation that will provoke God to answer you. Please, I beg you in the name of Jesus; begin to see good things about yourself from now on.

Just like spiritual eyes, your mouth is also important. "Say to them, as I live, says the Lord, Just as you have spoken in my hearing, so I will do to you." Num. 14:28, The mouth of a believer is the announcer of his or her faith. It's very important for every believer to utter good things all the time.

The Word

God sent Moses to the people of Israel, that whatever they declared from their mouth was what he would do to them. No wonder why many of them couldn't get to the Promised Land, due to what they declared negatively from their mouth.

Declaration will determine the strength of your faith. And your positive declaration goes a long way to weaken the power of the kingdom of darkness against you. Never mind what you are facing at the moment. Keep on declaring positive things about your situation. Don't stop saying it and I can assure you that you shall surely overcome it.

I pray that God will grant you special grace to see and say good things about yourself in Jesus' name.

"The heart of man is the house that contains faith"

CHAPTER 3

Heart OF MAN

The heart is a very important organ of the body that makes us a living being so far it is still functioning. In the spiritual realm, it's the seat of faith. Faith settles in the heart of man.

Don't forget that knowledge enters the heart while faith comes from the knowledge acquired. Faith cannot develop in man without the heart of man. Faith that develops from the heart moves to the body and the body then puts it into practice, while the spirit illuminates it.

Anyone that wants to enjoy the blessings of faith must jealously guard his or her heart against worldly or ungodly things. "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." Proverb 4:23

Whatever you are expecting God to do in your life through faith, you must protect your heart against any worldliness, because this will stand against any spiritual assignment in your heart.

Both God's still small voice and Satan's loud and tempting voice, struggle to win the heart of man. Reading the Bible and meditating on it will help a lot to purify the heart against every satanic assignment. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" Philippians 2:5

Apostle Paul here makes us to understand that we need to possess the heart that Christ possessed, which was the mind of God. Everyone that possesses the heart of God has the heart of faith.

The heart of man is one of the strength of faith. Faith cannot operate successfully without the heart of man. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." Proverb 23:7

This Scripture makes us to understand that as you think or imagine in your heart, so shall it happen to you..

Your mouth might be declaring faith, while your heart is standing against your declaration. Your heart is the mother to what your mouth confesses. "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of

the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil things." Mathew 12:34-35

If your heart is occupied with unclean and ungodly things, then you should not expect faith to work for you, because it is your heart that determines the strength of faith that you declare with your mouth. So always beware of what you deposit in your heart.

Your heart has a significant and indispensable role to play before faith can deliver your desired result. Your faith must come from God's knowledge and settle in your heart.

Many people in the church today join others in confessing good things with their mouth, but then it does not come from their heart.

There was no rain for a very long time in a village. So the prayer warriors in a particular church in the village decided to go to a mountain to pray so that God could give them rain. They agreed to go to the mountain and expressed this with their mouth but not with their heart. But there was a man among them that had faith and agreed with both his mouth and heart. He followed them to the mountain with his umbrella, believing that the prayer would surely bring rain. Others criticized him for taking an umbrella along with him to the mountain. But he stood his ground based on his faith that it was going to rain after the prayer and therefore went with the umbrella. On getting to the mountain, they prayed and God answered them. Rain fell heavily and they began to scramble for the man's umbrella with him.

Does your faith begin from your heart or not? You can still correct your ways from today. Faith has nothing to do with age. If your child applies or understands faith more than you, he will definitely enjoy its blessings more than you do.

Your heart is a great pillar to your faith. As the pillar is very important to every building, so is the heart very essential to faith.

The heart of man is the house that contains faith. Guide it against any evil contamination or assignment.

"God is ever in the prayer room looking for someone who can utter a prayer of faith."

CHAPTER 4

Effective PRAYER

Nothing can be achieved without prayer. And faith is powerless without prayer. Faith and prayer go hand in hand. No matter how you pray, if faith is not demonstrated, you cannot receive anything from God. "So Jesus answered and said to them, have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain be removed and cast into the sea; and doesn't doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass; he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:22-24

Your prayer must go with your faith for you to achieve unchangeable and outstanding results.

What does it mean to pray? It is an act of communicating with God or presenting your desires to Him. And this has started right from the Old Testament. "And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and named him Enos. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord." Genesis 4:26. So prayer didn't just start in our generation, but generations before you and me started to exist.

Prayer is compulsory to every believer. There is no one that is above prayer; whether you are a prophet, general overseer or apostle. You have to pray before your faith will get a place to operate.

Furthermore, prayer should not be a seasonal thing, but something that must be part and parcel of every living person. And because the needs of man are numerous, prayer must be made a daily exercise.

Every believer must pray till he or she dies. Death is the only thing that can stop man from praying. Prayer is a great force that motivates faith and gives power to it to operate very well. But praying without faith is a waste of time and energy, as the two must work together towards fulfillment. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name, Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23-24.

As it is often said; our God is ever in the prayer room looking for someone who can utter a prayer of faith.

The Scripture says; ask till your joy is full. The joy derived from your prayer is a special assignment of faith to ensure your fulfillment.

Prayer is one of the backbones and pillars of faith. It creates a platform for faith to work. So invariably, prayer is a substance that must first take place, before faith can be demonstrated.

"Thus also faith by itself, if it doesn't have work, is dead. But someone will say, you have faith and I have work. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is no God. You do well, even the demons believe -and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without work is dead." James 2:17-20

Prayer is work. And it is the only thing that can make your faith effective. But before your faith, you must first engage in prayer.

When you pray, always ensure the substance of your prayer is biblical. Whoever that offers an unbiblical prayer cannot receive an answer from God and by so doing his or her faith becomes powerless.

Let your faith move with a scriptural prayer and God will be provoked to answer you. I pray your faith will deliver good results to you in Jesus' Name.

"Fruits are the beauty of a tree and faith without a fruit is useless."

CHAPTER 5

The Fruits OF FAITH

As we have fruits of the spirit, so does faith has its own fruits also that make it outstandingly good. Fruits are the beauty of a tree and faith without a fruit is useless.

The following are the fruits of faith:

1. LOVE: Every man of faith must possess the genuine love of God in his heart. Faith without the love of God is nothing. The reason why you must love is because God Himself is love.

"Behold, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8. Any man of faith is a man of love.

2. HOPE: This is a spiritual expectation that can never fail. But the natural hope of man either in someone or something can always disappoint. A man of faith swims in the ocean of hope all the time. "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:5

Abraham and Sarah were good examples of hope. Their natural hope was dead, but the spiritual hope made the impossible to be possible in their lives.

3. PATIENCE: Everyone who has faith must cultivate the spirit of patience towards his or her request or prayer to God. It is not as if God cannot do that which you have requested, but you have to wait patiently for the manifestation of your miracle. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulations worketh patience; and patience, experience and experience, hope." Romans 5:3-4. Any patient Christian will always receive a perfect gift from God through the power of faith.

4. CONFIDENCE: Effective faith demands full confidence in the Lord. It is true that with God all things are possible, but only for them that believe and are confident in the Word. "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Mathew 19:26. With the confidence you have in God, you can convert the impossibilities of this world to possibilities. "Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompence of

reward." Hebrews 10:35. The confidence that you exude in the Lord will facilitate a great reward of blessings to your life and to your faltering faith.

5. PEACE: Faith that is operating outside the peace of Christ Jesus cannot deliver anything but anxieties and worries. Effective faith swims in the river of peace and whatever you ask God to do will surely be granted. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1. After exercising faith, the next thing is to enjoy the peace of God in Christ Jesus. Your faith is not complete when this is absent.

6. JOY: Everyone who exercises faith must dwell in the garden of God's joy. "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say Rejoice." Philippians 4:4. The joy of the Lord is very essential to every man of faith.

All the fruits mentioned above have a lot to do in strengthening faith. You cannot be a man of faith without possessing all these fruits. Special grace to be a man of faith will come upon you in Jesus' name. Amen

In conclusion, before you can be qualified to be called a man or woman of faith, you must have passed through the school of salvation. Faith cannot work for someone that hasn't experienced salvation. "For God so love the world, that he gave only His begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but has an eternal life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16-17

God showed His love towards mankind by sending His only begotten Son to the world of tribulations to die for our sins.

Jesus came to the world because of you and me, to deliver us from sin and Satan. He doesn't need your money or material wealth. All He's asking for is your heart. "But God commendeth his love towards us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ die for us." Romans 5:8

When we were yet sinners, Christ surrendered His life for you and me. And therefore, you have to give your life to Him. "But as many that received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe his name." John 1:12

Whosoever that surrenders his or her life to Jesus shall be empowered and become the son and daughter of God. And such a person's name shall be written in the book of life.

Jesus loves you and He is knocking at the door of your heart right now. Allow Him to come into your life and you shall never remain the same again. There is no way faith can work for you without experiencing salvation.

The standards of faith are not negotiable. All that is required of you is to follow the rules that govern it.

You must first be a child of God before faith can begin to work for you. Again, faith is not a religious logic, but a spiritual weapon that makes the impossible to be possible in the lives of those that possess it.

Don't also forget that faith is a mystery of God in itself and not a risk taking venture. As you take steps to consider the pillars of faith being mentioned in this book in order to strengthen your faith, I pray you will have outstanding testimonies in Jesus mighty name. Amen.