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Introduction

There are nine (9) Gifts of the Holy Spirit which are divided into three (3) categories: **1.) VOCAL GIFTS**; Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Prophesy. **2.) REVELATION GIFTS**; Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, and Discerning of Spirits. **3.) POWER GIFTS**; Faith, Healings, and Miracles. These gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to supernaturally **SPEAK**, supernaturally **KNOW**, and supernaturally **DO** the works of Jesus. Christianity is a supernatural life. All of Christianity is miraculous. It began with the virgin birth of Christ, a miracle in itself, his miraculous life; death, burial and resurrection were all supernatural and miraculous. Every person born again is a miracle.

When you were born again a miracle took place. The same power that raised Christ from the dead quickened you and you became a new creature in Christ. You became a Child of God by FAITH. You became a partaker of the Divine Nature of God. You are no longer an old sinner saved by grace, but a workmanship of God created in Christ Jesus unto good works. YOU ARE A MIRACLE. Every time you look in the mirror, you see a miracle. You are a new creature in Christ.

The Definition of the “Gift of Faith”: A special endowment given to someone called upon to exercise an extraordinary capacity of trust, to enable someone to accomplish God’s purpose despite every contrary, contradictory circumstance of life. God supernaturally empties him of any doubts and fills him or her with special faith. It is the special dispensation God grants a believer when the task he has given that believer requires more than ordinary or general faith.

1. The Gift of Faith

I. I Corinthians 12: 7-11

Verse 9: “...to another faith by the same spirit...”

- This is the “Gift of Faith”.

II. I Corinthians 13: 1-2

Verse 2: “...and if I have all faith...”

- That’s the “Gift of Faith”: **all faith**; faith in the absolute sense. It has no mixture of doubt within it. It’s “all faith”, the God Faith. When the Gift of Faith manifests in our life, it’s “all faith” and there’s no doubt. We’re able to continue trusting and believing until the manifestation comes.
- “All faith” is also referred to as “special faith”.

The Purpose: There may come a time when the task God called you to will require more faith than you have. God won’t let you down. If He’s called you to a task that requires more faith than you’ve got, God will add faith to you and give you the Gift of Faith. The Gift of Faith will get you through when you’re in the will of God, you are on assignment from God, and you’re tempted to

quit and give up and your faith is running out. The Gift of Faith will rise up as the Spirit wills and you will continue to believe and continue to trust God to accomplish HIS purpose in your life.

- The Gift of Faith is not resident within us all the time. It is special faith for a specific task in your life; something God needs you to trust Him for; for HIS furtherance of HIS purpose. Once that is accomplished, then that gift is done.

2. General Faith: the faith that we live by; everyday faith; not the Gift of Faith or the “special faith”.

- I. Romans 1:17, the faith we live by*
- II. Hebrews 11:13, the faith we die by*
- III. Romans 12:3, a measure of faith*

- God gave us a measure of faith when we got saved. We received that measure in order to develop it. You have to develop your faith. What you got when you first got saved was enough to get started, but not enough to finish.
- Your faith has to grow. When you’re a baby Christian you have baby faith. Develop your faith to the place where it’s easy to trust God. God wants you to develop and use your faith.
- All things are possible to him that believeth. Manifestations follow faith. Miracles follow faith. You can get everything God has for you and everything Christ died to give you through faith.

IV. II Thessalonians 1:3

- Your faith grows exceedingly.
- We all received the same measure when we got saved.
- We all can increase, develop and use our faith.

3. How do we increase our faith?

I. Romans 10:17

- We have to feed out measure. Your faith can grow.
- Practice your faith. Exercise it. You can’t live in easy faith all of the time. The next time you get a headache don’t run for the pill bottle. A headache won’t kill you so practice on something that’s not dangerous. Use your faith. (i.e. weightlifting)
- Faith comes by hearing.

The initial measure you received came when you repented and surrendered to Christ and accepted him as Savior, and then you were recreated and a measure of faith came in the recreation. Now it has to be developed. All of the forces of a recreated spirit have to be developed in you. Love has to be developed. You grow in love. You can tell when your love is growing when you are able to love the ones that are hard to love, not just the easy ones.

Check to see how you are growing in faith. What are you able to believe God for today?

3a. There are two (2) types of hearing: (Romans 10:17) The first hearing actually means to hear with your *physical* ears. The second hearing means to understand with your *spiritual* ears. The word of God has to be heard in both places for faith to come.

II. Joshua 1:8

- Meditate day and night on the Word of God and speak it out loud to yourself. Your voice will register on your spirit before any other voice.
- Meditate means “to chew the cud”; like a cow; chews it up, swallows it, brings it back up and chews it some more. That’s meditation.
- Observe means “now you see”. That means the revelation has come. Meditation brings revelation.
- *Information* goes to *Meditation*, *Meditation* goes to *Revelation*, and *Revelation* becomes *Impartation* where the *Spirit of Faith* is released in your life.
(Recommended reading, “*How to Produce Abundance in Your Life*”, by Dr. John Polis)

4. A Spirit of Faith

I. II Corinthians 4:13

- There is having the Spirit of Faith and then there’s “trying to believe”.
- Paul had a Spirit of Faith.
- You never heard Paul giving a bad report or speaking an evil report.

5. How a Spirit of Faith Works

I. Philippians 4:8

- You never find a Spirit of Faith “glooming and dooming”. Did you ever see God having a bad day? Did you ever see Jesus complaining about his hard times? Jesus had a Spirit of Faith.
- Faith has to do with the future and the unseen, *Hebrews 11:1*
- Faith knows what’s going to happen before it happens.

Practice your faith if you want it to grow. Believe God. Pray. Use your faith. Start where you are. Start praying for something specifically and believe God for it. Start small. Use your faith on purpose. Stay in faith and continue to believe. Get a target and pray it in. Speak it. Thank God for it and wait. Stay in faith and continue to believe that you have received it and don’t let the devil steal your blessing. The Spirit of Faith says, “I have it!”

II. Romans 4:17

III. Mark 11:23

From here on out it’s according to your faith because now, you understand faith.

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Introduction

Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Faith is one of the Big Bible Words, one of the words found all through the Bible. The Big Bible Words, the words that God says a lot about, are subjects that we need to know a lot about, like LOVE, FAITH, and RIGHTEOUSNESS. These are words that are all through the Bible, words that we need to be familiar with and understand completely. *Romans 1:17* says “...the just shall live by faith...” You’re not living until you’re living by faith. You have the answer in you, because you were born again and you have faith in your spirit. Faith is a part of the new creation. It came when you were born again just like love is a part of the new creation. (*Romans 5:1-5*). You have the Divine Life of God in you.

If your faith isn’t *increasing* it will be *decreasing*. *II Thessalonians 1:3-4*, Paul bragged on the Thessalonians because they had PATIENCE and FAITH in all of their persecution and tribulation and they ENDURED it all through FAITH and PATIENCE. They were able to endure the worst that the devil could throw at them. They were one of the model churches of the New Testament. Anybody can do what’s easy. Brag on those that do the hard stuff. Endure hardness. People are going to be going through difficult times everywhere and they need to know that somebody else made it. They need to know somebody else endured. They had the same problems but they came through and so you can too.

God is no respecter of persons but he is a respecter of faith. Faith pleases God. Without faith it’s impossible to please Him. Faith simply means, “I believe God meant what he said.”

1. God likes to be around people that believe in Him

I. Numbers 23:19

- God is faithful
- God cannot lie
- God cannot fail

II. Hebrews 10:23

- Hold fast means it’s fastened. You’re not coming apart from the Word of God. You are stuck to it like Super Glue.
- The word confession means, “To speak the same as.” I’m going to speak the same as God. Hold fast to saying the same thing as God said. Don’t change your confession.
- God cannot break his Word. His Word is forever settled in heaven. Live by the Word.

2. Love the Word of God

If you're going to be a person of faith you have to love the Bible. You can't be a person of faith if you don't love the Bible because the Bible is the source of faith. "*Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God...*" If you don't love the word, you'll never be a person of exceedingly growing faith.

I. II Thessalonians 2:9-12

- You have to love the truth regardless of its source.
- Sometimes God will test you to see if you're a lover of truth and send a person that you don't want to hear anything from to tell you something. And you mess around and reject the truth because you didn't like the person that brought it. You have to get beyond that. Look and listen for the Word.
- If you're going to be a person of faith you have to love the truth, you have to love the Word; you have to develop an ear to hear. You can't go the "Bible Smorgasbord". You have to learn to love it all. Even when it tells you things you don't want to hear or do.

3. What happens when you don't love the truth?

I. II Thessalonians 2:11, "...for this reason God will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness..."

- Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth..." If you love truth then you love Jesus.
- People that don't love the truth will be deluded.
- There are people that hear the truth but don't love it. They are so deluded that nothing that is right makes sense to them.
- If you don't love the truth, you'll end up having pleasure in unrighteousness.

You need to put the Word first place in your life. If you're going to be a person of faith, the kind of faith that's going to get a miracle when you need it, that's going to get the job done on YOUR behalf, in YOUR life, and get you through the hard times and the difficult times, you're going to have to be a lover of the truth. Make the development of your faith a high priority on your list. Love the truth. Get that in your spirit.

4. Faith always runs to God

I. Romans 10:17 (2 types of hearing)

- Revelation is when you finally "see" what its saying.
- A lot of people have heard but still don't have a clue about what it really means to their life. They have the *first* hearing, a mental assent. There is no faith there. As soon as a problem comes they run to the arm of the flesh instead of God.
- You find that there are people who only have mental assent, and haven't taken the time loving the truth, meditating in it day and night, and praying *Psalms*

119:8, “Open thou mine eyes Lord that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

- Don't be content just having a head knowledge, a mental assent, knowing all the scriptures in the Bible intellectually, mentally. There's no faith. Intellectual Christians, as soon as tragedy comes, run to the arm of the flesh. Faith runs to God.

II. Jeremiah 17:5

III. Psalms 20:7

- Faith holds fast and clings to God.
- Faith knows God keeps his word.
- Faith knows God will not fail.

5. Prepare for the storm

I. Luke 6:46-49

- The cause of the ruin was not the storm. It was the lack of preparation for the storm. The same storm beat on both houses. One was ready for it and one wasn't. I wish Christians were ready when the storm came. You have to give up something to get something.
- You need to know the bible. A lot of folks are not going to be ready when hell shows up and rings their bell and then they're going to get mad at God, mad at the Church, mad at the Preacher, when they should have been diligent in the Word of God, loving the truth, studying to show themselves approved, and in the House of God Sunday morning and Wednesday night.
- If you don't have a library of CD's, a library of books on various subjects, developing your theology, then you're not building your house.

I have one passion in my ministry and that is to preach people to a place of faith in their life. That's what I'm after. I have to preach and teach you to a place of faith in your life. Or else what are we doing here? If I can't school you in the faith, then I can't do anything for you. That's what Jesus did.

6. Jesus taught people to a place of faith

I. Mark 6:1-6

- If faith was dynamite, then there wasn't enough faith in Nazareth for them to blow their own noses!
- Jesus wanted to raise the level of faith in their lives so they could receive.
- Jesus went around *teaching* the Word of God to build faith.

7. Don't be weak in the Lord

I. Ephesians 6:10-18

- Weak in the Lord means defeated. Weak in the Lord means you can't stand in the evil day.
- There's going to be a time when your faith is going to be tried. Happy are those when the devil shows up and you don't go all to pieces.
- If you skate through life and never have to fight for your life, you're a fortunate person. But the chances are you're going to have to fight for it one of these days. You better be ready.

II. Matthew 16:13-18

- The gates of hell will not prevail because you've been equipped.
- You become a rock because you've got a revelation. If you don't have any revelation, you're not a rock you're just a little bit of sand.
- Rocks are not that easy to move. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church.

The quest of your our life should be to develop ourselves to a place of the highest level of faith. If I ask you the question, "What do you believe about healing?" You ought to be able to reel off, systematically, what you believe about healing. And then I will know that you will be safe in the evil day. School people in the faith and miracles happen.

If I could say anything to anybody about this season that we are in, in our country right now, I'd say, "Develop your faith!" What you need more than anything else is more faith right now! Grow your faith! Get in the Word of God and feed your faith! Like Dr. Sumrall said, "Feed your faith until you starve your doubts to death!" Doubt and faith cannot coexist in the same place.

8. How can you develop a hearing ear?

- "*Faith cometh by hearing...*" Hear it with your natural ears first.
- Meditate the Word of God day and night. You must *listen* to *hear*. Cultivate that hearing ear by *listening* to the Word of God.
- Listen to tapes. Listen to your own voice. Speak it out loud.

I. Psalms 25:1-2

- Know that your enemies will not triumph over you.
- Memorize the Word of God
- We all have to live it.

We've got to have faith. If there is anything that you can do for yourself to better your situation, it's grow your faith and increase your faith. You can't do that without being a lover of the truth. Develop that hearing ear by listening to the Word of God and hearing YOU speak it.

Joel 2:25, "I will restore the years which the cankerworm and the palmerworm and the caterpillar have eaten from your life..."

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Exhortation

Faith perceives as a real fact that which is not yet revealed to the five (5) physical senses. People that walk by faith see things and understand things that people who don't walk by faith see or understand or perceive. That's why folks perceive an economy that's struggling but you're perceiving abundance! Faith perceives what is not yet revealed to the five (5) physical senses as a real fact. I perceive abundance and no lack in my life! Why? The Lord is my Shepherd and he hasn't taken a vacation and he's not sleeping on the job! "*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*" Praise God!

Don't get up and confess the newspaper! Don't get up and agree with the news; "Oh my, God! We're all going to starve! I'm going to lose my house..!" The Bible says you'll never see the righteous forsaken nor his seed out begging bread! I'm not going on welfare, I AM the welfare! Praise God! Faith perceives as a real fact things that are not yet revealed to the five physical senses because faith operates by REVELATION of the Word of God!

There are two (2) kinds of knowledge in life; the knowledge of the five (5) senses and then there's another kind of knowledge, it's called REVELATION knowledge, or REVEALED knowledge. The knowledge that comes through the five physical senses is where the Bible said, "...for we walk by faith not by sight..." or by the five (5) physical senses knowledge, that which is perceived through the five (5) senses. We don't walk by that. We don't deny that, we just don't walk by it. In other words, what's revealed in the five (5) senses doesn't direct our decisions and our choices and the outcomes of our life! Amen. Hallelujah! Did you get that? What's revealed in the five (5) senses is not the final say! It's not the final word! This is the final word, "*Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word will not pass away...*"

II Corinthians 4:18 says, "...while we look NOT..." but most everybody is looking AT, the Bible says, "...while we look not at the things which are seen..." the five (5) physical senses realm, "...but at the things which are unseen..." Why is that? Are we supposed to go around with our head in the sand and act like it's not there? No. That's not what he's saying. Paul said, "...while we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are unseen, for the things which are seen are temporal..." they're temporary, "...but the things which are unseen are eternal..." I'd rather walk by the eternal than by the temporary. If you're living by the temporary, you're life is up and down, but if you're living by the eternal, you're the same every day.

"*I AM the Lord and I change not.*" That's how a Christian should be, unchanging, every day the same. Why, because we're not locked in to this changing world, and economy, and system, and all the circumstances. "...while we look not at the things which are seen..." They're temporary and the amplified Bible says, "...they are subject to change." "...but the things which are not seen are eternal..." and the amplified Bible says, "...they are not subject to change..." Hallelujah!

When I perceive by faith, “*by his stripes you were healed...*” that’s unchanging! Hallelujah! I don’t care if a cancer shows up, it’s TEMPORARY! I don’t care if a heart condition shows up, it’s TEMPORARY! I don’t care if sugar diabetes shows up, it’s TEMPORARY! I’m not believing it. I’m not receiving it. I’m not calling it. I’m saying whatever shows up in our life, it’s TEMPORARY. When you locked on to the eternal, you already know the eternal Word of God, you perceived the revelation of the Word of God, instead of looking at that “seen thing” that showed up on the scene of your life and freak out and accept it as the final authority; you have to say, “No! That’s subject to change!” And what’s it going to change to? It’s going to change to the eternal thing that’s not subject to change, and that’s the Word of God! That’s what you lock onto by faith!

You have to get into the REVELATION REALM. Most Christians, unfortunately, until we learn this, are locked into that FIVE SENSES REALM. If we don’t have the revelation of faith, we’re going to live by the SEEN REALM and you’re going to listen to the news to see what you’re supposed to believe. *“Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God...”* *“Give us this day our daily bread...”* I’m fed with daily bread! I walk by faith and not by sight! That’s how we’re supposed to live. Real Christians who walk by faith don’t panic.

The world panics. *Luke 21* says, “*...men’s hearts will fail them for fear of the awful things coming on the earth...*” because they are not walking by faith, they are walking by sight! They hear the bad news, see the bad news, and they panic and they freak out. Christians shouldn’t be that way. But we will be as long as we walk by sight so we have to make that shift in our life from walking by sight to walking by faith. What a wonderful way to live. Talk about a life of stability.

When you are locked into revelation of the Word of God and your faith has perceived the reality of eternal things, and you’re living from an eternal perspective, and you have perceived the eternal realities that come through the Word of God, you’re stable. You’re not up and down. Guess what? You don’t need anti-depressants because you don’t get depressed! The world thinks you need them but I don’t agree with that. I think I’ve had my chemical imbalances. I’m sure I have. I know there were days that I turned into a werewolf and I had to go home and lock myself up! I wasn’t safe for human companionship!

Something happened somewhere, but I get in there and walk the floor and speak the Word of God, and take my medicine and command my life to get in line with the Word of God and get balanced! Hallelujah!

“My word is life to those that find it and health to all their flesh...” Is your brain flesh? Are your hormones flesh? You see people walking by sight and the first sign of a mood swing they say, “Oh my God, I’m bi-polar. I don’t know whether I’m coming or going.” No you’re not bi-polar. *James, Chapter one (1)* says, “*...the double-minded man shall be unstable in all of his ways...*” You have to become single-minded! Get your mind on the Word of God and your emotions will line up! They will get on tract with the Word of God. Am I denying these conditions are out there? I don’t know all about all of that. I know I’ve probably had all of it in my lifetime, but I’m not *staying* there because whatever shows up is TEMPORARY!

If I have a mood swing I don’t say that I must be bi-polar. What does the Bible say about me? I have the mind of Christ. Is He bi-polar? Well that answers that then doesn’t it? Give the Lord

some praise! You either walk by faith or you walk by sight! It's one or the other! There's no middle ground! Faith perceives as a real fact that which is not yet revealed to the five (5) physical senses. Faith has revelation. Faith has perception. Faith is the result of God opening your eyes to the truth of his Word. That's what you live by.

A Few Personal Testimonies

I remember when I was thirty-five (35), I had two (2) or three (3) heart attacks, I think I had at least one by the time I was thirty-five (35), I've had three (3) up till the time I was fifty (50). If I would have walked by sight I wouldn't be here today. I just heard God say, "You'd be gone." I'd be up there if I walked by sight. Do you know what I used to do when my heart start acting up? I'd say, "Devil, you're a liar!" I'd go out and get my jump rope and I'd jump rope for about fifteen minutes until the devil got off me. I'm telling you the truth! I'd say, "Becky, I'm going to jump rope!" She'd say, "Are you having symptoms?" I'd say, "Yeah. I'm going to jump rope! I'm going to tell the devil I don't believe it! He's a liar! I'm healed!" I do it to this day. If I have some sort of pain or symptom, I do something contrary just to show the devil he's a liar. We walk by faith and not by sight!

Here's another testimony from a particular Wednesday night; At seven o'clock (7:00 p.m) I was in my office and I had a sharp pain in my stomach and I reached down and put my hand there and my stomach had ruptured and my intestines were sticking out like the size of a golf ball. I looked at my watch and said, *man, I've only got a minute to go to church.* So I went. I wore a baggy shirt.

I was standing on the front row in pain praising God. I got up to teach and I said, "God's got a miracle for me. I need one tonight." The power of God hit me and God said, *I've got one for you.* I finished teaching and went straight back to my trailer. I laid down and pushed that intestine back into my belly and the Lord said to me, *I'll finish it.* That hole is gone and there is nothing there! Hallelujah!

You may say, "Brother John, you are crazy!" That's right. I lost my mind a long time ago. I have the mind of Christ now. I made up my mind. It is or it ain't. I choose to believe that it is. You walk by faith and not by sight. I went home one morning, from the church, and I was gray as a ghost. Only Becky knew what was going on. Blood didn't get all the way to my brain or anywhere else in my body. I went home and looked in the mirror in the bathroom, at thirty-five years old, and I disappeared. My natural body disappeared and I saw myself when I was fifty years old! And I looked pretty good! I came running out of that bathroom and I said, "Becky! I'm not going to die! I saw myself when I was fifty! I know I'm going to be here until I'm fifty!" God showed me myself and said, *that's you when you're fifty.* Believe it!

"My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from before thine eyes. Keep them in the midst of thine heart, for they are life to those that find them and health to all their flesh."

I had to keep seeing me when I was fifty (50). I didn't have the manifestation yet. I still felt at times like I was half dead. Many times I would lean on the pulpit to preach. I would lose my vision looking out there at people. Sometimes that happens with a heart problem. I couldn't see the congregation but I'd keep talking anyway. I kept speaking the Word and I kept seeing myself healed and one day we were going down past Wood's Boat Dock on 250, Becky and I,

and a pain hit me in my chest and the devil said, *you've got just enough time to get to the emergency room! You're going to die in the parking lot, but they're going to come out and shock you with the paddles!*

The devil was talking to my mind. *You better hurry up!* Panic! *You better run to the emergency room!* You know that Spirit of Fear? Has anyone ever had that? You know when Panic comes on you? *Hurry! Hurry!* I started shouting, "Thank you Jesus for my new heart! Thank you!" And all of a sudden it was like God just opened up the Heavenly Storehouse where he has all those spare body parts up there, and a new heart just dropped in my chest, *kaplop*, just like that. And I know that's a fact because I had to go get my pilot's license later on, God led me to fly, and I had tests, EKG's, and they couldn't find anything wrong anywhere. Hallelujah! I'm healed! If I would have listened to the devil and walked by sight for one minute, I'd be a dead man. You have to understand that Saints. This is not a game. We don't play with this. It's real. It's the real deal.

You have to understand that there are two (2) realms of knowledge, the FIVE SENSES REALM and the REVELATION REALM.

1. What do the five senses produce?

- The sum total of your five senses produce human reason; Analytical deduction.
- The Age of Reason came after the Church went into the Dark Ages.
- Absence of Revelation. "*The entrance of the word giveth light.*"

2. Revelation Knowledge

- Has nothing to do with the five physical senses. It's revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- This is what makes you grow.
- You may say, "Brother John, I need more faith." No. You need more revelation.

3. There are two (2) kinds of faith

- Natural Human faith; you believe in what you can see; This comes from the five senses.
- Bible Faith, Revelation Faith; you believe what's revealed to you by the Spirit of God and through the Word of God.

I. John 20:24-29

- Thomas was walking by sight. He had to have the "five physical sense knowledge" in order to believe. That's not the kind of faith that pleases God or the kind of faith that gets a blessing. The others believed because it was revealed to them.

II. Matthew 16:13-17

- Peter received a blessing through revelation knowledge.
- There are things about God that you cannot know through the five senses.

- God is self-revealing. If you've had any revelation from the Holy Spirit, count yourself blessed.
- Every revelation is a blessing from God and it makes you a blessed person.

That's why you and I need to be hearing the Word of God and why you and I need to be in the anointing and in the atmosphere of the five-fold ministry giftings, where the anointing of God is manifested, to break the Bread of Life to you and to feed you revelation knowledge of the Word of God.

A Word from the Lord

"For if you sit here long enough, saith the Lord, if you stay faithful to my House and to my Table, and you stay faithful to be fed and to learn and to sit where I have put you and brought you to, saith the Lord, for many of you have questioned, "You know, is this the place? Where am I supposed to be?" Well the Lord would say to you tonight, "You're in it." You're in it. You're in it. So the Lord would say to you tonight just be faithful to me and my call upon your life and be fed the Word of God and soon the scales will be taken from your eyes and darkness will be lifted from your life and you will begin to see the light of the glory of the gospel shining in your heart and mind and you'll live at a new level, saith the Lord, for I have fed you my word and lifted you up into the brightness of my glory and caused you to see and caused you to walk in the light of my glory and to live by faith, saith the Lord, and you know what? You'll live longer."

4. Every time you take a detour and wander, you push your destiny that much farther down the road

- "Wide is the gate and broad is the path that leads to death and many there be which go in there at, but straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life and few there be that find it."
- God wants you to have abundant life; the life of God, the life of victory, healing, health, power, peace, success in your relationships, harmony in your home.
- Find the Will of God and stay in it! Be in it!

This is not about my ministry. This is my life. I just walk with Jesus and do what he wants me to do every day of my life. It just so happens this is what he wants me to do.

5. What happens when you start getting revelation knowledge from the Father in your life?

I. Matthew 13:18-19

- You become a rock.
- You are being built by God to be His Church. God dwells in you. You are the House of God.
- The word "gates" is talking about authorities. Let God build you so that you can be that mighty army, that great Church that cannot be prevailed against.

6. What brings victory?

I. 1 John 5:4

- Faith gives you the victory.
- Faith comes by revelation knowledge of the Word of God.
- Revelation solves all your problems.
- When faith becomes a way of life, your life is going to be blessed.

II. I Kings 17

- In a time of famine, God had a place of provision for the Man of God.
- He had to *believe* God enough to *obey* God.
- He sat by the brook by faith. His faith was like radar.

III. I Kings 17:7-15

- God says, Elijah, your faith has grown now. You have learned how to trust me and how to receive provision for yourself. Now it's time for you to go and preach it to others.
- Learn how to receive supernaturally for yourself. When you get it working for you, you can get it working for somebody else.
- We have a covenant with God. You find out what you really believe when you have a test. You just *think* you believe when you don't have any problems. You *know* you believe when you have problems.

A Word from the Lord

"A time of purifying has come into my Body, the Lord says, a time purifying, a time of testing, a time of preparation. For those that will pass the test and be purified, saith the Lord, from the love of money, be purified from the love of money, the lusts of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things, and let the pure word of God come into their spirit, saith the Lord, they will be in position to receive; the abundance and the harvest is going to flow as soon I turn this nation around and this economy changes, saith the Lord God."

IV. Malachi 3:10-12

V. Amos 9:13

We walk by faith, not by sight!

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1. Examples in history of the Gift of Faith

- George Washington
- Winston Churchill

2. What are the differences between believers who obtain the promises of God and believers who struggle to obtain the promises?

I. Acts 10:34

- One has developed and grown his faith more than the other one has.
- God is not a respecter of persons. God is a respecter of faith.
- Smith Wigglesworth said God will pass over a thousand people just to find one person of faith.

3. God will find faith

I. Luke 18:8

- Jesus is always looking for faith and when he finds faith, he'll meet it.
- When God finds faith there will be a transaction between heaven and earth.

II. Hebrews 11: 1-6

- The word “rewarder” is actually remunerator. A remunerator is one who pays wages.
- God pays wages.
- The coin of the kingdom is faith.

Faith is the title deed. So you don't even have to see the thing. If you have the title deed then you know it's there somewhere. You wave the title deed before God and He will exchange it for whatever it represents.

4. Faith owns things

I. Mark 11:24

- Faith takes it by force.
- Faith possesses things.
- When God sees that kind of faith, that title deed, heaven will impart whatever that title deed was for.

5. Take your GosPills

I. 1 Peter 2:24

II. Matthew 8:17

- I take my GosPills every day. Do you?

6. Definition of “little faith”

I. Matthew 6:30-34

- Little faith is short faith. Faith that doesn't last long enough.
- Pentecostals are famous for believing anything, for about 5 minutes.
- Faith has to be developed to where it can continue until it finishes its work.
- Faith doesn't worry.

Everything we need can be transferred from the spiritual to the natural. If it doesn't exist, He'll make it for you. God is still a creator.

A Word from the Lord

“Why do you worry about these things, the Lord says, why do you worry about these things when all you have to do is ask me for whatever you need, says the Lord. For am I not a Heavenly Father that loves you with an everlasting love?”

“Have I not created all things for your good, and for your enjoyment, and for your pleasure? Have I not made the heaven and the earth, and the stars, and the sun, and the sea, and the oceans, and the dry land, and everything that is, for man? So why do you worry as though I would withhold from you the basic needs of life? For this verse, says the Lord God, is a verse that deals with the basic needs of life, but yet there are so many of my people that are still worried about the very basic things of life. They haven't gone on in their faith and they haven't grown in me, says the Lord, to know that I will provide for them all that they have need of.

Doesn't my Word say consider the birds of the air? They don't toil. They don't spin. Neither do they sow but your heavenly Father has provided for them and if He would do it for the birds of the air will he not much more clothe YOU, o you of little faith?; faith that doesn't last long enough, faith that worries, faith that gives in at the first sign of opposition and the first sign of lack. So look to me, says the Lord, and know that I AM your God! I AM your Father! I love you! I'm all that you'll ever need in this life! I'll be it to you, saith the Lord God. I will be it to you!

I will be your Healer! I will be your Provider! I will be your Sustainer! I will be your Protector! I will be your all in all! I will be the more than enough God to you that all that you ever have need

of, saith the Lord. I will provide it for you. For read my Word is Psalms 23, I AM your Great Shepherd and I prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies. I lay out a bountiful spread before you, saith the Lord. It's there even now if you would not be moved by the circumstances, moved by the economy, moved by the newspaper, moved by the media, moved by all that the Gentiles are seeking after, saith the Lord. Let THEM worry. They're going to worry because they don't know ME, but you have ME, saith the Lord. You know ME. You HAVE me in your life! I'm your God! So why worry?

Why worry? Why give up a moment's peace? Why give up a MOMENT of joy. Why give up a MOMENT of joy, and peace, and love in your life, saith the Lord. Don't let the devil steal from you! The greatest things, the greatest things of value in your life, says the Lord God, are not your possessions, but they are your JOY, and your PEACE, and the FRUITS of your Spirit! These are the greatest things that you, possess, says the Lord God. So don't let the devil steal your joy. Don't let the devil steal your peace. Don't let the devil steal your faith and your patience in me. But just continue and let your faith grow, and grow, and grow, and grow, and grow and you will find that there is nothing impossible to you!

For with GOD, all things are possible. Let it become possible to you as well, saith the Lord, and live in peace throughout these days. Live in peace and prosperity throughout these days!"

"I speak unto you tonight by my Spirit here that you would not be moved and not be troubled! My word declares it. Don't let your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid! And don't be like the world that's in panic and in fear because of what's going on in the economy and what's happening as a result of the political maneuvering that's taking place at this time. For see, these are all adjustments. They will be made, saith the Lord, they will be made and there will be corrections and I'll correct some things that are happening in this world and on this planet right now, saith the Lord. So you don't need to worry about it.

You can go to bed and SLEEP on it! And REST on it! For all is not going to end. I will make some adjustments and we'll turn the corner and you'll see better days are ahead. Better days are ahead. You'll see it. Lack will disappear and it will dissipate but you'll have to be the ones NOW who walk by FAITH and learn to LIVE in my love, and faith, and trust me through the hard times, and it looks apparent to the world. But you see by faith. You see beyond the realm of the natural. You see with the eye of faith!

So behold abundance. Behold provision. Behold everything my Word reveals to you and declares to you and remain steadfast and strong through this time. For I will allow a little tightening of the reins, says God. I will allow a little pulling in of the purse strings. I will allow for a little adjustment in my people's life, for yea, my people have been spend thrifts! My people have been those who have been given to excess. My people have been those who have not known how to manage and control themselves and they've lived in excess and so my people are caught up in the same problems and traps that the world is in and it should not be so, says the Lord God.

For my Word declares that you will lend to many nations and not borrow. My Word declares that you'll be above and not beneath. My Word declares you are blessed going out and coming in! My Word declares that you'll always have more than enough, saith the Lord. But you have to learn some financing in your life. You have to learn how to get control and keep control of your spending and to control your impulses, says the Lord. For those urges and impulses that you

have, you need to wait upon me and I'll show you which ones are ready for you and which ones you're ready for at this time in your life, saith the Lord. Learn to control your impulses.

Break through it into another realm. Break through those fleshly urges and carnal impulses of your life that have got you into the problems that you're in, saith the Lord. Use this time, I'll give you grace, Use this time in your life, this season that you're going through, to be a season of adjustment; a season of control, a season of coming back to basics, and trimming the fat in your life, saith the Lord."

"Get ready because I'll be teaching you great lessons in order to handle the abundance and the finances that are going to come in. Those who make the adjustments in this season will be in position to reap the harvest that is already prepared and I'll release it when I'm ready, says the Lord God."

"Therefore, do not worry."

7. Lay up treasures in Heaven

I. Matthew 6:19

- I've got a bank that they don't know anything about.
- Greedy politicians can't get their hands on my money.
- You have a bank in Heaven. You can make Heavenly withdrawals from it.

Every seed you've sown, AFTER you've become a tither, once the full tithe is in the storehouse, and then you start sowing seeds, there's a harvest on those seeds. There's a deposit in Heaven with your name on it. You have to know how to withdraw and get your money. We teach people how to do that around here. It's called, "Money, come to me now!"

II. Hebrews 7:7-10

- The elders are the ones ordained to receive your tithes.
- Jesus receives your tithes when you bring it to His delegated officials.
- After the tithes then you give your offering. What you sow you grow.

III. Philippians 4:15-19

- Faith is always looking to give. Fear quits giving.
- The bank is open for deposits and the bank is open for withdrawals.
- God is an accountant. He's omniscient. He's omnipotent. He's Omni-present.
- Learn to make withdrawal from your Heavenly bank account by faith.

8. How to get delivered from panic

- Practice Emergency Procedures, mentally.
- Don't live in presumption, live in faith.
- Rehearse the Word of God. See yourself in the victory.

This is Training for Reigning; Schooling for Ruling. People don't succeed by accident. People don't make it through cancer and heart disease and recession and mental attacks and everything else that's going on by accident. You make it through on purpose because you're purposed to make it.

9. How do you withdraw from your Heavenly bank account?

- Some of you have been millionaires for a long time and you don't even know it. It's in your Heavenly Bank Account.
- Use your mouth. Speak to that money. Say, "One hundred thousand dollar one time gift come to me out of my bank account!" You speak to it and you make withdrawals.
- It's already there. People will think you're nuts but that's o.k. because you'll pay your bills and lend THEM money and then see what they say.

10. Stay in faith. Keep your mouth right

I. Hebrews 10:23

- Don't speak worry, fear, and doubt.
- Speak the same thing all the time. Say what you pray. Without wavering.
- Bind the devil. Tell him to take his hands off of your stuff. Loose the angels to go and get your stuff.

II. Hebrews 1:14

III. 2 Corinthians 4:13

Strip the devil of his tools that he uses in your life. Be faithful to God. Obey continually and you will be blessed everywhere you go. Nothing will keep you down. You might get down but you'll pop back up.

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Introduction

Faith is not just an incident. Faith is a life style. Faith is not something we do when we have a problem. Faith is not what we use to fix situations when we're in trouble. Faith is the way we live. It's a life style. "*The just shall live by faith...*" That's really the faith that works, the faith that we learn to live by every day, on purpose. *Hebrews 11:13* says it's the faith we die by. People died in faith, the Bible said, "...*not having yet received the promise...*" because it wasn't to be fulfilled in their life time. Some of those folks in the Old Testament knew Jesus was coming but they knew it wouldn't be fulfilled in their lifetime. They died in faith believing anyway. In other words, they died living like he was already there! Even though they knew he wasn't going to come in their lifetime, they lived as if he had already come. That's called living by faith!

Romans 12:3 says that we have a measure of faith. God has dealt to every one of us a measure of faith and that faith is something that can be developed in our lives, and in fact, we have the responsibility to develop our faith. Exercise it. Feed it until it grows stronger and stronger and stronger. How do you know when your faith is getting stronger? It's easier to believe for something. If you lift weights, when you start out, lifting fifty (50) pounds is hard but after a while lifting fifty (50) pounds is easy, if you keep working it. Faith is that way. If your faith increases and grows, a year from now it'll be easier for you to believe for a healing of a serious illness in your life, if you had need of that, when right now it's hard to believe for a minor illness, but because you keep using your faith and growing, the day will come when believing for a healing of a serious illness is easy.

It might be hard for you right now to believe for fifty (50) bucks. I've had a struggle believing for fifty (50) bucks before in my life. When you don't know where fifty (50) bucks can come from then it's hard to believe. It's easy to believe when you have it figured out. But when it's absolutely impossible, you don't know where it could come from, that's when it takes some real faith. After a while, you've learned to believe and exercise your faith in the area of finances, and it's not hard to believe for fifty (50) bucks anymore. It might be hard to believe for five thousand (5000) but it's not hard to believe for fifty (50). But one day, praise God, if you keep growing your faith, it's not hard to believe for five thousand (5000)!

The Holy Spirit is all about developing our faith. He is the Spirit of Faith. The Bible says, "...*we have not received a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and of sound mind...*" The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of Faith. The devil is the Spirit of Fear. Did you know that? The devil is always expecting something bad to happen. That's fear. He IS the spirit of fear. He has no faith whatsoever. God, on the other hand, has NO FEAR. God is ALL FAITH. He's always expecting something GOOD to happen. When you're full of God's spirit, you'll be full of faith because God's spirit is the Spirit of Faith.

1. There is a difference between Faith and Trust

- Faith is not a *passive* thing. Faith is a *possessive* thing. Faith takes.
- You have to *trust* when you have no promise to go on, you have nothing to base your faith on except that you know God is a good God and the nature of God is that he is good. You just have to trust Him to work things out because you don't understand. You don't know what the deal is.
- Faith is based on something that you know. Faith is based on the promises of God.

2. Psalms 112, a “Faith Psalm”

- This is a Psalm for today.
- This is a Psalm for *right now*.
- This is a Psalm every one of us should memorize for this season that we are in and for what is going on in our world right now.

3. Little Faith: Faith that didn't last long enough

I. Matthew 14:22-33

- Peter wanted to walk at the same level of faith as Jesus. That's the way we are.
- Peter had enough faith to get started but not enough faith to finish.
- When Jesus said, “Peter, why did you doubt?” He was saying, “Why didn't you stay in faith? The faith you started in was working fine. It could have finished the job.”
- Peter quit looking at the Word of God. Circumstances produce fear. The Word of God produces faith.

The Bible says, “*...the entrance of thy word giveth light and giveth understanding to the simple...*” When God speaks to you it's like looking at a dark night and there's a flash of lightning and then all of a sudden the horizon lights up for a split second. You have to recall from memory what you saw for that split second. That's why God gave you a memory. You have to recall it. We ask God to send that lightning again and he may not, but he'll say, REMEMBER. “*Do not let the Word depart from before thine eyes, keep it in the midst of thine heart for it is life to those that find it and health to all their flesh...*”

Don't let the Word depart from before your eyes! Keep it in the midst of your heart! You got a flash of lightning! A lightning flash went through your spirit when God spoke to you. When we pray for the latter rain and we talk about latter rain, latter rain brings thunder and lightning! When the latter rain is falling, lightning is flashing through your spirit! All of a sudden, you might be sitting in darkness, but the Bible says, “*...unto them that sit in darkness there will arise a great light...*” All of a sudden, you see! God sends that flash of lightning into your spirit and it illuminates your darkness, it illuminates your horizon and you see yourself in the light of that Word.

You see yourself now the way God sees you because God's Word reveals the true condition. It reveals the situation the way it is or the way it can be. The way it *is* from God's perspective is the way it *can be* for you.

4. What does it mean to remember?

- To *dis-member* means to cut it all up in pieces. To *re-member* means to put all the pieces back together.
- God will speak to you and you'll get a flash of lightning. That will be one piece of it. He'll speak to you something else and you'll get another flash of lightning and you'll see another aspect. He'll speak to you something else and you'll get another flash. And then when you re-member all of that. You put it all together. You will see the whole deal.
- That's what he meant when he said, "*Do not let the Word depart from before your eye...*"
- Put it back together from your memory.

5. You have to keep your brain healthy

- Take fish oil. Take natural supplements and vitamins.
- You have to help your memory. Exercise it. Some of you have to look at your driver's license just to know your name!
- Memorize things. Do memory exercises.
- You have to couple the natural with the spiritual.

6. You have to recall the truth of God's Word

I. James 1:21-25

- We're going to need your memory in order to live the Faith Life.
- We're going to have to be able to recall what we saw.
- We have to bring it back up, envision it, and see it.

II. Matthew 14:29-33

- Do you know what Peter saw when Jesus said to him, "Come..."? Peter saw himself walking on the water. And he just did what he saw.
- As long as he didn't let the Word depart from before his eye, the Power was operating to defy the laws of nature. The Power works as long as you keep your eye on the Word.
- What you've seen by revelation is what keeps the Power of God working.
- Peter forgot what manner of man he was.

When you recall the Word, you call up the anointing.

Notice this, Jesus stretched out a hand to Peter and he pulled him back up out of the water. I don't think that Jesus walked back to the boat holding Peter down there in the water while Peter was swimming along behind Jesus. I think Jesus took Peter by the hand and pulled him up out of the water until Peter got back up on the water, until Peter got back up on FAITH again.

The Lord will not stop the storm just because you're afraid. What the Lord is going to do is stop the fear.

Don't forget you're a healed person! Don't forget you're the righteousness of God in Christ! See yourself! Don't forget that you're accepted in the Beloved. Don't forget that you're raised up far above all principality and power seated together in heavenly places! Don't forget that you have all authority over the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you! Don't forget that you are made in the image of God and as Christ is, even so are you in this world; that man in *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John* is really YOU! Don't forget what manner of man you are.

Keep walking in that image. That's what he means when he says renew your mind. Cast down imaginations, images that are contrary to the Word of God. Get the vision that comes from the Word. As you meditate on the Word of God, revelation knowledge will come and you'll see and it will get clearer and clearer till one day you just see yourself as Jesus is. And when you see yourself just as He is, you just start walking that way because you're just acting on what you see.

When you're faced with a sickness, you see yourself as Jesus, what do you do? When you're faced with a devil, you see yourself as Jesus, what do you do? When the storm comes, you see yourself as Jesus, what do you do? You just act on what you see. What did HE do? You just act like He would act.

Jesus was basically saying, "Come on Peter. You started in faith. Finish in faith." Peter got back up with Jesus and they finished walking back to the boat. Jesus finished teaching Peter the lesson, that fear was stealing his miracle and if he would have stayed in faith, even though a storm is blowing all around you, the Power of God will keep working. And you can just walk all the way through the storm! Stay in faith! Finish all the way!

Little faith is faith that doesn't last long enough. Little faith is faith that's been overcome by the five (5) physical senses. Little faith is faith that started out looking at the Word, and then quit looking at the Word, and the Power of God quit working. We are forgiven and healed. The same faith works for both. Most of us have seen the one that we are forgiven, but we haven't seen that we are healed. But when we see *both* we can say, Thank you Jesus that I am forgiven and I am healed! Jesus is my savior totally! I'm forgiven and I'm healed! When the word is before your eye, fear can't creep in.

Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another, with psalms and hymns and spiritual psalms, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord."

7. Great Faith

I. Matthew 8:5-13

- Great Faith requires no evidence apart from the Word of God.
- Faith, or acting upon the Word of God without having any extra evidence in the five (5) physical senses, will release the Power in God's Word into your spirit.
- The Power gets released into your spirit then it goes into your body.

A Word from the Lord

"If you'll take hold of my Word, says the Lord, if you'll lay up my Word in your heart like a treasure, hide it in the midst of your heart, keep it in the midst of your heart, says the Lord, don't let it depart from before your eyes, you will finish by faith. For some of you will go through some hard times, some challenges, some trials and difficulties, some devils that will try to make life difficult for you, but I say to you this night, says the Lord, if you will keep your eye on my Word, my Power will be released and you'll go through all the way. You will finish. You will work and you'll never miss a day, another day, all of your life, says the Lord. You'll work and you'll never miss another day of work. You'll never have to call off because of sickness. You'll never have to quit your job because of disability or disablement.

But you will work every day of your life and you will be strong and you will finish your time, says the Lord, on this earth. You will grow old and strong and you will go out of this world with a blaze of my glory, saith the Lord.

Hallelujah! Amen.

God wants you to get to the place in your life where faith acts on the Word of God without any extra evidence from the five (5) physical senses whatsoever. When you act on the Word of God that way, it will release the Power of God into your spirit and it will fly into your body and He'll drive out sickness and disease. We have healing *in us!* Great faith requires nothing but God's Word alone; Period.

8. Make God's Word the final authority in your life

- Jesus' Word is the final authority. When you make God's Word the final authority in your life, and you don't need any other supporting evidence, whatsoever, shape or form, from any realm, sickness has to obey.
- Enter into the finished work of every Word.
- When God says something, it's already done. He speaks the end from the beginning.
- When you've made God's Word the final authority, you start planning on it. You act on it. The Word itself encourages you.

The moment you start looking to the natural for a little encouragement to believe that God's Word is true, that God's Word is working, you're going to get fearful, you're going to get out of faith, you're going to get defeated. You have to stay with the Word; Plus NOTHING.

I. Mark 4:26-29

- The farmer has to have faith because he planted that seed into the ground. He covered it up with dirt. He *can't* see it.
- He's not digging around trying to check on the seed.
- He's not worried. He sleeps like a baby. That's how faith works.

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Dr. Lois Burkett prophesied in 1987 that our church was three (3) things: (1.) A temple to worship, (2.) A hospital to heal, and (3.) A school to train and equip people. We have a three-fold anointing in the house. We are truly a temple to worship, we are truly a hospital to heal, and we are truly a school to train and equip people. When you come into this ministry, that’s what you can expect to happen in your life. You get healed, you become a worshipper, and you learn.

The whole Bible is the Word of Faith. Anywhere you read, is faith. That’s why it’s called the Word of Faith. “...*faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God...*”

A Word from the Lord:

Set aside some time. Read your bible. Read your Bible. For you say, “Lord, I don’t understand the Word and I don’t know where to begin, I don’t know where to study, I don’t know what to study, I don’t know how to study.” And the Lord would say to you, just begin anywhere because I understand the whole thing and I will teach you my word, saith the Lord. I will open the eyes of your understanding. It’s not through the intellect that faith comes, but faith comes into the heart of man by revelation of my Spirit. So don’t try to figure out or understand my Word with your natural mind or with your intellect, saith the Lord. For it’s a supernatural thing.

And I’ll fill you with faith. I’ll fill you with the Spirit of Faith. I’ll fill you with the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation Knowledge. For I speak unto you tonight that there is a special anointing that I want to give to you, in this congregation, right here tonight. It is a gift from my Spirit, saith the Lord. It is a gift, a gift from my Spirit to you, a special grace; a special dispensation. For I have many gifts to give to my children that they don’t receive or don’t know about or don’t ask me for. My Word said every good and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning. I have many gifts to give unto my children that they’ve not received yet tonight, as of this night, saith the Lord.

But I say unto you that I’m giving you right now, here’s a gift for you People of God. Here’s a gift of a Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, a gift of understanding of my Word that’s coming into your heart tonight. So reach out and reach up, reach up right now, reach up right now with your hand and say, “Lord I take that gift of understanding from you today. I receive that special anointing, special dispensation of grace in my life to read the Word of God. For I will read the Word of

God, Lord, and I will read it with understanding. For you will anoint me with eye salve upon my eyes, with special understanding. A special knowledge shall come to me through the gift of the Spirit; a Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation Knowledge and I will grow and my faith will grow. And I will see things I've never seen before because of a special anointing that has come into my life this night. Hallelujah!"

So the Lord says do you receive it?! Do you have it in your life tonight my people?! Then believe it! And NOW start! Act upon this Word tonight! Believe a prophet and you will prosper! Believe it tonight and start to read the Word of God faithfully! Depend upon the anointing!

-Receive it everybody! There's an impartation, a special gift, a heavy anointing here tonight. Receive this anointing that's falling! Wherever you are, let the Anointing of God fall upon you right now and receive this special anointing!

For I heard the Lord saying, "You've been dry in your spirit. You've been dry even in your eye. There's not been any anointing, no eye salve, no anointing rubbing and smearing upon your eye enabling you to see, understand, and have revelation and perception of my Word, saith the Lord. But I'm here to tell you TONIGHT that your dry days are over. Your time of being dry is over in the spirit, saith the Lord. For I'm giving you a special anointing this night to cause you to be soaked and drenched with revelation as you read the Word. And you'll see! You'll see as you open up my Word!"

As you open my Word, I will open your eyes, saith the Lord. So you be faithful to do your part and begin reading your bible every day. Read it every day and I'll be faithful to do my part, saith the Lord, and operate in a special anointing in your life as you do it by faith, saith the Lord God.

Hallelujah! Thank you Father! We receive it tonight, Lord! Glory to God! Listen to that: "It's a special dispensation God grants a believer when the task he has given the believer requires more than ordinary or general faith..." Who knows what all kind of gifts God has? Who knows what he can come up with? He's a creator.

1. God is a Creator

I. Ecclesiastes 12:1

- He can make something new that's never even been here before.
- That means there's no shortage. There is no end.
- If it isn't there and we need it, he'll make it.

I heard the Lord saying, "I'll raise up a whole new business man to start a whole new business just to give you the job you've been praying for. Just to bring jobs, I'll raise up a whole new economy. I'll raise up businesses. I'll call a business man and anoint him and give him a special anointing that he never dreamed he'd have and never dreamed he'd do anything like it in his life, but it'll be one of my gifts, saith the Lord. And I'll start a whole new business so that there will be jobs that will come and even in to your area, for you watch it, says the Lord God. Money's coming. Money's coming to this area. Money's coming here, to your area, to your life! Yeah, because I'm bringing it! Business is coming! I'm bringing it! Orders are coming; for businesses and firms and companies. Orders are coming.

Trucking companies are going to be blessed and built. You're going to grow more than you've ever dreamed, more than enough. You're going to have to say, "Lord, hey! Slow down! Wait a minute!"

Try to catch up with God. The Bible said blessings will come upon you and overtake you. Have you ever been overtaken by something?

Blessings are coming to our area. Blessings are coming; wealth and finances, jobs, raises, promotions, businesses. I keep hearing, "Orders." Maybe there are some businesses/companies that haven't had any orders, but they're going to get some orders. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Orders are coming! Bills are being paid. Bills are on your desk right now because orders haven't been there but your orders are coming. Your bills are being paid. Give God some praise! Revelation knowledge is flowing here like a mighty river. Hallelujah!

It's the anointing that God is imparting to YOU tonight. This thing that is flowing here through me is YOURS. It's yours. Receive it! Receive it everywhere you are with me tonight here. God said, "*I'll cast mantles on everybody who wants it here tonight, everyone who is hungry. The hungry and thirsty shall be filled.*"

God's casting mantles; impartations of the Holy Ghost, Gifts of the Spirit are being released into peoples' lives here tonight.

2. God is good

I. Matthew 7:11

- I didn't pray enough to make God be good. He's good all the time. He's already good.
- God is good all by himself. He doesn't need you to make Him be good.
- You don't have to twist his arm to make Him be good and do something good. He just can't wait to do something good for you.
- He doesn't need to be provoked to do something good.

God is like a mighty river. The problem is there's just not a big enough hole for it to flow through down here. There's water rushing. It's like there's an ocean pouring down on a little pipe and you can't get much of it. The Lord says, "*Your capacity has got to enlarge. Your capacity has got to enlarge.*" You've got to dig a deeper well.

Kenneth Copeland, one time he was praying and praying and praying and God showed him a pipe and all this water was coming down and hitting the pipe and out of the bottom was only a couple of drops coming out and God said, "*Kenneth, that's a picture of you.*" He said inside of your pipe it's all corroded. You couldn't tell from looking at the outside. He said you need to get cleaned out from all of the stuff that's in there; unforgiveness, bitterness, jealousy, envy, strife. We need to get all of that stuff cleaned out.

3. How do you know when your pipe has been enlarged?

- You are walking in love.

- There is nothing to restrict the flow of the Power of God flowing through your life.
- God says we have to enlarge our capacity because He wants to give us more of Himself.

4. You have to make room

- Give God time and prayer in the Word.
- Get in church on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.
- Make time.

This isn't about religion. This is about getting all of God I can get. I didn't come here because tonight's Wednesday and I have to go to church. I come here because God said He was coming. He appointed it and when He appointed it that means He's going to be there and when He's going to be there, I'm going to show up because something is going to be imparted to my life and I'll miss it if I'm not there. How much of God do you want? How hungry are you?

5. Don't miss a visitation of God

I. Hebrews 12:16-17

- You don't want to miss a visitation of God in your life.
- You don't want to miss a specially appointed time that God intended to impart something and do a work in your life because you'll be sorry afterward.
- Esau was more concerned about his natural belly, the things of this world, than his spiritual belly.

Jacob, even though he was a deceiver, and he lied to get his blessing, God blessed him anyway because he said, "You were so hungry you were willing to lie! I'm going to bless you anyway. I'd rather bless a liar who was hungry for God than a guy who didn't want God." Hello. Read your Bible.

God said I see in you, Jacob, you're a deceiver, you're a liar, but boy you deceived for the right reasons! That doesn't make any sense to you I know, but God looked past his weakness. God said I know I can change your ways but I'm looking at your heart. I'm looking at what is motivating you. You were so hungry that you were willing to do anything. You did the wrong thing and I'll correct that in your life, but I want to commend your hunger.

God is saying, "*Drink it people! Drink up! Stir up yourself! Stir up your hunger and your thirst for God! Reach out! There's more! Hey! These are not the times to be half-hearted, to be entangled with the affairs of this life! There are the times to seek God with all your heart and be hungry for God! As the dear panteth for the water, the Bible said, so my soul longeth after thee.*"

6. This is what Eternity is going to be like

I. Ephesians 2:7

- We'll be receiving gifts and revelation from God that we never got in this time.
- Through the ages of time He's going to be revealing His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

- We will be receiving more from God for eternity. God is infinite.

God is crying out to us tonight. He's saying I have so much more I want to give you, but you have to make room for me. You've got to make a place in your life for me and give me more of you. God doesn't want religion or religious duty. God wants your heart.

7. God has marked this nation to be the birth place of the next great move of God

I. I Corinthians 9:24-26

- You can default in the things of God. Our nation hasn't defaulted, yet.
- God uses government but in the ultimate final analysis of everything, what's going to move things is the church through prayer.
- Your life is not out of position. God's mercy is coming again and He's saying you're still in the game if you make your move and get in the groove.
- God is bringing restoration to our lives and to our country.

II. Romans 1:11

- This is an impartational anointing.
- This is a prophet's anointing.

Closing Prayer

"Father, thank you for your anointing. Thank you for your impartation to our lives. Thank you for speaking to us tonight, Lord, prophetically, your will, your purpose. God we felt victory in the heavens when we were praying before the service as the Shout of the Lord came out, we knew there was victory, Lord, in the heavens, victory in your kingdom, victory in your cause and your purpose, Lord, and that we're moving forward in the things of God. We're moving, Lord, into the plan and purpose and destiny of our lives; the church to be perfected to become the mature sons and daughters of God who re-present you in the earth and do the works of Jesus! Hallelujah!that heals the sick and raises the dead and cleanses the lepers, Lord, and casts out the devils, Father God, and take whole cities and nations and regions, God, for your glory, Lord. "

"We know it's your plan and purpose and Father we're pressing in to that purpose for our lives for your church God, that this world can be turned upside down! That Jesus may come back, Lord, after a great harvest Lord; turning this world upside down. Father we give you praise for your influence over our lives. We acknowledge, Lord, you began a good work in us. You are going to bring it to completion. What you started, you'll finish in us, Lord. And all we can do is just give ourselves to you and be available to you, Lord. And so we do. We're yours now. Hallelujah. We're your anointed vessels. Hallelujah. We're your fire- carriers, Lord." We all got it? Hallelujah!

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Introduction

Little faith is faith that didn't last long enough; faith to start but not faith to finish. Little means short; faith that didn't last long enough. It's like when Peter had faith to jump out of the boat until satan stirred the storm up a little bit worse and then he got in fear. His faith wasn't developed enough to keep fear subdued in his life. Did you get that? Let me say that again. His faith wasn't developed strong enough to keep fear subdued in his life! He started out in faith and then he was overcome by fear. That's little faith.

Great faith is faith that requires no evidence apart from the Word of God. The centurion, in *Matthew, Chapter 8*, said, "Speak the word only and my servant shall be healed..." Jesus said, "I have not found so great faith, no not in all Israel..." Boy what a slap in the face that was to the people who had the Bible! The Jews, they had all the scriptures. The Gentiles, they had no scriptures, but here's one Gentile who had more faith than all the Jews who had all of the Bible. That really endeared Jesus to their hearts. *They wanted to kill him all that much more!*

I think Jesus would like to find that in the Church today. I think he'd like to find a bunch of people who would quit asking for proof, and evidence, and "explain it to me Lord", and instead have the attitude of "Just speak to me, Lord! Just say it and it's done! Just say it and I believe it and I don't need anything else." Jesus said that's Great Faith. Next, there is Fully Persuaded Faith...

1. Fully Persuaded Faith, the faith of Abraham

I. Romans 4:12-16

- Abraham's faith came by the Word of God. We can all have the faith of Abraham.
- You don't get the blessing through keeping the law. You get it through the promise. You have to *believe* the promise. Law is your own efforts and works. That's why God gave Abraham the promise *before* the law.
- You're right with God because God said so.

2. The steps of Abraham's faith

I. Romans 4:17-21

- He believed according to that which was spoken. Abraham didn't have anything to base his faith on that he was the father of many nations, except the promise of God.

- Abraham had a Word from God. That's where it all started.

Do you have a Word from God? You have a whole Bible full of promises here, but not only the *written* Word of God but the *rhema* word, the word God spoke to your heart.

A few personal testimonies

Back in 1983 when God spoke to me from this passage of scripture and he said change the name of your church to Light of Life World Outreach Center, all I had to go on was God's word. He said if you call it that, I'll make it that. And he gave me this promise like Abraham. Hallelujah, glory to God! He said I changed Abraham's name and I made him a father of a multitude. His name was Abram, which means "high father". Abraham means "father of a multitude". He said if you will change your name then I'm going to do for you what I did for Abraham. I'm going to make you a father of a multitude. I'm going to let you go to the nations of the world. I'm going to give you a multitude, by faith.

So, I changed the name of our church to Light of Life World Outreach Center. It was a laughing stock of Fairmont. Some of you have heard me say that, because it was a big ole name we had about seventy-five (75) people at the time, a little old church building, with a big ole sign out in the front yard. People around town thought Dr. John was having an ego trip with that big fancy name. You know? But I had a Word from God. And nobody else heard it, but me. So I had to just take the abuse. "You all just don't understand..." was all I could say. "You just don't understand..."

God told me to call it Light of Life World Outreach Center and I had to believe according to that which was spoken. I had nothing to go on but God's Word. I hadn't even been out of Fairmont yet! I hadn't done *anything* outside of my church yet! And now God said, "*You're a World Outreach Center.*" I said, Hallelujah! I'm a World Outreach Center, praise God, and hadn't been out of Fairmont yet. Before the year was over, I was preaching in Kenya. Before the year was over I'd been invited to Kenya. I preached in Kenya, to full gospel churches in Kenya, to over eight hundred (800) young people in this meeting and it was an awesome revival.

The rest is history. God spoke a word to me and I didn't have anything else to go on. That was the first step of following Abraham's faith: Believe according to that which was spoken.

All these sicknesses in our family, I was coming home from a meeting one day, and God said to me, "*I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease.*" I was driving in a car. I was just praying and worshipping God and all of a sudden, out of nowhere, God spoke and he said, "*I have cleansed your blood...*" I HAVE! What did he say to Abraham? I HAVE made thee a father of many nations, not GOING TO, but he said, "*I HAVE...!*"

A Word from the Lord

God said I have a word for you tonight. That's it. *I'm going to do the same for you. I'm going to cleanse your blood every one of you tonight, from your hereditary diseases if you believe and receive this word, then consider it done tonight in your life. Your blood is cleansed.*

Exhortation

Give God some Praise! He just gave YOU what he gave ME! I want to end the service right now and just run, for the next twenty (20) minutes! And shout and scream! God has just saved your life! God has just saved you from doctor bills. He just saved you time in the hospital and everything else! If you believe the Word! Only believe! All things are possible to him that believes! Only! Only! Only! Only! Only! Only believe! Nothing else! Just believe! Only believe! Claim it! Take it! That's the way the Word of the Lord works!

God spoke to me one word. He said, "*I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease.*" Heart disease, cancer, sugar diabetes, arthritis, kidney issues... God said to me, "*I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease.*" And He said it to YOU tonight. Isn't that amazing? So from tonight on, you should never entertain a thought of having cancer. You should never entertain a thought of having heart disease or whatever runs in your family tree. Say, "**I WILL NEVER HAVE THOSE DISEASES! FOR MY BLOOD IS CLEANSED BY THE WORD OF GOD!**" Hallelujah!

"*I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease!*" I HAVE done it. Abraham. I HAVE made thee... the first step of Abraham's faith. You have to put it in the past tense. I HAVE made thee... When God said it, it was done. It's not going to be done when you see it. It was done when He said it! Most people think it was done when they saw it. No, it was done when He said it! We walk by faith not by sight! You have to know it was done when He said it was done. I was cleansed back then. My blood was cleansed then. Somebody said, "Well have you been to the doctor to get a blood test to see?" No. "Are you going too?" Why do I need to waste my money to do that? Why do I need to get the doctor to tell me God was right? Did He say it or didn't He say it? He said it.

"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God..." You have to learn to live by this thing! If He said it, you stake your life on it!

That's what He meant. He's not talking about a rule that you keep. He means, "When I tell you something, you live by it, you die by it, that's it!" You live by it! Fully persuaded faith is going to live by what God said. This is my life. This is going to keep me going. This sustains me. That's what faith is.

3. Faith sustains you

I. Hebrews 11:1-3

- That word substance means the undergirding, that which supports or holds up. Its sub, it's underneath. The sub-stance; what is holding you up. It's what God said.

II. Hebrews 1:1-3

- He upholds all things by the word of His power.
- Faith and the Word are synonymous. Fred Price used to say, "If you get the water, you get the wet. If you get the Word, you get the faith." One comes with the other.

- What's holding you up? Your faith. And what is your faith? It's what God has said to you. It's what's holding our life up. This is what's going to hold you up in tough times.
- If I'm standing on the Word, I can't go down unless He goes down and He ain't going down! Heaven and earth will pass away but His Word will never pass away! Hallelujah!

Have you heard from God?

4. Don't think there won't be a battle and a contest over the Word of God

I. Proverbs 30:5

- Every Word of God is tried.

II. Psalms 105:19

- Joseph had promises. Everything was reversed and it didn't look like what God said was happening at all. It looked like the opposite was happening. That's just the trial of your faith.
- That's going to prove to you when things reverse on you, you're going to find out whether you really believe it or not.
- Circumstances have nothing to do with it. Reversals have nothing to do with it. The Word of God is going to stand fast forever! It's not going to change! God said, "*I AM the Lord and I change not.*" Let it happen.
- YOU find out what YOU really believed. You find out if you had substance in your life. You find out if you were really being supported by the Word of God and by faith or whether you were being supported by something else.

5. Faith, Foolishness, or Presumption

- Fred Price wrote a book called "Faith, Foolishness, or Presumption." Everyone should read that book if you've never read it.
- A lot of people get in presumption. They presume; "Well, Praise God, that's never happened in MY family..." or "We've never had any of that so it'll never happen to me..." That's called presumption.
- Foolishness is when you test God. Foolishness is asking God to bless something that He already said isn't blesable.

A few personal testimonies, (Continued...)

I was riding with Becky not long after that and I began to tell her what happened. Her mom and dad both had strokes. I was telling Rebecca about that Word from God that God cleansed my blood and I felt the same thing that I did here tonight. Tonight, God gave YOU that word. He spoke it to you. But I felt to lay hands on Rebecca. I said, "Becky, I want to pray and release that into you." And when I laid hands on Rebecca, as I told her God cleansed me from every hereditary disease, and I said, "You're one flesh with me, so that means guess what? You are cleansed too."

And when I laid hands on her, a spirit came up out of her belly. It was a real manifestation. She doubled over and she breathed out that spirit. It was like something punched her in the belly and it came out. She said, "A demon just came out of me!" She said, "It was a stroke demon that my mom and dad had. It just came out of me." Give the Lord some praise! Deliverance! By the Word of God! "*He sent His word to heal them and deliver them from all their destructions...*" Becky got set free from the stroke demons! Thank God because we didn't know that devil was in there. We didn't realize. Now she has the lowest blood pressure probably of anybody in this place. But she had a demon. God went in and shook the bushes and got him out. Glory to God!

You say, "Can Christians have a demon?" Yes they can. They absolutely can. When I get finished with this Faith School, I'm going to start on *Spiritual Warfare*. God gave me an outline. I've got a wonderful, fresh outline on *Spiritual Warfare*. I'll be teaching on that after I finish Faith School.

What a wonderful thing it is to be full of the Holy Ghost. If you haven't made up your mind yet whether you're going to live for Jesus Christ and with Him as Lord of your life and live a spirit-filled life all the days of your life, you need to hurry up and make up your mind.

You need to consecrate every day of your life. This supernatural life doesn't come by being half-hearted about Christianity and about Jesus. Jesus wasn't half-hearted about the Father's will. The disciples weren't half-hearted about Jesus. Christians today think we can just turn God on and off whenever we want to. It doesn't work that way. God is God.

6. God requires absolute surrender

- Not when you pray and He does a miracle. Not when He blesses you financially.
- When you say, "You speak and I'll obey."
- Surrender is the only thing that tells God that you recognize He's God.

7. Enter into the finished work of every word

I. Hebrews 4:1, 2

II. Romans 4:17

- Anytime God says something to you, it's done.
- That's what Abraham did. Abraham considered it done.
- Abraham believed it was done when God said it, not when he saw it. That's the first step of Abraham's faith. Put it in the past tense. Call those things which be not as though they were!

I want to add something. God said this to me. This goes all the way down to my grandbabies. In the car that day when God said, "*I've cleansed your blood from ever hereditary disease...*" and He said, "*And your seed.*"

It doesn't make any difference if you get a bad report or you get a symptom. You just start calling yourself clean! Everybody in here! This word is good for everybody! "...and Jesus healed them all..." the Bible said! "...whosoever will..."

8. The power of putting it in the past tense

I. I Corinthians 1:17-21, 25-29

- This is the Wisdom of God.
- God chooses things that *are not* to bring to nothing the things that *are*.
- Abraham brought to nothing the things that were; His own impotent body and his wife's dead womb.
- The Wisdom of God changes situations into the Will of God. That's how you release the Power of God.
- Sarah got in faith with Abraham and God changed her name too! From Sarai (Strife) to Sarah (Princess).

The Wisdom of God is to take the thing that is not to bring to nothing the thing that is! What Christ did on the cross worked for YOU!

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Introduction

It's not about quantity. It's about duration. That's why the Bible says through faith and patience we possess the promises. Patience doesn't mean just tie a knot in the end of your rope and hang on. That's not what it means. Patience actually means constancy. It means to remain the same under trial. That's what patience means. It means to be constant. We always thought that patience meant, "Well I just have to keep putting up with it..." That's not what patience means. That's called *longsuffering*. That's different than patience.

There are some things you just have to put up with. Everything is not ideal in this life. That's why the Bible says one of the Fruits of the Spirit is longsuffering. There are some things you're going to have to put up with for a time while God is working it out. He is working it out. I hear the Lord saying, "*I AM working it out. I'm going to finish what I started. Just hold on.*" Praise God. But patience means to be constant. God is constant. "*I AM the Lord and I change not...*" That's why the Bible calls it, "*...the trying of your faith worketh patience...*" You learn to be constant. You learn to stay in faith continually. Constantly be in faith! That's what it means to have patience, to constantly be in faith. Through faith and constantly being in faith, you receive the promises.

If you are believing for your healing, just have faith and patience and be constant and stay in faith, and you will finish. God will finish what He started and what you believe Him for. What you started out believing for you will finish with. Praise God. Stay with it. Stay in faith. How would you like to "Wow" Jesus? How would you like to be the person to make Jesus say, "WOW!"? Well that's what happened in *Matthew, Chapter 8* when the centurion said, "Lord, I understand how your word works and all you have to do is speak your word only and my servant will be healed...", and Jesus said, "WOW!" He turned to His disciples and said, "Hey! Did you see that?"

When you're in faith and you have that kind of faith, you make Jesus shout. You can make the Lord shout! You can "WOW" the Lord, when you say, "Lord, I don't need nothing but your word." He says, "Wow." There aren't that many people doing that. Jesus said, "I haven't found so great faith, no not in Israel..."

A Word from the Lord

I haven't found this kind of faith, not even, throughout my whole Church, do I rarely find and see this kind of faith, the Lord says, that I'm speaking of to you tonight; This kind of faith that requires nothing only, no other evidence, but my word only.

And when you have that kind of faith, says the Lord, when you don't require me to show you anything, to let you feel anything, to give you any other proof, when you get to that place where

you don't require that of me and you just say, "Lord all I require of you is speak the word only..." then you will see ME shout, saith the Lord.

For my word says, "The Lord has gone up with a shout..." You will see the manifestation of my Power come out in your midst and in your trial and in your situation and you will see the miracle that you've been longing for and desiring. So stay in faith! Walk by faith! Walk in it, says the Lord. Walk in it every day! Don't TRY faith, LIVE faith! Walk in it! Be faithful! Be constant! Stir up the gift that's within you! Stir yourself up to believe me, says the Lord God, for I'm watching. I'm looking.

My word says when I return shall I find faith on the earth. And I'm looking tonight over this whole congregation. I'm looking over the whole earth to see who is in faith! And that's where I can work, saith the Lord. That's where I can stop in and do what I do in the midst of my people. So walk in faith. Be faithful and true and you will see that I will do what I do for you.

Hallelujah! Give the Lord some praise!

1. Abraham started saying about himself what God said

I. Romans 4:19-22

- Abraham said, "I am what God said I am. I have what God said I have."
- Abraham said, "I have a multitude of children, but I don't see one. And even though I don't see one, I'm gonna call it done."
- You have to get to the place where nothing matters. God has already spoken the end result and nothing else matters. Nothing is going to change the outcome because God already said it.
- When you don't put it in the past tense and consider it done, then everything matters. But when you put it in the past tense and consider it done, nothing matters. Let the situation get worse. It doesn't matter. Sometimes it will get worse before it gets better.

From the time God spoke this promise to Abraham and He spoke the word and told him he was Abraham, twenty-five (25) years went by. It got worse. He got older. The problem kept becoming more impossible for twenty-five (25) years! But for twenty-five (25) years Abraham didn't consider any of that because he wasn't walking by sight. He was walking by faith! It didn't matter. He learned it didn't matter! Let it get worse! It's already done!

- God quickens the dead. He RAISES the dead.

2. If God has said, "You're going to live..." You can't die!

- Sickness may try to kill you but you can't die because God already said you're going to live!
- "You're going to live and not die and declare the works of the Lord." Hallelujah!
- "With long life will He will satisfy me and show me His salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the works of the Lord."
- The MINIMUM of my life is going to be eighty (80). "The days of my years shall be threescore and ten, or if by reason or strength eighty."

Well, I'm strong. I'm taking care of myself. I have to contribute to that. I have to take care of my body and make it as strong as I can, do my part.

3. God is a performer of His word

I. Jeremiah 1:12

II. Genesis 1:1-3

III. Hebrews 11:1-3

- The Holy Spirit is a performer of the Word of God.
- The Holy Spirit didn't do anything until God said. Nothing has changed.
- When you speak the Word of God over your life, the Holy Spirit goes into action to perform it and out of darkness comes light, out of chaos comes order.
- God framed a picture in words and spoke it out and the Holy Ghost did it. He doesn't have a different method of operation today. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He works the same way.

4. Learn to work the way God works

- Jesus worked the same way that the Father worked.
- So many in the Church are still trying to believe God and they haven't ever really learned to use faith and operate by faith. They're still trying to trust the Lord. They're not using faith. They're not operating the laws of faith and working faith like Jesus did, like the Father did.
- You get nervous because of circumstances because you haven't settled the end result based on the Word of God.

I had the Word of the Lord over my children and they went the other way and it got worse for years, all four (4) of them, but I always had the end result. I always knew the outcome. Hallelujah!

I said, "NO, devil! You're NOT having ANY of my kids! It ain't gonna happen! It's impossible!" God already spoke the end result over my children. He prophesied over them when they were kids. If I don't get out of faith. Now if I get out of faith, that'd be a different story. If I stay in faith, if I continue in faith, if I be constant in faith, then it's gonna work out just the way God said it's gonna work out. Hallelujah! It's coming to pass! That's what you have to understand about it. I've got to understand that about it; the faith of Abraham. Fully persuaded faith has already settled the end result.

5. Cast your care upon Him

- Make God responsible for the outcome.
- When you make God responsible for the outcome, you know how it's going to turn out. It's going to turn out according to the Word of God, what God said about the situation.
- Speak the end result. Let it get worse! Don't worry about it! It doesn't matter because the end result has already been determined by God!

- Keep your eye on the end result.

6. Sooner or later it's gonna happen

I. Luke 17:11-19

- When you stay constant if faith, somewhere along your faith journey the Power of God is going to manifest.
- Remember in the Bible the woman with the issue of blood? Many people were touching Jesus, but only one person touched Him in faith. Many people come thronging to receive from God but very few people touch Him in faith and put it in the past tense.
- When Jesus said, "Go show yourself to the priest." He meant, "You're healed. Consider it done." Jesus called those things that be not as though they were. They weren't healed yet. Jesus said, "Go act like you're already healed. Believe it's done and it is."
- They had to put it in the past tense. They had to accept the Word of God as final authority and believe that they were healed even before they could see that they were healed.
- If you were a leper, you wouldn't show yourself to the priest unless you were healed. Jesus was calling their faith into action. He will always call your faith into action. Do what you would do if you were healed. As they went, they were cleansed.

What was already done in the Spirit Realm manifested in the Natural Realm. When God said it, it was done.

7. Look at the faith of Jesus

I. Luke 17:17

- Jesus didn't see them well but He knew they were. He said, "Where's the other nine (9)? I know all ten (10) of you got healed..."
- That's why when you're learning to minister to the sick, YOU have to stay in faith, even after they're gone and they walk out looking the same way they did when they came in.
- Pray for them. Speak the word. Tell them, "Go act like you're healed." Some will. Some won't. But as far as YOU, the person on the ministering end, you have to stay in faith and believe they're healed whether you ever see it or not. Stay in faith.
- How many people come and go and get healed and you never know it. The manifestation comes and you never get a chance to see it, rejoice, and shout with them. Like Jesus, when that guy came back, He was celebrating, but Jesus wanted to see the other nine (9) and celebrate with them too!

8. What does it mean to come to God in faith?

- It means you're ready to put it in the past tense. You're ready to call it done. Hope is future tense. Faith puts it in the past tense.

- You have to prepare yourself for that. Faith is like a light switch. The power has been there the whole time to run the lights but until you flip the switch there's no power getting to the lights.
- It'd be terrible to sit here and say, "Boy I sure wish the lights would come on..." But nobody ever went over and flipped the switch. That's the way a lot of Christians are. They're praying, God do this, God do that, and God is saying, "Why don't you flip the switch? Why don't you put it in the past tense? Believe it's done. You just flip the switch and keep the switch on." The Power will flow. The lights will come on!

9. Jesus spoke the end result

I. Mark 11:13-24

- Jesus said, "Tree, you're dead." So it died.
- The God kind of faith is the kind of faith that believes with the heart and speaks with the mouth. The God kind of faith calls things that be not as though they were. The God kind of faith puts it in the past tense and keeps it there.
- Jesus stayed in faith. He didn't doubt in His heart. He didn't say, "Would you disciples agree with me on that tree will be dead by the time we come back by here?"
- The disciples didn't understand when God said it, it's done. They learned it later.

People have got to learn to live by faith. What I'm talking to you about in a very practical dimension is how to do it. We must learn to live by faith. Faith believes in your heart, speaking it with your mouth, putting it in the past tense, acting like it's done and staying with it. That's faith. You have to keep growing and developing your faith until you can do that.

10. Faith doesn't come easy

- Jesus said, "This is the work of God that you believe..."
- You have to meditate in the Word of God day and night. You have to pray in tongues for hours. You have to memorize this word. You have to walk the floor and soak in the presence of God till revelation comes in your life.
- Faith doesn't come easy or everyone would have it. Faith comes through effort. The Bible says, "*The soul of the sluggard desires but he has nothing, but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*" They'll increase.

Too many people have tried faith and they just TRIED faith and they give faith a bad name. People don't think they can trust God. That's the problem. They were TRYING it. You DO it. You don't TRY it. You do it. God doesn't lie. Pay the price to develop your faith. Stay in faith.

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You really haven't learned to love until you've been loved by God. When you've experienced God's love, the love that He has for you, it's not a feeling. You can feel it, but it's not necessarily a feeling. It's knowledge. We *know* and *believe* the love that God has for us. Amen? You *know* it. It takes away your fears; just like when you know your parents love you.

Introduction

Hebrews 11: 1-3; the things which are seen were made out of something *invisible*. You'll hear people say, "God made everything out of nothing." The Bible doesn't say that. It says that God made everything through faith. "...*Faith is the substance of things hoped for...*" God took invisible substance and made visible substance. Spiritual things are invisible. Faith is invisible. The Spirit of God is invisible unless He allows you to see Him. His presence can be seen. God made everything you *can* see out of something that you *can't* see. He didn't make things out of nothing. Whenever you hear people say that God made everything out of nothing means they don't understand that the Spiritual Realm is the parent of the Natural Realm. God is a spirit. He made everything out of spiritual substance, of which faith is a spiritual substance. Right? Praise the Lord.

When your faith has gotten strong in an area, then you've got to put a challenge to it. I believe our faith can grow and develop until we're able to receive everything that God has for us; **EVERYTHING**. Can you shout, "Everything!"? Hallelujah! I want to leave nothing on the table! I want to take it all! Everything that God has can be obtained through faith. However, everything that God has doesn't get obtained by everybody. But it can! That's why Jesus said, "According to your faith, so be it unto you..." In other words, it's not up to God. You hear people say, "Well, if it's the Lord's will, He'll do it." No. That's not a true statement at all.

The Bible said in *II Peter 3:9* that God is not willing that any should perish. It's not God's will that one soul should perish. *Well why doesn't He just save everybody then?* Because *everybody* doesn't want to be saved! *Everybody* refuses to believe. There are people who refuse to believe the Gospel, and so they can't be saved. If God could just do whatever He wanted to do then we wouldn't have any problems would we? He'd take care of it all without us even *thinking* about it. But that doesn't happen. That happens when you're a baby in Christ. How many remember the baby days? When, you know, it just seemed like you went around making messes and God cleaned up everything for you, like we do with babies. Whatever it took to stop you from crying, He'd give it to you. Remember those days? They didn't last long did they? You can't stay a baby forever.

The same thing is true in the natural realm. If your kid is still crying for a pacifier when they're four (4), you didn't do something right. Right? The same thing is true with us and God. God expects us to grow up. God expects us to mature. God expects us to develop our faith and leave babyhood and become adolescents in the Spirit and then become mature adults in the Spirit, and begin to walk in the same level of faith that Jesus walked in. Hallelujah!

A Word from the Lord

"If you will grow and develop your faith, then I'm going to bring to pass, in your life, everything that I have promised you and everything that I have provided for you. I'll bring it into your life, says the Lord. But it will only come as you grow and as you develop and as you mature in your faith. Be of good cheer because I have provided the way. My Holy Spirit and my Word are here to help you grow and help your faith mature. And so be sure, you will mature if you allow me and the Holy Spirit to work in your life and feed you and lead you into the process of development of your faith. Your faith will grow and mature until one day all that you ask for shall be done, Hallelujah, and every battle shall be won, Hallelujah, saith the Lord."

And then, glory to God, your life will be fun. Give the Lord some praise!

1. God wants your faith to grow and develop

- He doesn't want you and me to stay at the same level. If after twenty (20) years I'm still struggling to believe God to heal my headache, that's a sure sign that I've never developed my faith.
- If I'm still struggling to believe God for a hundred (100) bucks after twenty (20) years, I haven't developed my faith.
- All things are possible to him that believes.

2. Everything is already possible with God

I. Mark 9:23

- With God all things are possible, but everything isn't possible to you or me yet.
- My faith hasn't grown yet to include *everything* as a possibility.
- That is the highest level of faith; where all things become possible to us.

I'm not there yet, but I'm working on it. I want to get there. I want to get there to where no challenge is too big; no sickness, no disease, nothing, no problem is too great. I want get there to where I can believe for everything. Jesus was at that level.

II. Mark 9:14-29

- Jesus was telling His disciples the reason why they couldn't cast the devil out was because they didn't believe they could.
- That kind of unbelief comes out through prayer and fasting, through seeking God, through developing your faith.
- Jesus had already developed His faith to that level. He had already prayed and fasted forty (40) days. He had already spent many nights in prayer. He was already full of the Word. He had already developed and exercised His faith.

Some people teach it this way: certain demons can only come out through prayer and fasting. That's not true. All demons have to obey authority, faith in the name of Jesus. ALL demons have to obey that. Amen.

Say it with me, "Demons have to obey when I speak in faith." That's right. What happened with the disciples was that they didn't believe they could do it. Jesus said, "Bring him here to me. Why? I believe I *can*. I have gotten all the unbelief out of my life." That's what Jesus was saying. "I don't have any more question or any doubt about it. I know I can do it. Bring him here to me." And His disciples, He corrected them when they said, "Why couldn't we do it?" He said, "You're gonna have to pay the price too; the same price I paid, if you want to live in the same level of faith I live in then you have to pay the same level of price that I paid. You have to grow and develop your faith and mature in faith."

Faith doesn't grow by having hands laid on you. Faith doesn't grow by just being faithful at Church. Faith grows by using it; feeding it and using it. Amen? Feed it and use it.

3. Target your faith

I. Mark 11:24, the Prayer of Faith

- Pick something you're gonna believe God for and target your faith and don't do anything until your faith produces the thing you believed for. Be realistic. Find your level of faith.
- Believe you receive when you pray. Not when you see it, but when you pray. And you will have it.
- Faith is right now. The answer is coming. The manifestation is future. Believing you receive it is present tense.

When you pray you believe you receive it, just like healing. You pray, you believe you receive your healing for whatever the issue is, and it says you shall have it. It might take a week for it to manifest, or a month, but if you never take the seed out of the ground.... When you believe you receive it, that's when you plant the seed of faith. I believe I receive it when I pray. Are you feeling that? "I believe I receive it when I pray!" Hallelujah! When I pray, that's when I receive it. When do you receive it? When you *believe* you receive it that's when you receive it. Did you get that?

I want to be like the good carpenter. He nails the nail in the board and then he pounds it all the way in, and then he turns the board over and pounds it down so it can't work loose. I want to pound this down here and bend it over on the back so when you leave, it isn't going to work loose.

As our faith grows, the Prayer of Faith increases in our life. We can believe we receive more and more things. We can believe we receive something much greater than we believed we received last time. One victory precipitates another victory in the Kingdom. *John 5:24, Most assuredly I say unto you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me, hath everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death to life.* You see where it says, *He that believes has....He that believes has eternal life.* Amen.

4. Start some place with a faith that's realistic for you

I. Mark 11:24, "...whatever things you desire..." Does anybody have any desires in here?

- Write it down. What are you believing for?
- Say it with me, "I believe I receive it." That's what you say when you pray. "... *He that believeth hath...*"
- "...and you will have them..." It's going to come. It's going to manifest at some point in time. Some things come quick, some things take a little longer. If you don't quit believing you have it, then you'll have it.

What the Lord is saying to us here tonight in Faith School is He wants us to develop our faith. The way you do that, faith is like that muscle; you have to start praying for some other things.

5. We can do things ourselves, and that's the problem...

- What happens is we medicate ourselves for years. We've got medicine cabinets full of medicine; Ibuprofen for bone aches, Nyquil for coughs... We know how to take care of ourselves. We've got all these things that we lean on. "...*cursed is the man that maketh flesh his arm...*"
- You hear people say, "I don't want to bother the Lord with those little things. I can take care of that..." Honey, you better bother the Lord with them little things, or you'll never be able to believe Him for the big things. It's not a bother. God wants you to believe. It's not a bother, it's believing.
- We've got our medical journals under the living room table because we want to check a symptom out if we get one. We want to know what the devil is killing us with. "...*I've got a pain in my side. I believe I must be having a gall bladder attack...*" Check out the medical journal... and so we read our medical journals and get all the medicines. We know how to medicate and doctor ourselves up.
- Then the time comes when you really have a problem and there's no medicine for it. Now what are you gonna do? You're gonna hope for a miracle because chances are your faith is not going to be at the level to believe God for an incurable disease when you didn't have faith to believe God for one that's curable.

You say, "Why pray about that? I can take medicine for that..." **THE REASON THAT YOU SHOULD PRAY ABOUT IT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE DEVELOPING YOUR FAITH!** The easy way out is, "I have a pain. I don't want to hurt. Give me medicine. I just want to be relieved of my suffering so hurry up..." You need to get your faith in gear and apply the Power of God to that thing and if it hurts for a little while, let it hurt and tough your way through it! Not enough people are doing what I'm saying.

Not enough people are taking this seriously. They're not developing their faith. They're just going to church, hearing it over and over, and over again, but they're never growing in faith because they're never developing their faith. They're never exercising it. They never, on purpose, believe God for anything; just live in this passive realm that says, "Well if God wants to do it, He will..." and it never happens. Or, "Bless God, we'll just do it for our self. We'll make it happen;" never really learning to have faith and develop great faith in God.

What is the Lord saying to you tonight? He's saying that He doesn't want your faith to stay at the level it is. Next year it needs to be greater. I'm gonna believe for greater things next year than I'm believing for this year.

Isn't it great to have God tell you what to do with your life? God wants your future to be good. He'll tell you how to succeed. But it's a walk of faith. It takes faith. Every step takes faith. If we're walking by faith, we should be increasing! If our faith is growing everything else should be growing with it! Our faith should be growing for Divine Healing to where I can believe God to keep me from anything. *Psalm 91* says, "...*there shall no evil befall you and no plague shall come near your dwelling...*", but that is not baby faith.

You hear a lot of people saying, "*Psalm 91* is my favorite Psalm. I read it every day..." taking aspirins, going to the doctor getting shots... You may say, "Brother John, you're really far out with this stuff." No. Get the shots and take the medicine when you need to do it. I'm not saying that. Thank God for doctors. *If we didn't have doctors, most Christians would be dead.* I'm just saying do we really believe this Bible? Does God mean what he said and said what He means? Is this possible or are we just playing here? Is anybody gonna live in this? That's what I'm talking about. Is anybody gonna be more than just what I call an unbelieving believer? When are we gonna start *acting* on this. That's what I'm talking about. When are we gonna be *doers* of the Word?

You can't grow your faith if you're not a doer of the Word.

6. God wants to put that level of faith on you and me (*Psalm 91*)

- You know, Peter radiated with the Holy Ghost so much that when people walked by Peter and got in his shadow they got healed. He was radiating the Holy Ghost.
- Jesus radiated the Holy Ghost. The Bible said the woman came and touched the hem of his garment and virtue flowed out of Him. He radiated the Holy Ghost. He lived in such a level of faith, but He didn't get there over night.
- He didn't get there by reading a promise out of grandma's promise box on the way out the door in the morning and praying, "...now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep..."
- You don't get to that kind of great level of faith unless you pay the price to get there; unless you pray and fast and meditate in the Word of God and pray in tongues and develop your faith on purpose. Develop your faith on purpose. Use your faith on purpose, people.

7. Abraham's faith grew

I. Romans 4:17-21

- He grew strong in faith. He got to that place of being fully persuaded about it. He was fully persuaded by the Word of God that he heard.
- He was so fully persuaded that he called things that be not as though they were. He believed he had received it and he spoke of something that didn't exist as though it already did. That's being fully persuaded; when you can say it's

done, when you haven't seen it yet; when you can say, "It's done. I have it now."

- "I have what God said I have." "I can do what God said I can do." "I am who God said I am." Fully Persuaded Faith. Fully Persuaded Faith puts it in the past tense.

Fully persuaded faith is not moved by the five (5) senses. In other words, nothing is going to persuade that faith away from the Word of God. It's fully persuaded by the Word. Amen?

Abraham was fully persuaded by the Word of God. Nothing could *dissuade* him. He was *persuaded* by the Word of God. He couldn't be dissuaded.

8. Don't let anything in the natural change your persuasion

- If you're fully persuaded, nothing can change your persuasion. You've been persuaded by the Word of God.
- Have you been persuaded by God's Word that you're healed? Have you been persuaded by God's Word that you're prosperous, you're abundant, that you're a millionaire?
- Have you been persuaded by God's Word that everything you lay your hand to will prosper? Have you been persuaded by God's Word that your seed is mighty upon the earth and the generation of the upright is blessed? Have you been persuaded by the Word of God?

The problem is it's so easy to get persuaded by the five (5) senses, by the circumstances, by the media, by the pain you feel. So many things can persuade us, but what's supposed to persuade us is the Word of God. Abraham was fully persuaded. You have to be convinced by the Word of God, so convinced that you put it in the past tense. Hallelujah!

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1. Confession brings possession

I. Mark 11:22-24

- Jesus said we can have what we say if we doubt not in our heart.
- You can have doubt in your head and faith in your heart at the same time. The Bible says, “...with the heart man believes and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation...” or, “...unto possession...”
- A lot of times the devil will stop people in their faith because a doubt will come into their mind and they'll think, “I must not be believing...” Faith is not of the mind. Faith isn't a *mental* force. Faith is of the heart. Faith is a *spiritual* force.
- You can't believe with your head. You believe with your heart contrary to your head.

The Bible says, “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not to your own understanding...*” or your own head, your own mental processes in other words. That's where the doubts take place and the Bible says we are not to lean on that. We are to trust in the Lord with all of our heart. That means we go by the Revelation of the Word of God.

2. Revelation is not mental

- Revelation is spiritual. Revelation is what puts faith in our heart. God speaks to our heart. He reveals truth to our heart and that's when faith comes.
- Faith comes with the Word of God. “...so then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God...” Faith comes when we hear God speak.
- If you get the Word, you get the faith.

3. We need the Revelation of God's Word

I. Joshua 1:8

- Revelation comes by meditating in the Word of God.
- Every one of us can have good success but it is the result of some activity on our part; meditating in the Word of God day and night.
- What does the Word of God say about me? What does the Word of God say about my situation? What does the Word of God say about my problem? That's how you meditate on it; over and over again. As you do, you'll get revelation. You'll observe. Your eyes will be open.

4. I have eyes in me

I. Ephesians 1:15-18

- Wouldn't that be a great testimony for every Church to have? Faith works by love. That's a Church that's kickin'! That's a Church that's on fire! That's a Church that's doing something and has the works of Jesus in it!
- Faith is toward God, Love is toward people. Both directions have to be right. Faith toward God, Love toward all the Saints.
- Paul said we believe with the *heart* and speak with the *mouth*. Confession brings possession. "...with the *heart* man believes unto righteousness and with the *mouth* confession is made unto salvation..."

5. What you say will save you

I. Psalm 50:23

- "...*Don't let the word depart from before your eye. Keep it in the midst of your heart for it is life to those that find it and health to all their flesh...*" You will LIVE by the Word of God. What you say will save you. That's powerful isn't it? What you say will save you!

II. Proverbs 6:2

III. Proverbs 18:21

Faith is coming here tonight. Thank you for that, Lord. I love it! I'm hung up on that right now. *What you say will save you!* Hallelujah! What are you saying about your situation right now? What you say will save you! What are you saying about your health? What are you saying about your money? What are you saying about your family? What are you saying about your life? What are you saying about your future? What you say will save you! Hallelujah!

I like what Kenneth Hagan said, "You can have what you say." "...*if you doubt not in your heart...*" You're not *trying* to believe. It's coming from the overflow. "*For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...*" There has to be abundance in there first or otherwise, we're just trying to believe.

You can fall back into Religion if you don't walk in Revelation. You won't have faith if you don't live in Revelation, you'll fall back into Religion.

There may be a time when you were living by faith because you were walking with God in the Spirit and the Anointing of God was on your life, moving in your heart and the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation was flowing in YOU. But if you let the well dry up then you fall back into Religion. You know the formula, you know the system, you know how it's *supposed* to work, but it's all being generated in your head. You're *trying* to believe, *trying* to make it happen, and you're getting tired.

God is talking to somebody here. You're getting tired of working the program because it's not coming from the heart, it's coming from the head and it's just Religion and Religion will kill you!

6. Religion will wear you out

- Religion will make you backslide.

- Religion will want you to stay home on Sunday morning because you got tired of going. That's Religion.
- REVELATION will keep you going. REVELATION will put fire in your boiler room. REVELATION will light you up.

“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...” You've got to get some abundance.

7. Attend to the Word of God

I. Proverbs 4:20

- You dry up when you get too busy to attend to the Word of God. I gotta be paying attention to God. I gotta be listening to what He has to say.
- When you read your Bible every day, it's God talking to you. It's the Word of God. *“...All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness that the man of God might be thoroughly furnished unto every good work...”* I need this Word.
- You attend to God's word by attending to the Bible. When you're not attending to the Bible, you're not attending to the Word of God. You're not being attentive because this is God's number one way, the main way, of speaking to you.

“If you don't attend to the Bible, you're not attending to Me.” I just heard that. Do you hear what God is saying? If you don't attend to the Bible, you're not attending to God. It's neglect of our relationship when we don't attend to the Bible. When we don't attend to the Bible, we get in to Religion. We know all the things we're supposed to be doing, but it's a struggle. There's no faith involved. *“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”*

Faith is fun. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. You gotta get back out of that Religion. You want to get on fire again? Get back in the Bible. Start meditating in the Word of God day and night.

There are some of you in here tonight, that's where you were at one time, but you've left it and now you're just hanging on by a thread. You're just hanging on. It's all Religion to you and you're just hanging on. It's lost its reality to you and you're just hanging on by a thread. It's lost its reality. You're back up in the Head Realm. You've got to get back in the Faith Realm. The only way you're going to get back in the Faith Realm is to start doing what the Bible said to do. You have to obey God. You have to attend to his word.

You have to get back to the Bible and start reading it every day and meditating in it day and night and then God will begin to give revelation. The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation will come to you again. *“...that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened, so that you may know what the hope of His calling is; what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints; and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places...”*

You can have what you say but you have to be saying what you see!

8. If you're not meditating in the Word of God, you're not seeing anything

- What you say will save you! “*...with the heart man believes and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation...*” You have to be *saying* what you’re *seeing*. If you’re not meditating in the Word of God, you’re not *seeing* anything!
- “*Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...*” What is that abundance? It’s the abundance of revelation in my heart. It’s the abundance of what I see on the inside of me because the eyes of my understanding have been enlightened and I’m *saying* what I *see*.
- Revelation knowledge has to come.

Say it with me, “I’m gonna receive it! Revelation knowledge is gonna fall on ME!” Hallelujah! The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation and the knowledge of Jesus come through meditating in the Word of God. Do you want to stir that up in your life? If you don’t meditate in the Word, revelation doesn’t come, you’re not seeing anything. Your eyes go blind.

-When revelation flashes through your spirit, you lock on to it and you keep seeing it. You keep envisioning it. You keep reminding yourself of it.

A Word from the Lord

“You’re going to wake up again, once again, in God, to some things. There are some dormant things in your life that have gone to sleep on the inside of you, but God is calling you now to higher places; calling you to walk with Him in a new dimension. A new level of anointing is going to come into your life. Lights are going to be turned on. When things got dim and things got dark, you went back to your Head and you lost the Ark, the glory of God that you walked in at one time. God said He’s going to open it up once again and brighter days are ahead. That’s revelation knowledge. It’s going to flow in your life and you’re going to see it! Hallelujah! And you’re going to say it! Hallelujah! And what you say is going to save you! You’re going to see what you say and say what you see. Amen.”

9. I’m gonna say what I see

- That is not hard. When we’re struggling to have faith, it’s because we don’t say anything. It’s all in your head and we’re going through the motions, working at it, struggling to trust God.
- Lester Sumrall said, “You have to feed your faith until you starve your doubts to death!” There is only one antidote for being in the Mental Realm and that’s Revelation of the Word of God!
- There is only one way to get yourself out of that Mental Realm that you’re in, it’s to go back to the Word of God. It’s always the basics. It’s always the simplicity of things. You can start a revival in your life! It’s not that hard!

10. Nobody needs to backslide

- Nobody needs to get out of faith! Nobody needs to lose out with God!
- There’s plenty of anointing, there’s plenty of glory, and there’s plenty of revelation to keep you going. Hallelujah to God!
- You have to get rid of discouragement. You got into that Discouragement Realm because you got out of Revelation.

I'm saying some simple things here to you tonight. Jesus said you'll have what you say if you doubt not in your heart.

11. What is doubt in the heart?

- Doubt in the heart is when you no longer see in your spirit what God is saying.
- When your inner image has changed and you've gone dark on the inside. You doubt in your heart now. You're not seeing what God is seeing for you and consequently you're not saying what God is saying for you. You doubt in your heart.
- Doubt is when you lose the vision on the inside of you. That's what doubt is.

Doubt is when you lose the inner vision. This is simple, but it's profound. It's powerful because this is the key.

Jesus never lost sight! Did you hear what I said? I said He never lost sight! When He spoke to that fig tree and said, "No man is gonna eat fruit from you hereafter forever..." it was because there was a revelation on the inside of Him by the Holy Ghost and He saw that in His spirit and He spoke what He saw. That's why twenty-four (24) hours later, when He came by, He wasn't surprised because He was still seeing what He saw! He was still seeing! It was on the inside of Him! The disciples were all freaked out because it happened.

This is the Power of God. This is how you change your circumstances. This is what Abraham did. Abraham saw himself by revelation. God changed his name from Abram to Abraham, father of a multitude, and he saw himself the way God spoke to him. He had that word in his spirit and he saw himself as the father of a multitude and he just confessed it. He said, "I am Abraham. I am the father of a multitude." He called the things which be not as though they were and the Power of God went to work and changed his physical body, changed his wife's body. The Bible said Sarah received strength to conceive seed. She got a miracle too! Hallelujah! She got a miracle too!

There's a miracle hanging in the balance for you. I'm prophesying to you tonight. You need a miracle. There's a miracle hanging in the balance for you! It's here! Shout it with me, "It's here!" God's not withholding anything. *"No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly..."* *"...He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things..."* God's not withholding from you, from me, the miracle you need. Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord.

12. Start meditating in the Word of God concerning healing in your life

- Meditate until the Holy Spirit opens your eyes.
- It's like a flash of lightning. Isn't lightning wonderful? It doesn't matter how dark it is, when that lightning flashes, you're going to see something! But you better be paying attention!
- If everybody knew when the lightning was going to strike, we'd all be looking, wouldn't we? That's why we have to "attend." You've got to be paying attention because you don't know when that lightning is going to flash.

You never know when the lightning is going to flash and your darkness is going to flee! You're going to see your future! You're going to see your destiny! You're going to see your job! You're going to see your health! You're going to see your children! You're going to see it all!

Praise God, because that's how God works. You see it first! And then you say it! You see it first. You have to pay the price to get there.

13. What is the price?

I. Joshua 1:8

II. Proverbs 4:20-23

- It's not beyond our grasp. It's something everyone can do. Take those two (2) scriptures and memorize them.
- Quote it every day and remind yourself that you have a responsibility to attend to the Word of God. Be ready for the lightning to strike.
- Not just on Sunday, not just on Wednesday. There are too many Christians living in defeat. There are too many Christians who have lost their joy.
- We have to obey the Bible. That's a novel idea isn't it; Christians obeying the Bible?

14. You have to be who you are

- You *are* a Christian! You *are* a Christ person! You *are* a Child of God! You *are* a partaker of the Divine Nature!
- It's not who you're *trying* to be. You're not *trying* to be a Christian. You can't be a Christian by *trying*.
- You *be* a Christian by the power of the Holy Ghost! You *be* a Christian because you believed the Word of God and you were recreated and became a new creature in Christ. God did a miracle on the inside of you and He made you look like Him on the inside.
- You are a Christian by nature! You're not *trying* to be one! You *are* one! You are a Christ person made in the image of God. Just be who you are. The problem is we haven't found out who we are.

15. You have to go to the mirror and take a look

I. James 1:22-24

- You have to take a look and then, don't forget. This is who I am. This is what I am. I'm a Jesus man. I see me in *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*. That looks just like me in there. That's what I look like.
- He is a man in the image of God, Jesus, man as he was meant to be. That's what happened to you when you got born again. You became man in the image of God.
- "...*old things pass away, all things become new...*" You have the same authority, righteousness, faith and love! You are the same! "...*as Christ is even so are we in this world now...*"

Say it with me, "I am the same as Jesus!" That might just be in your head right now, but when you meditate on that and you see it, that mirror that's foggy, you get in front of it, and you meditate in the Word of God day and night, and the eyes of your understanding are enlightened. You begin to see it. It becomes clearer and clearer and clearer and you see yourself. You will never quit when you see who you are. How can you quit being you! The only reason you quit is because you don't know *you*! You can't quit being you. Right? Praise God.

What happens in the heart? The spirit of man is like a canvas of a painting. I heard Dr. Yon Gee Cho teach this. He said the Holy Spirit is like the brush He dips into the paint, of the Word of God, and then He paints onto the canvas of your spirit a picture. That's revelation knowledge and you see what God sees about you. It's all about the seeing.

There are two (2) things that will give you victory in your life; seeing and saying! Those are the two (2) big things you have to deal with in your life, what you see and what you say! That's it!

That's how Jesus lived. That's how Paul lived. They got that revelation on the inside of them. The eyes of their understanding were enlightened, walking with the Holy Ghost, meditating in the Word of God. They saw with their eyes and spoke it. Hallelujah. That's how God created the universe and that's what makes God's creative power work in you. What makes the creative Power of God work in you is when you see and you say.

16. God saw something

I. Hebrews 11:3

- What do you put in a frame? God saw something didn't He? He had a picture. He saw it on the inside. He saw it.
- He saw the universe. He saw this ever expanding universe that is forming new galaxies every day. They will never be able to make a telescope to find the end of it because at one hundred eight-six thousand (186,000) miles per second, it is still expanding. God saw that. Imagine that. God saw that.
- And then He said, "Light be." And it took off and it's never stopped. God created everything through faith. He saw it on the inside of Him and He spoke out what He saw.

He already saw light on the inside of Him. That's why He said, "Light be." Nobody knew what light was. It was on the inside of God. He saw it in there, light being, and then it was.

If you're offended, forget faith, because you'll never have any. If you've got offense in your life, you may as well just forget it because you will not survive. You cannot live in offense and live in faith at the same time.

17. When you stand praying, forgive

- If you're not in forgiveness, you're walking in strife, you're in offense, and you have no faith. You're in the Head Realm, *trying* to believe. Nothing is going to be happening until you pray and repent, and get back to walking in love.
- Faith is based on love. The Bible said, "...*faith worketh by love...*" Hallelujah!

- It'll kill you; satan is looking for an opportunity and if you get in offense, you just gave him one. Nobody can help you until you help yourself. I just have to tell you that. Nobody can help you until you repent and get love back in your heart. Nobody can help you. You put yourself in a bind. Amen?

Ephesians 1:18, "...I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you will know..."

How are you going to get this going in your life? Go back to the basics. "...*Man shall not live by bread alone but by...*" "...*give us this day our...*" Every day God wants to talk to you. Every day He wants to reveal something to you. Every day He wants to open your eyes a little bit more. *Matthew 6:22* said, "...*if your eye be single, your whole body is full of light...*" "...*if your eye be single...*" "...*Don't let the word depart from before your eyes...*" This is what I'm looking at, the Word of God. Your whole body will be full of light.

Light is revelation. "...*the entrance of thy word giveth light and giveth understanding to the simple...*" Light is revelation so you're full of light and you're seeing it all. That's where we should be walking. Hallelujah! Receive it! Hallelujah! I don't know if I'm helping *you*, but I'm sure helping *me*! You say, "Brother John, you're full of the Word." Yes I am. But I didn't get born this way. I got this way on purpose. I got this way by doing just what I'm telling you to do and I have never quit doing it. Pay the price. You get the Word, you get the faith. You get the water, you get the wet.

18. How many people are Religious?

- They are so Religious and they really don't have spiritual hunger.
- What is the Spirit of Religion? I'll tell you how it's manifested. You do what you *have to do; I have to go to Church on Sunday. I'm a Christian. I have to pay my tithes. I have to...*
- Spiritual hunger is real different. The Bible said the hungry and thirsty shall be filled. God does not want Religious folk. He wants people that are hungry and thirsty. When you are spiritually hungry and thirsty, you can never ever be satisfied! In other words, when you eat you get hungrier! Every time the banquet is set, you're there!

We cannot live in miracles; we cannot live in victory, unless we live in faith. We cannot live in faith unless we put the Word of God first place in our life.

When you do, you cultivate spiritual hunger. "...*O taste and see that the Lord is good...*" You get a little bite and you want some more! That's how this thing works! So you lost your hunger. So you're Religious. OK. Go back to the Bible and start reading it and meditating! I don't care if it's dry as a cob and it isn't fun. It doesn't matter! You are cultivating that thing in your life again! Go back and start reading and meditating and what will happen is at some undesignated moment a lightning strike will come, and you'll see, and you'll get a revelation, and you'll taste, and there will be a morsel, and it'll make you hungrier.

That's what keeps you hungry and thirsty. When you are hungry and thirsty you get filled. What do you get filled with? Revelation knowledge. The eyes of your understanding are enlightened. You're full of faith. Why are you full of faith? How do you measure faith? It's by the revelation.

What do you see? You get the water, you get the wet. You get the Word, you get the faith! When you're full of faith it's because you are full of revelation and your eyes are totally enlightened and you're *seeing* what God is *saying*! You got the revelation.

19. You can change anything

- You can change your life. You might not be able to change somebody else's but you can change yours.
- You can change your situation. You can change your future with the Word of God, the revelation knowledge of God's Word.
- I'm doing it. I'm doing it because I've learned that I can't live if I don't. "...*man cannot live by bread alone...*" I can't let my eyes get dim! I can't let darkness creep into my soul! The devil would like that. He'll kill me. That's what he wants to do.

He'll destroy; steal, kill, and destroy. That's what he'll do. He'll plunder your life; steal, kill, and destroy. He'll plunder you. And you can't let that happen. You have to stay full of revelation and you have to fight the good fight of faith. That means when you feel weak, you have to go back to the Word and keep meditating in it until you see it again, until that inner image is there. You haven't forgotten what manner of man you are. You haven't forgotten what God said. The lightning flash came and you recall it. You got that vision before your eyes. You see it and you say it. And what you say saves you.

Anything other than that is just Religion. Anything other than that is trying to be a good person. We live by faith! "...*the just shall live by faith...*" A lot of God's people are not living by faith! They're struggling from week to week *trying* to trust the Lord! Never cracked the Bible all week and Pray five (5) minutes.

- You are the key to your own life. I'm the key to mine.

20. God will *let* you get in some trouble

- "...*in this world you will have tribulation...*" Trouble is coming! And He will *let* you get in some so you will cultivate something in your life, so you will develop your faith, so you will grow.
- Most folks are lazy and won't do it until they have to.
- *Luke 6:48*, The guy that built on sand just wanted to hurry up and get it done. He wasn't ready. He built on sand. The storm came and he was blown away. The other guy said, "I'm going to do this right. I'm going to pay the price." He dug deep and laid his foundation on a rock. He got revelation knowledge. He paid the price. When the same storm came, he just went in the house and shut the door. The Bible said he felt no harm.

God is no respecter of persons. God is a respecter of faith.

21. Build your house

- Build it strong. Dig deep in the Word of God and lay your foundation on the rock.

- Get the eyes of your understanding enlightened. That's got to be the quest of your life. That's got to be your number one quest.
- Remember, there are only two (2) things that matter here; what you see and what you say. That's it.

That's the realm God works in; seeing and saying. That's where He works. Hallelujah! Praise God! Amen!

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Introduction

The Bible itself is called the Word of Faith. The whole Bible is the Word of Faith. *Romans 10:8* says, "...*the word of faith is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart...*" That is the Word of Faith, Paul said, that we preach. It's faith from Genesis to Revelation. It's all about faith. You can't approach God without faith.

Hebrews 11:1-3. *Hebrews, Chapter 11* explains and gives testimony of people who lived by faith and I want to encourage you, if you haven't ever read the whole eleventh (11th) Chapter or if it's been a while since you've read the eleventh (11th) Chapter of Faith from beginning to end, to do so. Do you want to do a great study? Go back and read the story, the account, of all of these people that are in *Hebrews, Chapter 11*. It's called the Hall of Faith in the Bible. These people are all examples of faith that pleases God. *Hebrews 11:6* said, "*But without faith it is impossible to please Him...*" These are people that, their faith was so pleasing to God that He put their stories in the Bible as an example for us. Praise the Lord!

The Definition of the "Gift of Faith": A special endowment given to someone called upon to exercise an extraordinary capacity of trust, to enable someone to accomplish God's purpose despite every contrary, contradictory circumstance of life. God supernaturally empties him of any doubts and fills him or her with special faith. It is the special dispensation God grants a believer when the task he has given that believer requires more than ordinary or general faith.

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Faith is the victory that overcomes the world and Jesus is the Author and Finisher of your faith. He is the one who is going to speak the Word of Faith into your heart and get you going, He's the one that's going to help you overcome the fears that come up in your life, and He's going to be the one that helps you finish your Faith Walk. Hallelujah! Say it with me, "I'm going all the way!" I'm going to finish this thing. Praise God. I'm going to finish what I start, by faith. Praise God.

God calls the things that be not as though they were. That's where Abraham learned it. That's what changed his physical condition, changed his whole life and turned his world around. We really have had a Faith School here for a number of weeks. I feel like this is one of those special anointed series that should be in your library. Everybody should have this and go back over and over it again. This one will keep feeding you, for a long time....

Then there is something called Shipwrecked Faith....

1. Shipwrecked Faith

I. I Timothy 1:18-19

- This is the result of listening to false teaching.
- This is people who started out in faith, listening to the truth of God's word, but then they start believing false teaching and their faith gets shipwrecked.

II. 1 Timothy 4:1

- This is the same as shipwrecked faith. They departed from the faith because they *"listened to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."*
- Seduction means to be drawn away from something. When you're seduced you are drawn away. The Bible says seducing spirits will draw you away from the truth, draw you away from the Word of God.

T.V. is all about seduction. Everything you see is seduction out there in the world. That's those seducing spirits; seduction in the natural realm, seduction in the spiritual realm. Those same devils are working to seduce people away from the truth of the Gospel, draw them away a little bit at a time with false teaching; doctrines of devils. These are teachings that are inspired by demon spirits.

2. Many people have started out good...

- They started out in faith, started out strictly with the Word of God, and then were drawn away and seduced and departed from the faith.
- They no longer believe. They may believe in God, but they don't believe everything they used to believe *about* God.
- You know what I'm saying? They still believe in God but they don't believe everything that they were taught. They got drawn away or seduced away.

For example, let's take healing because healing comes through faith. Some people were taught that healing was in the atonement, that when Christ died for our sicknesses, He died for our sins. That's what the Bible teaches. Not only did Jesus bare our sins but He bore our sicknesses. Hallelujah! Isn't that good news? That means if FORGIVENESS is available, HEALING is available! And it takes the same faith to receive forgiveness as it takes to receive healing. One is no harder than the other. You say, "Where do you find that in the Bible, Brother John?" I'm glad you asked....

Do you remember the story where Jesus said, "Which is easier to say; Son, thy sins be forgiven thee, or rise, take up thy bed and walk...?" Do you remember that? Well, what was he saying? He said one is not any harder than the other. If you can believe God forgives you of your sins, you can believe God heals your body.

And if you believe God has forgiven you, you don't keep asking God to forgive you, do you? If you believe God has forgiven you, you don't go around acting like condemned sinners on your way to hell anymore do you? You act like a forgiven person. You act like a person that's righteous now before God and you praise God and you have joy and peace and happiness. You act accordingly.

Well, if you believe when you pray that God has healed you and you except your healing by faith, then you don't go around crying about being sick all the time and acting like a sick person.

You start believing that you are healed according to your prayer and start acting that way. Start doing what you couldn't do before. Glory to God.

3. The same faith that receives FORGIVENESS receives HEALING

- Why is that? It's because the same price was paid for both!
- Faith comes for both the same way. You must hear the *teaching* of the Word of God on forgiveness. You must hear the *teaching* of the Word of God on healing.
- You must understand that it all happened in the atoning work of Christ; that it was done at Calvary. It's all done.
- It's done as far as God is concerned. Now it has to become done with you. Hallelujah. You have to put it in the past tense and make it a finished work.

What's done with God has to be done with you.

That's what Abraham did. He called those things which be not as though they were. He considered it done. When God said, "You are the father of a multitude." Abraham said, "I'm the father of a multitude. God if you say it's done, then I'll say it's done. I'm in agreement with God. It's done." That's what faith does.

4. The finished Work of Christ is where all of our needs were met

- He bore our sins so we could be forgiven.
- He bore our sicknesses so we could be healed.
- He bore our poverty so we could be rich.

You say, "Where do you find that in the Bible, Brother John? I was always taught that money is the root of all evil!" The Bible doesn't say, "Money is the root of all evil." The Bible said, "*The love of money* is the root of all evil." If you don't love it, you can have all you can get! Hallelujah!

I. II Corinthians 8:9

- Some people didn't even know that was in the Bible!
- When Jesus died on the cross a great exchange took place. That should have been YOU and that should have been ME, but He took our place. It's called substitution. Christ was our substitute at Calvary.
- All the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. The penalty was upon Him. The consequences of sin and disobedience are to be separated from God, plus sickness, disease, and poverty. Everything under the curse is all a result of sin.
- Seducing spirits will tell you, "That's speaking about *spiritually* rich, Brother John." How many have heard that before?
- Well if you go back and read all of *II Corinthians, Chapters 8 and 9*, it's not talking about spiritual. It's talking about money.
- The whole two (2) Chapters are talking about an offering Paul took for the Church in Jerusalem and he was talking about sowing and reaping.

Some people come along who have been seduced by a spirit that has told them, “*God doesn’t want you to be rich. He wants you to be poor and barely get along. He’ll meet all your needs not your wants.*” How many have heard that one?

II. Romans 8:32

- “All things” includes not only needs but wants. If it didn’t, it would read, “.....some things that we need...”
- Do you see how those seducing spirits can get in there and twist up the meaning of Word of God?
- Somebody seduced a person into believing that God wants you to just barely get along and have barely enough and, you know, money is evil. So therefore, in order for us to believe that lie, we have to take scriptures like *II Corinthians Chapters 8 and 9* that are clearly talking about money and say, “That’s talking about *spiritual riches*.” Now you have just misinterpreted the Bible.

Is anybody following me here tonight?

5. The blessing of Abraham

I. Galatians 3:13-14

- Jesus bore our sin. He bore our sickness. He bore our poverty.
- Christ took the curse of Adam and gave us the blessing of Abraham, the guy God made a covenant with.
- That curse involves everything that you can think of, every sickness and disease.

II. Deuteronomy 28:58-61

- This is all under the curse, the curse of the broken law.
- Let me tell you some good news. Christ fulfilled the law! Hallelujah!

III. Romans 10:4

- We might have broken the law, but Jesus fulfilled the law and kept the law perfectly. He did that so the blessing could be transferred to you and me. Then He went to the cross.
- When He went to the cross He took the curses upon himself of disobedience, the curses that belonged to the people who broke the law. Even every disease that’s not even named in the Book was on Christ.
- Christ became our substitute. He said, “I’m going to take what they deserve and they’re going to get what I deserve.”

Say it with me, “I’m not getting what I deserve! I’m getting what Jesus deserves!” That’s what it means when the Bible says, “...*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law...*” He redeemed. He paid a ransom price. That’s what the word Redemption means; to pay a ransom. What was the ransom? It was His own blood. It was His own life. He went and died

as a disobedient sinner so that we could live as a righteous person and have all the blessings of righteousness upon our life. Hallelujah!

Say it with me, "I am redeemed from the curse of the law that the blessing of Abraham might come on my life. I am already blessed. Everything Jesus deserves belongs to me because I am in Christ." Now listen. That cancels out the idea that you deserve to be sick. That cancels out the idea that you deserve to be poor. That cancels out the idea that you deserve to die in a car wreck. That cancels out the idea that any bad thing ought to happen to your life. It's not God's will. It's not a blessing for any of that stuff to happen. That cancels out the idea that any of that stuff should happen to us.

6. Well, why does it happen?

I. Hosea 4:6

- God's people get destroyed because they don't know what they should know. Isn't that in the Bible?
- That's why you're here tonight. Because you're smart. You know you don't know it all yet. That's why I'm here because I don't know it all yet. I like to come because I'm learning too.
- When you know it all you don't have to come back, so I guess I'll see you next time.

This is what builds faith, when you understand this.

7. Everything under the curse is not allowable in your life

- Everything that is under the curse, that you read about in *Deuteronomy 28*, is not allowable in your life. It's unlawful.
- Christ has already ransomed you and redeemed you. You're in Christ and you're already blessed with the blessing of Abraham.
- The only thing that's allowable as far as God is concerned and lawful for your life is the blessing! As far as God's concerned.

8. Satan is a law breaker

- Satan is a criminal. That's why God made Hell, for satan and his angels because he will eternally be a criminal. He will always be a law breaker.
- God locks him up for a thousand (1000) years, lets him fry for a thousand (1000) years to find out what Hell is going to be like, lets him loose for a short time, and the first thing he does is start a rebellion.
- Do you see the mercy and grace of God? God is justified even in creating a Hell because He proved that satan, even after a thousand (1000) years, won't change. God didn't create Hell for man. He created it for satan and his angels.

Satan is an eternal criminal and he doesn't care what's lawful. That's why the Bible says, "... *whatsoever things you bind on earth will be bound in heaven...*" The amplified Bible says that whatever you allow on earth is allowed in heaven. So you have to find out what's lawful and loose it on the earth. I have to find out what's allowable and I have to loose what's allowable. I

have to loose according to the law, not the ten (10) commandments law, but the law of the Spirit, the finished Work of God in Christ Jesus.

I have to release what's allowable in my life and I do that by faith. I do it with my words and I resist what's not allowable.

When the devil is attacking your life and you understand that, wait a minute, I'm redeemed from the curse! I'm supposed to be blessed! This is not allowable! I'm not allowing this! You have to understand this. This is a key! When satan comes along and says to you, '...you know your mama had this and your daddy died of that and now it's your turn...' You have to tell the devil, "No! I'm in Christ Jesus and I've been redeemed from that curse and that is not allowable! I resist you and you are fleeing from me! I know what's lawful and what isn't lawful and I'm not allowing you to do that to me! I'm not going to allow it!" That's what it means to bind on earth.

You allow, you loose on earth what's already loosed in heaven. You allow on earth what's already allowed in heaven. You are enforcing the law! That's what it means to bind it and loose it! You tell the devil, "No! You stop! I forbid you to do that! That's not allowable! When you put your foot down and you tell the devil, "I know what's allowable here and what's lawful and what isn't and I know this is illegal action and I'm enforcing the law on you and you stop it now in Jesus' name!" Guess what he's gonna have to do. He's gonna have to obey you. Hallelujah to God!

9. Resist the devil and he'll flee from you

- Make satan obey you!
- If we don't know what's lawful and what isn't lawful then we'll accept whatever the devil brings because somebody told us, "You never know what God's will is. It may be the Lord allowing you to have cancer so you can become more compassionate for those that do!" I'm already compassionate. I've got the love of God shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost.
- I don't need cancer to make me compassionate. I'm compassionate because I have God's divine nature in me.

You see how those lies come along and people that don't know the truth, they believe the lie. Their faith is shipwrecked. They're seduced away from the truth and when you get away from the truth you are open game. Just like a sheep that strays from the flock, out from under the supervision and care of the shepherd. The wolves will have you for lunch. That's why we are called to walk with the flock, under covering and under spiritual authority because that's where the safety is. Can I get an Amen here tonight? And there are people that have been seduced away from that truth.

I've had people tell me that, "Well the Lord just told me to stay home from Church for a while." I say, "No, the Lord didn't tell you that. I'm sorry that's not scriptural. He didn't tell you that. He didn't tell you to stay home from Church." You didn't come to Church for some other reason but it wasn't God telling you not to come. He's the same one that said not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. So how can God go against Himself? Tell you one thing in the Bible and then tell you to do something contrary to the Bible? You're being seduced.

Seducing spirits, doctrines of demons; if you don't know the truth, you'll believe a lie. If you believe a lie, you'll go into bondage and captivity and satan will do whatever he wants to do in your life. That's why Jesus said in *John 8:32*, "*If you continue in my word then you are my disciples indeed and you will know the truth and truth shall set you free.*"

10. Jesus was a righteous man

- Jesus was a righteous man fulfilling the law, tempted in all ways like as we are, yet without sin. He was a righteous man. He was a man in right standing with God.
- *Romans 10:4*, Christ fulfilled the law in His earthly life. He met all the requirements of the law. He's the end of the law. It's finished. The end. He finished it as a man.
- He deserved all the blessings. We broke the law. We don't. Now I'm not righteous by keeping the law. I'm righteous by believing in Jesus, because He fulfilled the law for me. I don't get righteous by fulfilling the law. He already fulfilled the law. I get righteous by faith, by believing in Him. Are you getting this?

Now think with me. This is a thinking time. Think about this: Jesus was a righteous man, a man who perfectly fulfilled the law, right? No curse could touch Him. Many people think that Jesus could pass through the midst of them when they came to stone Him because He was God in the flesh. No. Many people think He laid His hands on lepers and didn't get it because He was God. Many people think everything Jesus did in the Gospels was because He was God. But that's not true. Jesus, even though He was God, pre-existed as God, He was also man in the image of God, man as he was meant to be.

When you look at Jesus in the Gospels, that's how you're meant to be, man as he was meant to be. That's what it means to be man in the image of God, man as he was meant to be. This is Christianity I'm talking about here tonight. This is Christianity; Christ-likeness. So Jesus was a man who was fulfilling the law, living a perfect, sinless life and because of that he could lay hands on lepers and it was unlawful for leprosy to get on Him. *John 14:30*, Jesus said, "...*the prince of this world comes but he has no place in Me...*" He has no window of opportunity to touch my life because I am a righteous man and I'm righteous because I'm living sinless.

No part of the curse could touch Jesus. Nothing, not sickness, not death, not poverty, nothing; nothing could touch Him because He was a sinless righteous man; man in the image of God. That's why He could live the way He lived. Now, when Christ died on the cross, he died as thought He was the sinful law breaker and He passed on the blessing to us as though we were the obedient, sinless ones who never broke the law and that, my brothers and sisters, is the potential that you and I can live in.

If we ever get that revelation inside of us, to understand that, "...*as Christ is even so are we in this world...*" to understand that as far as God is concerned, it's the same as Jesus living and walking here. I am the Body of Christ. God made me that way. There was a great exchange. He became everything that I was that I might become everything that He is. Glory to God. There was a great exchange that took place.

Now, when my mind is renewed to that and I understand who I am in Christ and I understand that it is now unlawful, just as it was when Jesus was here in *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*, it was unlawful for anything to touch Him because He was a righteous, sinless man, and now that I am in Christ, God views me as the same righteous, sinless man, then it becomes unlawful for anything in this earth to touch me! I can say, “The prince of this world comes but he has no place in me!” I’m talking about a great exchange here! I’m talking about the reality of redemption in Christ! I’m talking about what God did for us through Christ and His finished work!

11. Very few people ever live up to it

- Very few people ever reach for that. Very few people ever even know that it's even possible for them.
- That what was unlawful for Jesus in His earth walk is unlawful for you now. That's why you don't have to fear cancer. That's why you don't have to fear aids. You don't have to fear sugar diabetes. You don't have to fear any of it.
- It's unlawful for all that stuff, in a legal sense, to touch you. Do you understand what I'm saying? In a legal sense, it is unlawful for any of that to touch you.

We still have to live obediently as Christians or we give place to the devil.

12. Give no place to satan

I. Ephesians 4:27

- Jesus didn't give the devil a place.
- The devil was looking for a place so bad in Jesus' life that when he tempted him, in *Matthew, Chapter 4*, on the cross, he was looking for a way, tempting Jesus in every which way, trying to get a hold on His life, but Jesus would not give the devil any place. He wouldn't be foolish. But we do foolish things.
- The Bible has given us all the Book of Proverbs, and all these scriptures and all this wisdom, the Holy Ghost, to make us wise so that we don't give the devil any advantage over our life because he goes about “...as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour...” He's looking for a window of opportunity in your life even though it's unlawful for him to do it!

The number one thing he has against us is our ignorance. “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...*” The second thing the devil uses against us is disobedience. We know better but we do it anyway. Just because we're redeemed and we have a lawful, legal, inheritance and right standing with God doesn't mean now that we can do anything we want and live as rebels and we're gonna walk in the blessing anyway, because it's not gonna happen.

13. You have to walk in the light as He is in the light

- “*To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*” When you know what's right to do, you do it.
- You have to balance this whole thing out. You should take care of yourself and be practical. Follow the practical instructions of the Bible because when you do,

you have confidence in your life. When you know you're doing the right thing you have confidence.

I. 1 John 3:21-24

- Believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ. Put your faith in the finished work.
- Faith in the finished work means what was not allowable for Jesus, any of the curse, in his earth walk, is now not allowable for you.
- You're redeemed. That's good news isn't it?

14. Walk in love

- If I'm going to live in unforgiveness, if I'm going to hold bitterness in my life, and I'm going to refuse to forgive people when God hasn't refused to forgive me, then I have opened a door to the devil.
- You have to walk in love. You have to live in faith. You cannot live in faith when you're disobeying the truth that you know to do. Just do the truth.
- Then your confidence level is up. Your faith is up. You can resist the devil and he'll flee from you. You can apply the Word of God in your redemption.

Even if you goofed up, as soon as you repent, everybody in here is probably going to do that in about a minute, you say, "God forgive me! Jesus, help! Forgive me!" And He says, "Done." Mercy. Done. OK, you're right again. Now tell the devil, "Get out of here." Start resisting the devil.

The fact is, when you haven't been doing right, even though you receive forgiveness, you have what's called "sin consciousness." You still remember yourself and it's hard to be confident when you have "sin consciousness", when you're still feeling bad about what you've done. You have to get over that "sin consciousness" and get back to being "righteousness conscience", I am forgiven. Hallelujah! The blood has cleansed me and I am in right standing with God. Now devil, get your stuff and get out of here! Go from me! That's not allowable anymore, devil. I gave you a little place, but I took it back! Hallelujah!

15. You have to know it

- Revelation knowledge knows it. It's revealed to you by the Spirit of God. It's a part of you. You know it. You're not just wondering about it.
- You're going to wonder about *information*, but with *revelation*, you're not going to wonder anymore. You're going to *know* it.
- Meditate in the Word of God day and night and revelation knowledge will come.

Did you find out anything tonight? You're redeemed. There was a great exchange that took place. Christ was your substitute. He took everything that was lawful against you on Him and now all that was lawful against you because of sin and disobedience and the curse is now unlawful because you are the righteousness of God in Christ. Now it's up to you and me to bind on earth what's already bound in heaven, release on earth what's released there, allow here what's allowed there, and don't permit what God says is not permissible against your life. Hallelujah! Lord, thank you for your word tonight.

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Introduction

Hebrews 4:1-7

1. God's promises do not require the "Gift of Faith" to receive them

I. II Corinthians 1:20

- This is a verse everyone should memorize.
- "Amen" means so be it or it is so. It's done. It is so.
- You have to put it in the past tense. You're really not in faith until you've put it in the past tense.

You can hear the Word of God preached to you many, many times, over and over again, be stimulated by it, be informed and excited by it, but unless we mix faith with it, it won't benefit or profit us one iota. That's why many times people are in Church year after year after year and their situation doesn't change, even though they've heard everything they need to hear to turn their world around, because the Bible says, the Word that was preached did not benefit or did not profit. This tells me one thing: God wants you to profit from the preaching of the Word of God. Amen? He wants you to profit from the Word.

Several years ago, I stepped out the front door of my house in Asheville, North Carolina, I stepped out the front door and the Holy Spirit spoke to me just as plain as I'd ever heard Him. He said, "*Enter into the finished work of every Word...*" I want you to write that down and think about it. Meditate on it, and think on it a little bit. "*Enter into the finished work of every Word.*"

2. When God speaks His Word, it's done

- It's a finished work.
- We have to consider it to be a finished work as well. "...*They which have believed do enter into rest...*" I'm resting now because I know it's done. It's a finished work. It's already done. Praise the Lord.
- We enter into rest by putting it in the past tense and by calling those things which be not as though they were. This is how you mix faith with what you heard God speak to your heart.

When you hear God's voice, don't harden your heart. Don't resist that. Don't resist what God spoke to you. Receive it. Believe it. Enter into the rest, the finished work of it. God has spoken many things to me. Some of them I've put in the past tense and entered into the rest, the finished work of that Word, some, I didn't. I had to go back and repent and remind myself of the things God spoke to me that I didn't mix my faith with.

So if God speaks a Word to your heart and says, “*You’re healed. By my stripes you are healed,*” that scripture comes alive to you and it’s quickened in your spirit, then you put it in the past tense and you enter into the finished work of God. I’ll tell you how to get God to “quicken” that Word to you...

3. There’s a difference between the *written* Word of God and the *spoken* Word of God

I. John 1:1

- The written word is called the “logos” in scripture. “Logos” means the total concept of God. Jesus was the Word. He was the total concept.

II. Hebrews 1:1-3

- Jesus is the express image of God.
- When God said Jesus is the Word, the “Logos”, He meant Jesus is the revelation of everything I am.
- He’s the total concept, the complete picture of everything God is in human form. He’s the Word made flesh.

There’s another Greek word that’s translated w-o-r-d into English. It’s the Greek word “rhema.” Rhema means the spoken word. It means the God-breathed life word that God has breathed into YOU. It’s been quickened to you, made *alive* to you. Hallelujah.

III. Hebrews 4:12

- “Quick” is an old English word that means *living*.
- God makes this “logos” *alive* to you. When it becomes *alive* to you, it becomes powerful.
- That’s what releases the Power of God in our life, when His Word becomes *alive* to US. It becomes a living thing and not just a dead letter that I read everyday just like I read any other book.

Sometimes we can read the Bible like we read any other book and it becomes boring. Hello. You all are not being honest. Say Amen... Try reading the Book of Numbers for fun. See how long you enjoy that.

4. You have to study the Word of God

I. II Timothy 2:15

- You don’t read the Bible like you do any other book. You read it that way, but you don’t *only* read it that way.
- You have to study the Word of God. In order for the *written* word to become the *living* word, you have to do more than read it.
- In order for the Word of God to become alive and powerful, and release and impart power to your life that will change your situation and your circumstance, it has to go from “Logos” to “Rhema.”

- It has to become God-breathed to YOU. It has to become quickened, made alive. That's when faith comes.

II. Romans 10:17

- That word there is not Logos, its rhema. "...So then faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the *rhema*..." The God-breathed Word. The Word that comes alive to you.

How many have had that happen in your life? You're reading it and you just get stuck on it for a while, you meditate on it, and all of a sudden popcorn goes off! How many have had some popcorn go off? Hallelujah! It just starts popping for you.

III. I Thessalonians 5:23-24

- The word peace there is "shalom." You have to go from "*logos*" to "*rhema*."
- Shalom means to be complete, nothing missing, nothing broken. You have everything you ought to have. When the Hebrews would say, "Shalom," to you, it meant, "Be complete. Have everything God has for you."
- He's called the God of Peace; The God of Have Everything You're Supposed to Have; The God of Completeness. That word "wholly" means to be complete.
- This is a case for healing right here.

You have to understand Saints. Paul was talking to Christians in Thessalonica who thought the Lord was going to return in their lifetime. The Christians in the first (1st) century thought Jesus was coming back before they died. So in that context, he was talking to people who thought they were going to live to see Jesus return. So Paul was saying, "When the Lord comes back, in your lifetime, presumably, you're gonna be whole, nothing missing, nothing broken, in spirit, soul and body." Hallelujah!

Now when I put that in the context of my life, I was meditating on it and that thing started "popping" to me. I connected, got a piece, with "wholly", completeness, and the Lord was saying to me, "John, in your lifetime, if the Lord doesn't come in your lifetime, that's o.k. Nevertheless, it was spoken to people who believed that He was coming in their lifetime." So, therefore, it applies that way to my life. All of my life, the God of Peace is going to keep me whole. He's going to preserve me, not pickle me. He's going to preserve me blameless, above reproach, no fault there, in my spirit, soul, and body.

That quickened to me and I started confessing, "...*faithful is He that called you who also will do it...*" You can depend on God. Faithful means dependable. Say this with me everybody, "I can depend on God." What are you gonna depend on God to do? You're going to depend on Him to be the God of Peace and to preserve you and to keep you whole in spirit, soul, and body, nothing missing, nothing broken, until Jesus comes or until you leave this world. Hallelujah! If you have a part in your body that is broken, *shalom* means nothing missing, nothing broken. If you have a part in your body that's broken or if you have an organ that is malfunctioning, or a liver, or a kidney, I just keep hearing this word, "*Cancer*", no matter what it is, you have to start claiming that God is a God of Peace, of wholeness, of shalom. Start confessing, "God is the God of Peace and I will be whole all of my life; until I die or until Jesus comes. Hallelujah!" Is that good to anybody? Did anybody get anything out of that?

5. You have to mix faith with it

- This is how you mix faith with it: You put it in the past tense.
- Enter into the finished work of every Word that God spoke.
- If you don't mix faith with it, it's not going to profit you. From the moment that Word was spoken, you have to consider it done.

When you're resting you're not worried. Can I get an Amen? How many worry all night? Are you worrying when you're sleeping? No. Maybe some folks do, but no you don't worry all night. You rest. That's what He meant. Put the work in the past tense. It's done. It's not going to profit you until you do what God said to do: Mix faith with what you heard. Put it in the past tense. It's already done.

6. God told them that's your land, but the giants were still living in it

I. *Numbers 13:26-29*

- They had to be the ones to go up and dis-possess the land. They had to drive out all of the inhabitants. They had to go up and say, "Hey this isn't your land anymore. It's ours."
- God was sending them to a land that "flowed with milk and honey", a land where they would have everything they would ever need and want.

Isn't that what we do sometimes? God gives us a promise and then we come back and tell God all the problems about what He told us. God gives us a Word and we come back and tell Him, "But God, nevertheless, I know what you said Lord, BUT...Have you seen the giants? Have you seen the problem? Have you heard about the economy? Have you heard the doctor's report? Have you...?" Hello. Many times God will speak to us and we'll start telling God what the devil said about it. That's what's happening right here.

II. *Numbers 13:30-31*

- That's something you and I have to learn to do: "Still" ourselves and quit talking about everything the devil said and all the reasons why it can't happen. Hallelujah!
- The people were putting their confidence in their own strength. They weren't putting their trust in the Lord. They were putting their trust in themselves. "We can't do what you said God because I've assessed myself and I'm really not able to do it..."
- It's the Lord who is going to perform His Word. Hallelujah! "...*Faithful is He that promised who also will bring it to pass...*" All you're supposed to do is believe it! Enter into the finished work! Enter into the rest! Put it in the past tense!

It's ours! All the promises of God are Yea and Amen! So be it! It's mine! It's done! I have it already! I just heard this in my spirit. Now listen. You have to get this because I'm talking by revelation here. I'm telling you right now I just heard the Spirit of God for somebody in here and everybody who will grab it can take it. Say it with me, "My house is paid for!" Hallelujah! Your house is paid for! I'm telling you, tonight, the Word of Wisdom. God is speaking that from what

I'm teaching you! He's giving you a living illustration of it! Now you have to possess that land! Your house is paid for! That's a Word of the Lord! That's a *rhema* to YOU! Take it!

Is that for you? It's for whosoever will. But you're taking it! Amen? God spoke that to my spirit, right then. *You're house is paid for.* What you're going to have to do is "still yourself" from saying, "Yeah but, how's that gonna happen?" or "I don't even have a job..." God knew all that when He said it, didn't He? That doesn't mean anything to Him. Hallelujah! Give the Lord some praise! Just receive it.

Now you have to put it in the past tense. You have to say, "My house is paid for." You may say, "But I have a twenty-five (25) year mortgage..." I think God knew that when He said, "*Your house is paid for.*" This is how faith works. Rhema, the living Word of God, quickened by the Spirit of God, becomes alive and full of power.

7. The power to pay off your house was released when that Word was spoken

- Now you have to mix faith with it. Enter into the finished work of it. Put it in the past tense. It's a done deal.
- When God said it, it was done. Every Word is a finished work.
- If we can get the People of God into this realm of faith, that's where the miracles happen. If we can get people to put it in the past tense, calling it done; Yes, Amen, So be it, It is so... That's what He said in *II Corinthians 1:20*.
- *Your house is paid for.* Hallelujah!

8. If you don't act quickly when you hear the Word of God, satan will come and steal it

I. Mark 4: 14-15

- That's why Caleb said in *Numbers 13:30* "Stop all that unbelief and let's move NOW!"

Think with me for a minute now, Saints. Let's look at this picture. These people had been slaves for four hundred (400) years. They haven't held a sword for four hundred (400) years. They don't even know how to fight. All they know how to do is make bricks. They were slaves. They hadn't been trained for war. They were slaves with a slave mentality. They didn't have a victorious army mentality. They had a slave mentality. They were told what to do every day. They were beat with whips every day. Do you know how people get when they're treated that way? Have you ever seen people that have been abused? They don't have a conquering attitude do they?

They run around with their head down, fearful, and dependent. These people were slaves for four hundred (400) years, but look at Caleb. Caleb was a man of faith. Caleb said, "We are well able to overcome it." Caleb said, "They're bread for us. We're well able to overcome them." Caleb wasn't putting his confidence in himself. Caleb said it doesn't have anything to do with us. We have the Word of God. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world!

II. Numbers 13:31-32

- An evil report is a report of unbelief; a report of all the reasons you can't; why it won't happen.
- Faith doesn't speak anything but the finished work. Write that down in your spirit. Faith doesn't talk about what it sees (with the 5 senses). Faith doesn't talk about the obstacles. Faith doesn't talk about the impossibilities. Faith talks about the finished work.
- You have to ask yourself a question. Am I one of these Caleb people? Or am I one of these other ten (10)? Only two (2) out of the twelve (12) really believed God's Word and mixed faith with it (Joshua and Caleb). The rest refused to believe. They wouldn't enter into the finished work.
- They couldn't look at all of those giants and in spite of that say, "It's already done."

They couldn't look at it and speak the end result and say, "It's ours anyway." Say it with me everybody, "It's ours anyway!" They couldn't do it, but Joshua and Caleb could do it. If you don't do that then God says it's an evil report.

9. They didn't see themselves the way God saw them

I. Numbers 13:33

- Caleb and Joshua saw themselves the way God saw them; that they were more than conquerors, that they were well able to possess the land, they were overcomers. They weren't grasshoppers in God's eyes.
- Because they had that view of themselves, they thought that's how other people saw them. "*We're grasshoppers in our own eyes and in their sight too...*" The devil doesn't see you as a grasshopper.
- The devil sees you in Christ. He sees you as a Child of God! He knows what you don't know about you! He's more scared of you than you are of him! Hallelujah! Give God some praise!

If you don't see the devil as defeated, if you don't see sickness as defeated, if you don't see poverty as defeated, they are always going to be giants to you. Those things have already been defeated at Calvary. Hallelujah! Amen! Christ has been made a curse for us. He's already defeated all of our enemies for us! When you see that and you understand Christ's victory, you're not going to be moved by what you see. You'll look at it and say, "You're a defeated foe. Cancer, you're a defeated foe already. Lack, you're a defeated foe in my life." Hallelujah! Lack is gone from me! Lack is gone from my life! It's out of here! I have abundance and no lack! The devil is a liar!

They brought up an evil report because the evil report was based upon the way they viewed themselves. They had no faith at all in what God said. God wasn't happy with all that. He said all these people are going to have the very thing that they said in my ears, what I've heard them say, that's what they are going to have. And a whole generation died in the wilderness. They got what they said except for 2 people, Joshua and Caleb. They went up and possessed the land, after forty (40 years), after all of those other people died off. A new generation was raised up and Joshua and Caleb led the way.

10. God's Promised Land to you is an exceeding good land

I. Numbers 14:7

- God's Promised Land to you is an exceeding good land. The place God wants you to dwell is an exceeding good land. Do you see that? Not just an O.K. land, an exceeding good land.

A Word from the Lord

I hear the Lord saying, "*I have marked you people, I have marked you, all of you, for an exceeding good land, for a new home. Where you are dwelling, says the Lord, is not where I intend for you to live. I have a new home for you and it's called the Canaan Land, the Promised Land, and it is an exceeding good land. So get ready to move. Prepare to pack up and move on in your life, saith the Lord, for there is a new destiny before you. I'm taking you into an exceeding good land in your life tonight, saith the Lord God.*"

Hallelujah! Give the Lord some praise! Where you're living is not the land God appointed for you! It's not exceedingly good. It's o.k. Did you get that? God's got an exceedingly good land for you! He just spoke that tonight. He's moving us! I believe it! God's not in the "o.k." business; acceptable, good enough. God's in the "exceedingly good" business. My Lord, I'm getting excited! I don't know about you, but I'm receiving all this for myself! I've heard about six (6) prophetic words here tonight and I'm receiving every one of them! I don't know about you! I'm eating, feasting at the table here.

II. Numbers 14: 8-9

- Do you see that? He calls those things which be not as though they were! Put it in the past tense! Do you see it? "*Their defense is departed from them...*" It's gone now! It's gone!
- Joshua and Caleb said, "*They're bread for us...*" Their defense is taken from them. They don't know it yet, but they're helpless against us...Do you know the devil is helpless against you?
- Sickness and disease; *Cancer* is defenseless against you! The defense has been departed! God has stripped it from all its authority over your life!

Hallelujah!

11. Take nothing that the devil is offering

- No lack, no sickness, no poverty.
- I'm not having any of those things! I'm not cursed! I'm blessed!
- "*The blessing of the Lord maketh rich and he adds no sorrow with it...*"

Start calling those things that be not as though they were. I am blessed! I am above only and not beneath! I am the head and not the tail! I'm blessed going out and blessed coming in! Everything I lay my hand to prospers! Hallelujah! Faith never talks anything but the finished work! Anything else is an evil report!

Are you getting that tonight? That is a nugget to write down, being dropped in your spirit! Faith only speaks the end result, the finished work! Anything else, the Bible said, is called an evil report!

12. How fast do you want to turn your situation around?

- Mix faith with what you heard. Put it in the past tense and only talk about the finished work.
- Put it in the past tense! “*...they which have believed do enter into rest...*” Speak of it as though it is done!
- What are you speaking over your children? What are you speaking over your marriage? What are you speaking over your money? What are you speaking over your body? What are you speaking over Fairmont? What are you speaking over our Church? What are you speaking over our Country?

“A man shall have joy by the answer of his mouth and with the increase of his lips he shall be filled...”

I got a message the other day, down in Ashville. I was in the living room, putting up new curtain rods. Becky was putting up drapes. While I was up there on my chair, I was praying in tongues and meditating on a scripture. I had to get down and write down a five (5) point sermon that God gave to me on *How to Release the Joy of the Lord in your Life*. Oh Lord, have mercy. You can't wait to hear that one, brother. I got it. I'm gonna share that here soon...

But anyway, it didn't look like their defense was gone. They had all of their swords, and their shields, and their spears and the Israelites had nothing! They were looking at all this armory and weaponry and Caleb was saying, “*Their defense is gone from them...*” That's called calling the things which be not as though they were. You got it? That's called putting it in the past tense. That's what Caleb did.

13. Caleb spoke what he believed

I. Numbers 14:9-12

- Caleb had no way of knowing this but by revelation.
- The people in unbelief want to stone the people in faith with stones! When you're living in faith and calling things that be not as though they were, people in unbelief will want to stone you. They'll think you're crazy because they don't understand it.
- How many have seen God work for you? How many are saved? Then you're a sign.

II. Numbers 14:20-24

- If you get in unbelief and doubt and won't mix faith with the Word of God, you'll lose your inheritance, everything Jesus died to give you that are already yours.
- How did they provoke God? By refusing to believe His Word and mix faith with what they heard and put it in the past tense. They kept looking at the giants.

- Caleb had the Spirit of Faith. The spirit they didn't have. *II Corinthians 4:13*, that's what Caleb did. He believed and he spoke it.

III. Numbers 14:28-30

- This is why we have Christians dying; being broke, being overcome by the devil because they won't mix faith with the Word of God.
- How do we mix faith? Put it in the past tense. Hallelujah! Can I get an Amen here?
- Enter into the finished work of every Word God spoke!

Take promises of God and meditate in them day and night. Speak them over and over to yourself, by faith! God will quicken them to you! They'll impart faith to you! And when the faith comes then the power is released and something's going to happen. The Word is going to be fulfilled in your life.

14. You should be saying what God said

- It wasn't God who said what was going to happen to them. It was *them* who said what was going to happen to them. God said, "*You're going to have what you said.*"
- Like Caleb, have a Spirit of Faith and say what God says.
- "*Their defense is gone from them...*" As soon as we get up in there, God's gonna start knocking them out! As soon as we believe God and act on His Word...

Caleb wouldn't allow any of that evil report that was in them to get in him. He stayed with the Word. I want to be a Caleb. Say it with me, "I'm a Caleb! I'm a Joshua! I have another spirit! I have a Spirit of Faith! The Spirit of Faith enables me to see all the problems and still say it's done! The Spirit of Faith enables me to put it in the past tense, to enter into my rest; the finished work of every Word that God has spoken! All God's promises are yes and amen to me! So be it! They are so! Now! In my life, it's a done deal!" Hallelujah! Give the Lord some praise! Praise God.

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Introduction

I Corinthians 12:7-11

The Definition of the “Gift of Faith”: A special endowment given to someone called upon to exercise an extraordinary capacity of trust, to enable someone to accomplish God’s purpose despite every contrary, contradictory circumstance of life. God supernaturally empties him of any doubts and fills him or her with special faith. It is the special dispensation God grants a believer when the task he has given that believer requires more than ordinary or general faith.

Nothing can stop you when you have the Gifts of the Spirit, the supernatural endowment of God, in your life.

We've talked about the fact that our faith grows. Everybody say it with me, "My faith can grow!" We talked about *II Thessalonians 1:3* where Paul said, "Your faith grows exceedingly..." Exceedingly growing faith; from Little Faith to Great Faith to Fully Persuaded Faith, we've talked about all of these different levels of faith in our life, but the Gift of Faith supersedes all of those. The Gift of Faith is really what we call God's Faith. It's the Holy Spirit actually believing in and through us. It's not our faith that we develop from hearing the Word of God.

People who have baby faith, who have never really developed their faith at all, may operate in a Gift of Faith even though they have baby faith. They may be new Christians and never really had time. They may get in a circumstance or a situation that requires more than the faith they have at that moment and God will believe through them. His Gift of Faith will operate in and through that believer. It will accomplish the extraordinary. The purpose of God will be accomplished.

Testimony

I remember in Kenya, this was in 1983, my first time in Kenya, and I was staying with some Kenyan believers. Some of them were high school teachers. I was teaching at a youth conference. I was teaching on the Gifts of the Spirit. As I was teaching on these things, I taught on the Gift of Faith, one of the school teachers, Isaac Muthama, was interpreting for me. Afterwards he said, "You know Brother John, now I know what happened. The Gift of Faith worked in my life one night. I didn't know what it was, but now I know what happened."

Now listen, I'm teaching *them* on the Gifts of the Spirit, right? He said, "We were all at a friend's house one night and two (2) or three (3) of us were sleeping in one bed. I woke up in the morning and the guy in the middle was dead. He was cold dead. He died during the night. Everybody started crying in the house, but something rose up in me and I couldn't accept the fact that he was dead. Something in me was saying, 'He's not dead. He's not dead.' But in

fact, he was physically dead and had been for several hours.” Something in him kept saying, “He’s not dead.” Hallelujah!

“So,” he said, “I called him by name and he sucked in a bunch of air, sneezed and coughed and woke up and got up out of the bed!” Hallelujah! This school teacher raised this guy from the dead that had been dead half the night, through a Gift of Faith and he didn’t even know what was operating in his life! You know what I said the next day? I said, “Hey, how about YOU finish teaching this lesson, brother!” I’m teaching it but you did it! You know? The Gift of Faith, Hallelujah!

Everybody say it with me, “All nine are mine!” The nine Gifts of the Holy Ghost. You have to claim them as yours! You have to confess it every day! You have to speak that, believe God and confess that you have the Gifts of the Spirit. You know what will happen? They’ll manifest when you least expect it. God will just manifest in that moment of need and work supernaturally through your life. Afterwards, you’ll look back and figure out what it was. Has anybody ever had that happen in their life? I’ve had it happen in my life.

A. The Gift of Faith

I. I Corinthians 13:1-2

- When the Gift of Faith comes, it’s *all faith*. There is no doubt mixed with it. It’s the Faith of God.
- That’s what Jesus meant when He spoke to the fig tree when He commanded it to dry up. When He spoke to His disciples He told them to have the Faith of God or one translation says the God kind of Faith.
- The Gift of Faith will remove mountains. Our faith may not be at the level at that point and time to move that mountain, but the Gift of Faith will come through and move it. God will add His faith to our faith and get the job done when it’s a task He has required of us to do.

You should never give up and say, “I don’t have enough faith.” Say, “Lord, give me the Gift of Faith! Add your faith to my faith, Lord, to get your purpose done! Hallelujah!”

Never give up. Never quit. Never confess, “I don’t have enough faith.” You may feel like you don’t, but if you do then just say, “Lord, add your faith to my faith. Give me the Gift of Faith.” Praise God. Get the job done.

B. A Gift of Faith for Provision

II. I Kings 17:1-7

- It is a time of famine in Israel. No one is eating. There is no rain. Elijah had the Gift of Faith to believe that he was going to eat, supernaturally, when everybody else was starving and that ravens were going to bring him his breakfast and his dinner.
- Faith will bring your provision. The Gift of Faith will bring your provision against all contradictory circumstances.
- You don’t have to worry in a time of recession. Hallelujah!

A Word from the Lord

You don't have to worry in a time of recession, the Lord says. For I have given unto you the Gifts of my Spirit. I've given unto you supernatural endowment, supernatural ability, and you can bring things to pass in an hour when no one else can get it done. You can have what others can't have. You can do what others can't do because you're not the same as everybody else, says the Lord. You're my people. You're my Church. You're my body. You're anointed and filled with the Holy Ghost so declare it! Declare that you are the Body of Christ! Declare that you have the Gifts of the Spirit! Declare that you are filled with the knowledge of God and that the power of God works in you!

In the day when others can't do it and don't have it, you will have abundance, and you will stand tall in the land, and you will be fed, says the Lord. You will be fed supernaturally because my Spirit will bring it to you through the Gift of Faith. So use it! Hallelujah! Use it in your life!

Give the Lord some praise! Hallelujah! Well that's good news right there, isn't it? That's wonderful! Don't you love it when God comes to talk to you? That excites me right there because I'm not subject to what this world is going through. They're in a recession. I'm in the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah! Are you hearing what I'm saying? They're having a recession but we are having a Kingdom! In the Kingdom of God there is seedtime and harvest! In the Kingdom of God there is abundance and no lack! In the Kingdom of God there's more than enough! Hallelujah to God!

Say it with me, "I have more than enough!" Yes! *Deuteronomy, Chapter 28*, says you shall be above only and not beneath. I was quoting that one day, *Deuteronomy 28*. As I was quoting it, the anointing got on that word *only*. It just got big in me and I heard the Lord saying to me, "You are above only and don't ever forget it, only. Don't ever except anything but being above; above sin, above sickness, above poverty, above weakness, above failure, above it all. You are above only and not beneath!" Hallelujah to God.

You have to set your sight there. I'm above only. Why? Because I'm in Christ! He has set me in heavenly places far above all principality and power. I'm so blessed I can't be stressed! Hallelujah! Let's give the Lord some praise!

Supernatural, that's how we live folks.

- You can call money to you. You can call the ravens to bring the bread and the flesh to you through faith.
- Elijah spoke these things. The Word of the Lord came to him, the Bible says. He spoke these things. When God spoke to him and said, "I've commanded the ravens..." You know what he said? "Hey ravens! Get over here with my bread and flesh! Come to me!" The ravens honed in on his words.
- When you speak the Word of God, it's like sending out a beam. Your angels find it and lock in and come right to you. Hallelujah!

The Gift of Faith for Provision; You and I have to understand that we are not limited to what the rest of the world apart from God is limited to. We bump up against all that stuff because we are in the world, but we're not subject to the same bondage that they are. We have that Gift of Faith. God is a creator. He can make something out of nothing with the Gift of Faith. He

created these worlds. He's still a creator. He'll create a job for you. You need to speak it. You need to command a job to come to you in Jesus' name if you need it.

Let the Gifts of the Spirit operate in your life. Live supernaturally. Hallelujah! Don't be limited. The Gift of Faith for Provision; I guarantee you I'm using it. I have the Gift of Faith for money. Every time I get up here and start calling, "Money come!" that Gift of Faith rises up in me and I cannot accept lack. There's nothing in me that can accept lack. It's the Gift of Faith that God gave me to bring finances. That same gift is imparted to you. Hallelujah! I said it's imparted to YOU! Hallelujah! Get your spiritual sensors out there! This thing is happening! It's imparted to you!

That's why it's so important that you get in that when we are calling it. Get it in your mouth. Let it be rubbed on and smeared onto you because you're never going to have lack when you have that gift in your life. You can't accept lack. Hallelujah.

We need faith for protection because there are wicked men. We need faith for provision because the in the world we live in there is lack and shortage.

C. A Gift of Faith for Protection

I. Daniel 6:18-23

- That takes a little extra measure of faith, wouldn't you say? How many of you would be as cool and calm as a cucumber if you went to the zoo and the zookeeper said, "We're going to throw you in with the lions and they haven't eaten for a week!"
- Daniel had the Gift of Faith on the inside of him. Daniel had a faith that was able to accomplish God's purpose despite the contrary and contradictory circumstance. This was a task he was given that required more than ordinary or general faith.
- He had supernatural faith for protection that those lions would not touch him, could not touch him, and they didn't.

We can have faith in this world to be protected from terrorists, from nuclear attacks, from whatever. I remember seeing in a vision, I saw myself. I faced a fireball. I saw a fireball explode and I was facing it because in the vision I could see me. I could see my back and I knew what my back looked like. I knew it was me. I saw me from the back. There I was standing there and I'm behind me looking at me and there's this nuclear explosion, a big fire ball. God told me I was going to see that but that I wouldn't be hurt by it.

Now I don't know where that's going to happen or when it's going to happen. But I know at some point and time in my life, I'm going to be face to face with a fire ball. It may be in this country. It may be in another country. I don't know. But I know one thing: I'm not going to be hurt when that time comes. I won't be hurt. Hallelujah! I won't be burned. That sounds crazy or ridiculous, I know, but it happened to me and I have faith to believe that. It's a Gift of Faith, faith for protection. You and I need that in this hour in which we live. Amen.

Say, "I have the Gift of Faith!" Absolutely. Confess that. Believe it. Hallelujah, praise you Jesus!

D. A Gift of Faith for Prevailing

I. Joshua 10:12-14

- Joshua looks at the situation and knows he needs more time to finish the battle. They were winning and they just needed more time. Something rose up in him. It had to be the Gift of Faith. No normal, ordinary, human being is going to tell the sun to stand still.
- The Gift of Faith rose up in him and he commanded nature. He commanded God's creation.
- The Gift of Faith can speed things up and the Gift of Faith can slow things down, supernaturally.

Personal Testimony

This is how people get translated in the spirit. I had this happen one time. In fact, Margaret Vis will remember it. I had gone to pick up John Kelly at the airport during our camp meeting a few years ago in Fairmont.

His plane came in late. He was scheduled to speak at seven o'clock (7:00). I picked him up at about six o'clock (6:00), something like that and we had to drive back from the airport. It's almost a two (2) hour drive. I knew we were not going to make it in time for the service to start. Margaret Vis prayed and something happened. We pulled up in Fairmont at about six forty-five (6:45). We got translated in the spirit. It was the weirdest thing.

Kelly and I looked at each other; we looked at our watches, and said this can't be. But it did happen. Hallelujah! I'm sure Margaret, in her prayer, had a Gift of Faith and she got something done. The time sped up. Time slowed down. We got to Church on time! Hallelujah! Do you believe that can happen? It did happen. We're talking about the Gifts of the Holy Ghost. That wasn't the Gift of Faith in me. It had to be a Gift of Faith in Margaret.

Anything God did there, He can do today for you and me. He's the same God. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen? That's why we need to believe God for the Gift of Faith. That's why I want you to understand the difference between General Faith, faith that comes by hearing and can grow. The Gift of Faith can't grow. The Gift of Faith is absolute. It's like this: God is love. God's love doesn't grow. Your love grows. My love grows. God's love doesn't grow. It's absolute. God's patience doesn't grow. Yours grows. Mine grows. It's called the Fruit of the Spirit. He already has it in the absolute sense.

His love is absolute. His faith is absolute. His joy is absolute. Did you know your joy grows and your joy increases and some days you have more joy than others? How many know what I'm talking about? Can you imagine joy that's absolute? God has joy that's absolute. The Bible said, "...*in the presence of the Lord is fullness...*" Joy in the absolute sense. Down here when we get a little bit of it, we can hardly stand it. You know? When God turns up the joy a little bit we laugh until our sides hurt.

We'll have our new glorified body when we get to Heaven and we're going to experience life in the absolute sense. Are you getting what I'm saying? We're going to experience love in the absolute sense. We'll be able to experience it at the level that God has it. We're growing in it

now. It's called the Fruit of the Spirit. His love doesn't grow. His faith doesn't grow. It's absolute. That's why it can do *anything*. Hallelujah!

Prayer

"Father God, in the name of Jesus, we believe tonight for the Gift, for a deposit of the Spirit of God in our lives here tonight and everywhere that we're being viewed, Father God that you are releasing Gifts of the Holy Ghost and an anointing in our life tonight. You're manifesting and stirring up the Gifts of the Holy Ghost in everybody under the sound of our voice, in Jesus' name, Lord. Hallelujah!"

Say it with me, "I got it!" Believe it! Activate it in your life. I want to give you the last part of my outline. I want to give you five (5) steps to strong faith. We finished up on the Gift of Faith now we're back to General Faith, your faith:

1. Surround yourself with that which produces faith

I. Proverbs 13:20

II. Matthew 8:23-27

III. Acts 4:13

The disciples' faith had grown in those three and a half (3 1/2) years. How did it grow? It grew by being with Jesus. Hallelujah! If you want to have strong faith, you have to get around people that have strong faith. Let me tell you four (4) of the people that you need to hang around with every day: *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*. You can do that by reading their writings.

Get in there and spend time with *Matthew* and get the faith off of *Matthew*, the revelation of *Matthew*; the authority of the Kingdom. Spend time with *Luke*. The healing ministry of Jesus is strong in *Luke*. Spend time with *Mark*. In *Mark*, the word "immediate" is a predominant word. Things happen immediately in *Mark*, not gradual but immediately. Hang around with *Mark* and you'll start seeing things happen immediately. Hang around with *John*. *John* is a mature son of God who walked in the fullness of the grace of God, *John 1:18*. Hang around with *John* and you'll start getting a vision of a fully mature son.

Hang around with these four (4) guys and you will grow. Hang around with these four (4) guys and you will flow. "*Hang around with these guys and you will know how to live the way I lived, says the Lord God.*" Hallelujah to God! Give Him some praise!

2. Build on the Word of God, not experience

I. Luke 6:46-48

- Don't wait until you are in a storm to develop your faith. Develop your faith when things are good and the day will come when you will need it.
- Some people believe God is going to do something for them because He did it for somebody else. Some people think, "Well God is going to heal me because

I saw Him heal Brother Billy Bob..." Not necessarily so. You can't build your life on a human experience. You have to build your faith on the Word of God.

- Never get discouraged if you see people get defeated or you see people coming and going or you see people overcome by this, that, and the other. That doesn't mean that it has to happen to YOU. My faith is built on the Word of God, not somebody else's experience.

3. Use your memory

I. Matthew 16:5-10

- Jesus told His disciples they need to use their memory to make their faith strong.
- Keep in mind the victories of the past to draw inspiration for the future.
- Sit and think about the miracles, the answers to prayer, the things you've seen Him do, and your faith will come right back up. Use your memory!

4. Live obediently

I. 1 John 3:22-23

- This is faith working.
- All the commandments are wrapped up into one great commandment: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Walk in love and do His will for your life. That's how you please God. Your faith will grow strong.
- You cannot have strong faith living in disobedience because you have sin-consciousness and guilt.

5. Live in humility

I. Matthew 17:21

II. John 5:44

- Living in humility is a key to strong faith. We don't seek to be honored by man. We seek to be honored by God. Amen?
- If we're still seeking man's honor, we won't believe because our faith is not directed toward the right object.
- I want God to honor me. I want to find out what it is that honors God. I want God to honor me so I have to honor Him. What you sow you reap. I have to find out how to live honorably before God.

Do those five (5) things and your faith will grow.

Closing Prayer

"Father God, it's been many weeks that we've talked about faith. You have been in it every time. Tonight again, Lord, you have spoken to us. You have built faith. You've encouraged us. You've equipped us. We've heard your voice here tonight, Lord. Yes. We leave refreshed. We

leave strengthened. We leave built up in the Holy Ghost because your Word was sent to build us up. We thank you for it. We receive every blessing, Lord that comes from you. We ask you, Lord, now that you will do what you said in your word, that you will bring to remembrance everything we've been taught. Holy Spirit, we invite you to bring us into remembrance of the things we've been taught so we can be doers of the Word and that our faith can grow strong. Not only will we have strong faith generally speaking, but we'll be available for the Gift of Faith and we'll recognize it when it flows in our life. We'll be your vessels of honor. Hallelujah, glory to God."