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Introduction

Faith is that spiritual force which opens humanity to a world of unlimited possibilities. Faith is a world of no limits; if you can believe, all things are possible. Faith is living in a spiritual world of no limits.

All that we see in our Ministry, today, has cost us nothing; but they have cost God everything. However, it takes faith to get God on the line. I'd like to say, therefore, that the capital cost for all our experiences to date as a Ministry, that keeps committing God to perform, is faith. It is that kind of faith that I want to impart to you, through this book. Everything answers to faith, and faith answers to God.

Faith is the most potent force in the whole universe; it's the key to everything in the kingdom. So, if there is anything to know and understand, it is the subject of faith.

Faith is an all-important subject; it holds the key that opens impossible doors. What is that scientific evidence? The potent force of faith will re-write it!

Lazarus had been dead for four days, but Jesus came on the scene and said to his sister, Martha, "... **Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?**" (John 11:40).

The enemy that the world has not yet found a solution to is called, "death"; but faith has a solution to it, and we saw it in Lazarus' story (John 11). That is what qualifies faith to be called the most potent force in the whole universe. That is why this fundamental subject is an all-important subject to everyone in the Kingdom of God. It is the very substance of Christianity.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7

The entire Christian experience is summarized as “the faith”.

In this book, we shall be looking at what faith is and what it takes to operate in the Spirit of faith. I am not preaching or teaching faith because, “that is what they teach” (as the Ministry is often referred to); I am teaching faith because that is what I am sent to teach. God said to me, ***The hour has come, to liberate the world from all oppressions of the devil through the preaching of the Word of Faith; and I am sending you to undertake this task.***

That is why I am continually unfolding and unravelling such depths that are not found in books, by the enabling of the Holy Spirit. I believe you’re going to grab the things I will be sharing with you in this book and war with them, because they work!

Faith And Your Vision

Any assignment you have that is void of faith, is heading for a crash. This is because it takes the hand of God for you to deliver your mandate to its fullest. Matthew 9:29 says:

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Everyone’s result in the pursuit of their heavenly vision, is a function of the faith at work in them. So, faith is it! If you don’t have faith, Ministry, for instance, will be a struggle.

Let’s look at Habakkuk 2:1-4:

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprovèd.

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may

run that readeth it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

That is, the vision is great, and it's clear, but it takes faith to drive it to actualization. By the time you're through reading this book, you will be able to locate what you need to do next, to connect with what it takes to fulfill God's mandate for your life.

Vision defines your mission, your destination, and God's purpose for your life, while dedication sets the pace for how far you can ever go. But it is faith that powers you for accomplishment from one phase of your assignment to the other. Hebrews 11:2 says: ***For by it (faith) the elders obtained a good report.***

In John 6:28, they asked Jesus: ***What shall we do that we might work the works of God?*** Let's see what Jesus answered them in verse 29:

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

That is the master key that gets the job done. Every calling remains a burden, until faith comes alive in the called. Ministry remains barren without faith. Faith is vital in your vision, because without it you can't get God to perform; so your vision remains barren, unfruitful and unproductive!

The Word of God is delivered by faith. It's faith that gets the job done, not strength, effort or sweat. Minus faith, you are a failure about to happen! Faith is the vital link between the called and the Caller (God). When faith is out of place, there is no connection.

Faith is the currency that God placed in my hand to fulfill the mandate He gave me. It is the capital and account our Ministry is drawing from. It is where we are drawing strength from, and where our impact comes from.

I will take my time in this book to move you into the new paradigms of faith. I will be showing you the things you need, to get you connected to this vital force that gets the job done. Your life will be changed permanently, as I take you through the school of faith.

The sensitivity of the subject of faith, and the opposition it suffers from the devil, is why God has sent special envoys to impart it. I am one of such envoys!

Faith is a very precious virtue delivered through God's special envoys, and it moves from generation to generation by their hands. For instance, what was it that brought the whole world out of the dark ages? It was Martin Luther's message of "The just shall live by faith."

Everything works by faith. It is to every man according to his faith. ***The just shall live by his faith*** (Habakkuk 2:4). The quality of life the just lives, is a function of the efficiency and efficacy of his faith.

I was in Cote d'Ivoire for a meeting, and there was this woman who had been plagued with HIV/AIDS for 10 years. She had also just lost her daughter to that deadly plague.

In her testimony, she said when she heard that we were coming to Cote d'Ivoire for the Empowerment Summit, she prayed, "Lord, I don't even need to see him, but if he can step on this ground, I will be free." When we arrived the country on Monday, her faith caught fire! By Tuesday, she went for a test and tested HIV negative! The plague was gone! Her blood level that had also dropped so badly had also normalized! Meanwhile, nobody had laid hands on her - ***The just shall live by his faith !***

It's not the quantity of your faith that matters, but its quality and efficacy. Jesus said in Matthew 17:20:

... Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Everything works by faith, and no case is too late for faith. When your faith is at work, your victory in every battle is guaranteed. Jesus said to Peter:

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

Luke 22:31

When your faith is at work, you are bound to be back on your feet. When you're back on your feet, you become an instrument for strengthening the brethren. So, I don't care how many people think you are down! As your faith comes alive by your encounter with this book, you're getting back on your feet!

Outside of faith, life remains a mere struggle. But when faith is rooted in the truth, and not a game of tricks, when faith comes alive by the fire of the Word of God, when spiritual understanding becomes the bedrock upon which your faith is standing, then results will keep flowing. Faith is what gives value to every destiny.

Faith Generates Proofs

When faith is at work, your life begins to command proofs. Above all, everything that had been stagnated in your life begins to enjoy motion.

The essence of faith is the generation of proofs - at home, at work, in your journeys, in your children, your family, etc, — proofs of God's faithfulness and His power! Beginning from now, your faith will begin to give you an unending experience of the proofs of God's power in your life! From now on, everyone will know and see that your faith is working.

Every event in the life of a Christian is a direct product of faith. Every good report makes the world agree that your

faith is working. Faith is the master key to a world of good reports. I'm talking about Bible-based, Word-provoked, Word-fired faith! That is why I'm here to unfold the subject of faith to you.

Faith Is All It Takes

Faith is all it takes for you to become a living proof. Every living proof is faith-generated. We see this authenticated in Hebrews chapter 11. All the living proofs recorded in Hebrews 11:32-35, for instance, were faith-generated.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Hebrews 11:32-35

This goes to buttress the fact that every living proof is faith-generated; faith is all it takes. That is why we are going to be exploring the mystery of faith, because it's a principal requirement for you to be a living proof.

Commanding Masteries!

Every kingdom principle is a mystery. This is because there may never be any scientific proof, but the results cannot be doubted. For instances, there is no scientific explanation for Lazarus' coming back to life (after being dead, buried and was stinking for four days!). How about the turning of water to wine (John 2:1-11)?

All kingdom treasures are packaged in mysteries. All the blessings, virtues, and treasures of the kingdom are packaged in mysteries. Amongst all such mysteries, faith is a principal mystery, because it is the very substance of the kingdom. ...***Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom*** (Mark 4:11).

If you are born again, you are a member of God's family and thus, you can access the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven. The mysteries of the kingdom are simply the spiritual principles of the kingdom. It is by these mysteries that we command masteries, over the affairs of life here on earth. That's what Daniel 11:32 tells us:

...But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

We will be looking at this all-important subject of faith, from a mystery perspective and a lot more. I am going to be proving to you how superior Bible-based faith is to what philosophers call "faith," and psychologists call "confidence."

Without access to the mysteries of the kingdom, as children of God here on earth, we cannot gain masteries over the challenges of life.

We see from Ephesians 3:8-12, that it is by the mystery of faith that we are able to teach principalities and powers a lesson. The scripture says:

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

By the mystery of faith, we gain supernatural mastery over the principalities and powers. The war against your faith is so intense that Jesus said in Luke 18:8:

...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Faith will be under the heaviest attack of the enemy (Satan) in the last days. Even right now, there are many seated in church, who are religiously wounded and defeated. Their faith has been so conquered that all they can say is, "Well, whatever God will do, He will do."

Faith, therefore, is a very significant issue. In fact, it is the substance of Christianity, like I already mentioned. We read again in Acts 6:7:

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Faith is the substance of redemption; it is what gives value to redemption. It is what births redemption, and gives value to it. That's why when your faith is gone, your redemption loses colour.

Mastery, friend, is a function of mystery. It is your access to mysteries that confers mastery on you — mastery over sicknesses, diseases and satanic harassment. The mystery of faith is what gives you mastery over all satanic harassment and manipulations. Ephesians 6:16 says:

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

Nothing is a substitute for faith. Nothing! That's why your faith is the target of the devil. Until he can crash your faith, you are still in command. As long as your faith is in place,

your change of story is inevitable. Faith remains the ever-winning force in the race of life. First John 5:4 says:

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

Now, what is God doing? He is after a programme of exemption that will guarantee you and me a covenant exemption, from the evil wind of destruction that is blowing across the length and breadth of the earth. With your eyes you will be seeing these things, but they will never come near you! You, your wife, children and children's children will never be victims!

Reach Out For An Encounter!

I had my first encounter with this baptism of faith in 1979, while reading Smith Wigglesworth's book. It conferred on me a superiority complex over demonic forces. Now, when I see the devil, I rejoice, because I know I have the final say.

Again, 20 years ago, I walked the grounds of Oral Roberts University, so amazed at the magnificence of the structures there and all. Then I said to myself, "This is God! It can happen anywhere else."

That was my encounter with the baptism of faith for doing the impossible. These two separate encounters cannot be separated from the happenings in our Ministry today. This is why Acts 6:7 aptly describes the Christian experience as "the faith." Faith is the act of Christianity. That is why it is very important for everyone of us to recognize that faith is not just a doctrine; faith is a spiritual asset that is essential for every Christian who desires to fulfill his/her destiny.

It's my pleasure to let you know that God has prophetically designed a decoration for His Church in the end-time. No devil can stop it (Isaiah 2:1-4). The Church is in her best state ever! As the Body of Christ, we are in our season right now; this is the hour of the saints of God!

Wherever you are, get set for your supernatural distinction. It is your turn to flourish like a palm tree, it is your turn to grow up like the cedar in Lebanon! It is your turn to become fat and flourishing, in the favour of God! Faith is it!

Come with me now, as I take you through the school of faith and let you into the secret of my life.

Chapter 1

The Foolishness Of Faith

I want to share with you on the intellectual “foolishness” of faith. You will be able to see, in very logical terms, how “foolish” faith is.

But, very interestingly too, the foolishness of faith is the winning ticket in the race of life. That’s why Paul said in Romans 1:16, that he is not ashamed of the Gospel. This is because some of its demands are things you could be ashamed of, as they make you appear like you’re not rational (to the natural man). But Paul said he’s not ashamed of it, for inside that “foolishness” lies the power of God that is able to deliver results.

An understanding of the foolishness of faith will help you to embrace faith, with a sense of confidence in every injunction of scriptures. This is because faith doesn’t have to be rational, when placed on one’s own scale of judgment. Think of the scriptural injunction in Proverbs 11:24, for instance:

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

That’s not sound, is it? That there is someone that is increasing when he’s “losing” and then, there’s another one that is keeping what he has, and he’s the one losing. That, certainly, is not sound arithmetic!

Look at it: I have five things, and I give away three, it shouldn’t remain plus five, it should remain minus what I have given away. But the foolishness of faith recommends

that you believe that when you're scattering, you're increasing; but when you're withholding, you're decreasing.

Apostle Paul captures this truth in a most graphic manner in 1 Corinthians 1:20-25:

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Most of the demands of scriptures can scarcely be classified as "rational"; but inside these seemingly irrational demands lie the power of God that delivers results to the believer. Inside these seemingly irrational instructions lie the power of God that decorates destinies.

Five Loaves Feed 5,000!

Five thousand people sat down, and Jesus said to His disciples (without any pre-plan or preparation), ***Give them to eat*** . They asked Him, "Where do we get anything that can feed this crowd of people in this desert place?" John 6:6 says:

And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

Jesus knew that if one could only believe, all things are possible. Then He asked them, "What do you have there?" They said, "Nothing! But there is a lad here who has five loaves and two fishes." He said, "Let Me have that." He

instructed that they make the people sit down in fifties, adding, “They are going to eat right now.” He then lifted up the five loaves and two fishes to heaven, and gave thanks with faith reflections from Psalms 67:5-7:

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

As He gave thanks, the heavens opened, and they were all fed to their fill, with 12 baskets of food gathered as leftovers! It was more than enough, through the operation of the foolishness of faith.

When things are not working, the natural tendency is to react negatively, “It’s not working! It’s not going well!” But the scriptural demand is:

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

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

Habakkuk 3:17-18

“Crazy,” wouldn’t you say? “That’s fanatical! Somebody stole your money, and you’re giving thanks?” But then in no time, the same people pitying your foolishness will soon line up at your door, waiting for help. The foolishness of faith!

Lazarus Raised From The Dead!

Now imagine Jesus – they came and told Him that His friend Lazarus was dead. He got there and said, ***“Father I thank you .”*** Father I thank you? Yes! God won’t hear you until you thank Him. People would see this as foolishness, because naturally you don’t say, “Thank you,” until

somebody has done something for you or given you something. But the instruction of scriptures is clear:

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

That is foolishness! Yes! In the kingdom, you have to thank the Father before He hears you. If anything negative happens, and you don't thank Him, it will be negative raised to the second power. You dare murmur against Him, you are finished! But it's not so in the world; where when you murmur, you secure people's sympathy.

Water Turned To Wine!

In John chapter 2, Jesus was at a wedding in Cana, and they ran out of wine. Then Mary (the mother of Jesus) said to them: ***Whatever He (Jesus) tells you to do, do it*** (John 2:5). Jesus said to them, ***Fill the water pots with water.***

Water? Is it not wine they asked for? Yes! But they heeded Mary's counsel, and so they began to pour water into the water pots. When they were done, He told them to draw it out, and go and give it to the chairman of the occasion. They foolishly went ahead to do just that, without minding what the chairman would say.

The chairman took a sip and said, "Wow! Where did you get this much better wine from? Why did you have to keep it till now?" They were not ashamed to fetch the water, so God was not ashamed to fulfill His Word.

You know, people are ashamed of God; they think He is irrational, that He has no understanding of current events. They think the instructions of scriptures are outdated, and that the Church needs to upgrade them. But I'm glad to let you know that the foolishness of faith is the winning ticket in the race of life. Whatever God tells you to do, no matter how crazy it may appear, believe it and show that you believe it

by doing it. When you do it, you have committed Him to perform. Then your mockers will turn around to envy you.

Blind Eyes Opened

In John chapter 9, we read about a man who was born blind. He came to Jesus, and Jesus pasted another blindness on him sort of, and said to him, “ ***Go to the pool that is called Siloam and wash .***” John 9:6-7 (NIV) says:

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.

“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

Do you know why the man went as he was told? He believed! With the clay plastered over his eyes, he went asking, “Please show me the way to Siloam.”

They probably were laughing him to scorn, “What kind of nonsense is this? Remove that thing!” “No,” he said, “I’m going to Siloam. I shouldn’t remove it until I get there.” “Crazy man”! They said, “Remove this thing, it’s smelling.” “No! I’m going to Siloam,” he insisted, fighting them in his blindness.

He went and washed, as he was instructed. Not long after, he came back seeing! Everybody began to look for he that was just a little while ago called, “Crazy! Foolish!” People might have called you crazy; but they will soon start looking for you!

The foolishness of faith is the winning ticket in the race of life - ***“Whatever He tells you to do, do it.”*** When we began preaching and teaching the subject of prosperity, the Ministry suffered untold persecutions. It was fierce, tense and bad! They called us terrible names, but see where the foolishness of faith has brought us! All our mockers have eventually gone into hiding!

Multitude Of Fishes

Again see the foolishness of faith on display. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples where they were fishing and asked, “Children have you any food?” (John 21:5). They said, “No!” Then He said, “Okay cast your net on the right side of the ship, and you will find some.”

One would want to ask, “What is the difference between the right side and the left side of the ship?” But they believed Him, and did exactly as He told them to. As they did, the Bible records, “They were not able to draw it in, because of the multitude of fish” (John 21:3-6). They had more than they bargained for, when they did as He commanded.

No matter how close you are to what He is saying, make sure you don’t celebrate your closeness, just get to the point He’s instructing you to get into.

The Mystery Of Feet-Washing

To a “modern” believer, feet-washing has nothing in it. Why? He’s too intelligent to descend that low. His reasoning is, “Okay, when they now wash your feet, how does that affect your body? I can’t understand it!”

But Paul told us that God has chosen the foolish things. So, if you are chosen, you are counted among the foolish – that is the only way you could have been chosen.

First John 1:7 says:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

How could someone have died more than 2,000 years ago, and His Blood “cleanses” (not cleansed) you, from all unrighteousness! You must be really wonderful!

So, if you’re stupid enough to get saved, go full length then in your stupidity to believe every instruction of scriptures. By doing so, you will definitely end up with a celebrated future.

There is no idle instruction in the Bible, because even the Bible tells us that for every idle word that a man speaks, he

will be made to give account of it. Jesus who said that could not have been speaking idle words. So, when the instruction for feet-washing was instituted (John chapter 13), its purpose was also made clear. It's much like, "Go to the pool of Siloam and wash," and the man did that and came back seeing.

The mystery of feet-washing was designed to deliver to every believer the goods Christ paid for at redemption. So, a believer, by the mystery of feet-washing, can begin to experience and enjoy whatever Jesus died for in his life. Every scriptural injunction has virtues inherent in it, to which every believer can connect by faith. If you believe that God instituted the mystery of feet-washing for the transmission of divine virtues, and for the release of the goods which Jesus died for into your life, when your feet are washed, they are released to you.

Naaman's Leprosy Cleansed

In 2 Kings chapter 5, we read about a captain in the Syrian army called, Naaman. He was a leper. He came to Elisha the prophet, seeking healing, and the prophet gave him a clear instruction, "Go and wash in the Jordan river seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

Naaman was furious, "Ah! Does this man think I've not had a bath today? Besides, if I needed a swim, I have a swimming pool in my house!" Then the young Israelite maid, who had recommended Elisha the prophet said to him, "My Lord, if the prophet had asked you to do something grand and more demanding, you would have gladly done it. What he has asked you to do is very simple, and you are arguing. Why don't you just go and dip yourself?"

He said, "No way! Did I tell you I'm as stupid as they are?" But when he eventually did as he was instructed, and dipped himself in Jordan seven times, the Bible said, "***And his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child,***

and he was clean .” That is the foolishness of faith! If all you want is to be called wise, yet you still end up a failure, then go ahead.

In the kingdom, you have to be called a fool for you to be full. Until men have called you a fool, you cannot be full. If you want to be called wise, you can be wise and still die dry. But in the kingdom, the foolishness of God is wiser than men.

In Isaiah 55:8, God makes us understand that His ways are not our ways. God’s ways are higher! To men in low estate, in their natural realm, God’s ways look like stupid; but the wisdom of God is far beyond human comprehension.

A Virgin Gets Pregnant!

Can you imagine a young lady waking up one morning and telling everyone that an angel had appeared to her saying, “Hey, Mary, you are highly favoured.” Everybody’s response would be, “She’s a stupid girl. She must have been daydreaming.” But an angel did appear to her, saying in Luke 1:31:

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

She asked, “ ***How can this be, since I do not know a man?***,” and the angel assured her in Luke 1:35:

...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

She believed! Did it happen or not? It did, against all nature and biological studies and medical verdicts. “How can somebody be pregnant without knowing a man?” Today, Mary has almost as much followers as Jesus, just for tapping into the virtues of the foolishness of faith. Luke 1:45 says:

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Blessed be God, the foolishness of faith remains the winning ticket in the race of life! Whatever God tells you to do, just do it; don't rationalize it. Do it believing, and by so doing, you have committed Him. By committing Him, you are bound to see what He has said come to pass.

Welcome to the unlimited benefits of the foolishness of faith!

Chapter 2

What Is Faith?

I'm in active partnership with God in the pursuit of His assignment. I want to show you how it works, so you can come to a place where you're commanding extraordinary results in the pursuit of your own assignment too, a place where you become an amazement to your world, by reason of your active partnership with the Caller.

It's possible for you to become a man/woman wondered at, by reason of the strange acts of God being generated in your assignment. Faith, is what gets you there. You, therefore, need a deep understanding of the subject of faith. What you know is what defines where you are now or where you will end up in life. When you know more, you will go higher. It's time to stop celebrating what you know, and begin to find out about what you don't know.

We engage faith to tap into divine virtue, which in turn enhances your value. Your vision can never deliver beyond the level of faith you are operating in. The beauty of every vision is a function of the quality of faith that is employed.

The colour of every destiny is a function of the quality of faith that is employed. Without faith, your vision has no substance. It's faith that defines the substance of your vision. Every act of God in our lives is only realizable via faith. As long as your faith is on fire, you remain on a flight. As long as your faith is alive, you remain in command.

It is to you according to your faith, not according to your vision. If your faith is down, your life and destiny will be down. So, what is faith?

FAITH IS: Engaging The Word

Faith is engaging the Word of God, in order to enforce the delivery of your destiny. You engage the Word of God in faith to enforce the delivery of your desires. Sometimes, it may not be convenient, but if it is commanded, that's the only way to where you are going - engaging what is commanded, to determine the happenings in your life and around you.

This is what makes faith the vital force that gets the job done. As long as your faith is in place, you remain in command.

A Spiritual Force

Faith is not a psychological force, nor is it a philosophical force. It is a spiritual force. Faith is not an intellectual issue either; it is a spiritual virtue that operates within the spirit of man - not in his head. Romans 10:10 says:

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

Faith is not an issue of the head, but an issue of the spirit. Faith is not a psychological reconditioning of the mind, it's a spiritual force that has what it takes to silence the opposition and deliver your possession to you.

Whatever is working contrary to your inheritance in Christ, faith can stop it instantly. It was so for the woman with the issue of blood; the flow of blood stopped "immediately!" and her health was restored on the spot (Mark 5:25-34).

The Spiritual Chemistry

Faith is the spiritual chemistry by which you quench oppositions, clear obstacles and access your possessions. Mark 11:23 says:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith

shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Let me quickly explain this spiritual chemistry of faith. Every time faith is at work, a spiritual connection is established, and that connection provokes the flow of virtue from God. That virtue flows to enhance your value.

In the story of the woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48), who came from behind and touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed instantly, Jesus asked, ***"Who touched me?"*** Peter said to Him, ***"Master, the multitude throng and press you, and you say, 'Who touched you?'"***

But Jesus said: ***Somebody touched me, for I perceived power (virtue) going out of me*** (Luke 4:46 NKJV). That is, "Somebody has tapped into what I carry; somebody has connected with My virtue and has drawn out of Me for a change of position. Something has gone out of Me." Every time faith comes alive in any area of your life, you connect with divinity, from where virtue flows to destroy the enemy and release what belongs to you.

When the woman knew she could no longer hide, she came forward and told Jesus why she touched the hem of His garment, and how she was healed immediately. He said to her, ***"...Your faith has made you well..."***

Faith was the connection that provoked the flow of the virtue that stopped the enemy from tormenting that destiny any further, and restored to her all what the enemy had stolen. That's what I call, "the spiritual chemistry."

What I have just shown you is what faith does - it taps into God's omnipotency, and restores what belongs to you. That's what happens anytime faith comes alive in your spirit - virtue flows from the Most High. Every time virtue flows from the Most High, your enemies give way and your inheritance is released.

A Living Force

Faith is a living force, drawn from the living Word, to produce living proofs. That woman drew from Jesus, the Living Word, and a living proof was produced.

Faith is not just believing that God can do something; it is being moved to do something to prove that you believe. When you are moved to act on what God commands, He is committed to perform. So, faith is an act.

A living force came out of the living Word and delivered to her a living proof - her flow of blood stopped! Every flow of shame is stopping in your life today! Whatever represents shame in your life is coming to an end today! You are entering your point of rest this hour, in Jesus' name! You have struggled enough; it's time to begin to shine.

Faith is the only way to move God in your favour, and faith is the only way to stop the devil from stopping you. So, it's the two sides of the coin. Hebrews 11:6 says:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The Book of Hebrews is rich with testimonies of people who moved God - they moved God from His throne and brought Him into the fiery furnace; they moved God from His throne and brought Him into the lion's den. Faith is the only way to move God in your direction; it's the only way to stop the devil. Without faith, therefore, you are finished!

I know you can make some things happen, but there is no psychological system of stopping the devil or his fiery darts. Ephesians 6:16 says:

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

Faith moves God, as well as stops the devil. Everything harassing you must stop today!

Hard Work

Faith is no cheap talk, faith is hard work.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief

Hebrews 4:10-11

Faith requires a form of labour, as you don't wish for faith, but work at faith. Faith does not answer to wishes, it answers to workings - working in the Word of God.

Whether it is conventional faith or supernatural faith, all forms of faith draw from your Word bank - your Word reservoir. The things on your inside are what faith draws from. It has to be there before faith can draw.

When you are challenged in any area, you work the Word, in a quest for the faith required to deliver your desire. It is your labour investment in the Word that qualifies you to access the virtue of faith. Romans 10:17 says:

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We are enjoined in 2 Peter 1:5:

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

You can't add to your faith without diligence. Faith does not increase in the life of the idle, it increases in the life of the diligent.

Without spiritual diligence, you remain spiritually indigent. I laboured in the Word for three days, to enter into the faith for prosperity. I also laboured for three days on the mountain, to enter into the faith for the prophetic. I went into seven days of labour, to enter into the virtues of the Acts of the Apostles.

Faith, I say again, is no cheap talk, faith is hard work! First Timothy 5:17 tells us:

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

We must labour in the Word, in order to command divine honour. It takes labouring in the powerful Word of God to add to your faith. Receive that grace, in Jesus' name!

A Great Profession

Faith is no mere confession; faith is a great profession. Hebrews 10:23 says:

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised);

Faith is a great profession, therefore, it requires skills. Profession connotes definite skills; it requires skills to maximize its benefits. The Bible says in Hebrews 5:12-14:

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

There is need for skill. That's why faith is no mere confession, but a great profession. You need to grow in that profession by showing diligence in the school of faith.

It is not what you confess that you possess (as many have thought and believed). What you profess is what you possess. It is in the doing of what He says that you possess what He has promised. The practice of faith plus the confession of faith is what results in your possession. For instance, you can confess prosperity from now till Jesus comes. But until you profess the covenant of prosperity, you can't be a beneficiary of that prosperity plan of God.

Confessing is all about speaking, while professing is all about manifesting, demonstrating or practising whatever skill you have acquired.

When the faith message first came, people just settled for whatever was convenient for them, but ignored

whatever required their taking responsibility. They went about declaring, "What I confess, I possess." But they kept confessing and were not possessing. Yet they did not bother to find out what was wrong. They kept confessing until they were confused! If a man is too big to repent, for instance, no matter how much he confesses salvation, he will not be saved. Faith is not mere confession, it is a great profession. Faith is not cheap talk, but spiritual hard work.

That you are working in a bank, for instance, does not entitle you to go and draw money from any account from across the counter, does it? You need to first have an account that you are servicing continually, an active account, before you can withdraw — even if you are the managing director of that bank. Likewise, every believer needs to understand that faith is a profession and accept the spiritual responsibility required to make it work.

Faith is a profession; therefore, you need to develop your depth in the operation of it. That will determine your rating in the profession of faith. You must labour in the Word of God to enhance your growth in the school of faith, and also, your skills in the operation of faith.

If a pregnant woman is too busy to go into the labour room to bring forth, she's running a risk with that pregnancy. Even so, you must enter into the Word of God to bring forth the faith you require, for the task that has been given to you.

When God moved us from where we were in town to far away Canaan Land in Ota, I sat down to study the wilderness ministry of Christ. I saw that people were constantly pressing after Him; they followed Him everywhere He went in their multitudes.

By the time I was through with that survey, my confidence came alive. Forever, He is the One the people will be coming to meet at Canaan Land; so I knew there was no way they won't come seeking Him. They really came!

Now we hold four fully-packed services in our 50,000-seat Faith Tabernacle every Sunday.

Service at Canaan Land starts at 6:30 a.m., but by 5:30 a.m. the people are already arriving from everywhere. Between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., all the Canaan Land buses leave to go and bring the people in, from their various points, where they have already queued up, waiting, ready to go!

You need to find out why the modern faith you've been using is not producing. There is a change in syllabus; the curriculum has changed. Find out what works now in the school of faith.

Faith is no cheap talk, faith is hard work! It's all a matter of responding to the change in curriculum, so that you are not grounded. Faith works any day, anytime, anywhere! But it's hard work. That is why the Bible says:

... Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises

Hebrews 6:12

Faith is no cheap talk; only hard workers can walk their into that realm - those who will read books and the Bible, those who will settle down with tapes and CDs, and those who are ready to learn, not just reading for fun. They are those who will tap into dimensions of God through revelation upon revelation, and move forward in life. There is no great result without a great demand. You can't eat your cake and have it. There's no free lunch in life!

We have come thus far by faith. You should know that wherever you are now in life, faith got you to and only faith can take you to the next phase/level. Faith never fails people, because it draws from the omnipotency of God.

Faith has only one source -the Word of God. Settling down with the Word of God and anointed materials helps your deep absorption of the truth and testimonies that will provoke your faith, so that you can get up from the level where you are to the next level.

The work of God is impossible to accomplish in the energy of the flesh. Your human connections are inadequate for maximizing the delivery of your heavenly connectivity. I am glad to announce to you that I have relied absolutely on my heavenly connectivity with the Caller, because I was privileged to know how.

The Evidence of Faith

The one and eternal evidence of faith is called, "Rest". Rest is the Biblical evidence of faith. Since you don't know exactly when what you're expecting will come, you may keep looking for it forever. Second Corinthians 13:5 says:

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

You can by yourself prove faith. That means, there are ways of knowing whether you have arrived (at faith) or not, and that is when REST is there.

The three Hebrew boys (in Daniel chapter 3) respectfully entered the fiery furnace, and fearlessly came out of it. Daniel restfully entered into the den of lions and came out gallantly from it (Daniel chapter 6).

Even when there was no evidence of it, in the room where I encountered faith for prosperity, I knew I was going to be super-prosperous. When the faith of it came, rest came, and that rest has not left since. Your rest has come!

There is no situation under heaven that can resist the authority of faith.

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9:23

After we got married, I came home one day and my wife told me she had had a miscarriage. I simply said, "It cannot happen! Can I have my food, please?" There was no further mention of it, not even in prayer. Why? I had already entered into rest in that area. I had heard from God in His

Word: ***You shall be blessed above all people; there shall not be male nor female barren among you, or among your cattle*** (Deuteronomy 7:14).

I wasn't married, yet when I heard it; but I heard it from God for the time to come. Proverbs 24:10 says:

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

The Bible also said in Proverbs 24:5:

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

You are expected to build up strength against the day of battle (adversity); you don't prepare for war in the war front! You labour till the point of rest, where you become immoveable, always abounding in your position in God, no matter what is happening around you.

Rest, is the capital evidence of faith. Your restlessness is a proof of your unbelief. When you enter into the realm of faith, you enter into your realm of rest.

Someone once asked me, "What do you do between the time you give and when you receive?" I replied, "I've never thought about it." I have since entered into the realm of supernatural supplies and divine blessings. I don't think about what happens between the time I give and when I receive. May you also enter into your rest!

Engaging The Word

Faith is engaging the Word to enforce the delivery of your desire (John 2:5-11). Whatever He tells you to do, do it. No matter how crazy it may sound, do it, and your desire will be delivered. John 2:5 says:

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Jesus said to them in John 2:7:

... Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

It made no sense, but they did it any way and the result came. Your own result is coming!

Sharing Responsibility

Faith is sharing responsibility with God in the light of scriptures, in order to take delivery of your desired future.

Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

John 21:5-6

In other words, “This is what to do to commit My faithfulness...” and they did it. The slogan, “God will do it” is not a complete truth. Knowing and doing your part is what commits God to doing anything for you. Until your part is done, God is not committed. Faith is accepting spiritual responsibility, in order to commit God’s integrity.

Faith is not, “God will do it.” Faith is doing what God says, to commit Him to do it. Doing what God says to commit Him is the complete truth about faith.

Faith, therefore, is not just believing God; it is obeying God, to prove that you believe Him. James 2:26 says:

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Abraham was justified by works. ***Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works*** . Faith is obeying God to prove that you believe Him, so as to commit Him to perform His Words.

In Romans 4:17-21 we read:

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

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

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

You can know when faith is at work and when it is not. Faith is not just believing what God has said, it is essentially doing what He has said, to prove that you believe it.

Again, let's see faith at work in John chapter two. Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water; like dummies, they were publicly filling the pots with water. Then He gave them another instruction in John 2:8:

...Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

They never asked any questions! They filled the cup and served the chairman. He took it, and the wine was of a better quality than the one they had bought with money.

Note that in all this, there was no screaming, no crying, no gyrating and no jumping! It was simply faith in action through practical obedience - ***"Whatever he tells you to do, do it."***

So, faith is not just believing the Word; the devil also believes and trembles (James 2:19). Just being in agreement with God is not faith. Putting God's Word to work, with an assurance in your heart that God is faithful, is faith. Hebrews 11:11 says:

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Note also that faith is not just saying things, faith is doing things. Faith is doing what is commanded, not just saying what is commanded. Saying it is good, but doing it is the real thing!

The Abrahamic Order of Faith

Let me show you the Abrahamic order of faith. The Bible says in Genesis 12:1-3:

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Then Genesis 12:4 says:

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

The Bible did not say, "and Abraham announced..." He didn't go about his village announcing, "I am going to a place where God will make me a great nation." No! The Bible says, "***So Abram departed.***" He never uttered a word, but simply departed.

May I say this again: faith is not just saying things (as many charismatics have been deceived into doing). Faith is essentially doing things; then saying it becomes a channel for provoking God to performing it.

In Genesis chapter 17, God again said to Abraham:

And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my

covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Genesis 17:11-13

What did Abraham do after this?

And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Genesis 17:23-24

It had never been done before, yet Abraham gave no thought to whether it could lead to death. Same day! That's faith in action, bringing about unusual manifestations. Faith is not cheap talk; faith is essentially a delightful compliance with the demands of scriptures, in order to have your desires fulfilled.

Genesis chapter 22 further reveals the Abrahamic kind of faith. God said to Abraham:

...Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Genesis 22:2

What was Abraham's response?

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Genesis 22:3

Instant obedience to God's command!

Obedience Is It!

Abraham's kind of faith is not a "talk-talk" faith; it was "act-act" faith. There's so much talk going on in the Church,

instead of action. No level of sacrifice is a substitute for the obedience of faith. Action-based faith is what commands manifestations.

There is no accidental success in the kingdom, not even in the world. There is what you must do for what you desire to be delivered into your hands. This should let you know that faith is far beyond the psychology of mental assent; it is practical obedience to the commands of God, so as to commit God to perform His Word.

Obedience, therefore, is the stronghold of faith. It is your anchor in the times of storm. Believing without obedience is mere religious deception! Until you begin to do what you claim to believe, your faith is fake. It is your positive response to God's Word that authenticates your faith. Doing is the emphasis of faith.

For instance, a man cannot love his wife as Christ loves the Church and lose his marriage. God's Word says:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:25

The love-failure of husbands is the reason for every broken marriage. For instance, we have done enough for God to cast us away, but love won't let Him do that. Nothing holds a home together like the love of the head of the family.

On the other hand also, no wife that fully submits to her husband, as the scripture has commanded, will leave her home. This simultaneous equation (husband love your wife... wives submit to your husbands...) will make you not to need any prayer to have a very harmonious family. By doing what the scriptures command, you bring God to bear on every issue in your family, and God's presence will terminate all kinds of pressure.

For a husband who will not love his wife, 40 days of fasting is religious fatigue, because to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams (1 Samuel

15:22). For a woman who will not submit to her husband, 70 days of fasting will not keep her home.

Obedience will always provoke the hand of God upon your life. It is all it takes to enjoy all-round victory, success and breakthroughs. Amos 3:3 says:

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

When you obey His command, you are provoking His presence, and in His presence is fullness of joy, and at His right hand, pleasures forever more (Psalms 16:11). In Psalms 114:3, we are told:

The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

If God be for us, who can be against us? Trouble will begin to flee in your family as you obey His command, because by so doing, you have provoked divine presence (Psalms 114:1-9).

When all you do agrees with God, you are oppressing satan's belief system (Matthew 4:4-11). When your obedience is fulfilled, you will avenge all disobedience.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Our strongest weapon in the world of the spirit is obedience. Your obedience to the Word of God is your stronghold in the race of life. You are unbeatable by all the forces of hell, when you walk in obedience. The only way to prove that you believe it is to do it.

Faith is not "talk-talk"; faith is "act-act." Abraham was not a talk-talk believer; he operated action-based faith, no wonder he commanded unusual results. Whatever you

desire to accomplish in life, as you obey God, it will be accomplished by faith. Receive grace to walk in obedience to the commands of scriptures, in the name of Jesus!

Faith is not making God responsible for the happenings; faith is sharing responsibility with God in the light of scriptures, to create your desired future. You have a part to play; it is only after you have played that part that you commit Him to play His part.

Any faith that seeks to make God absolutely responsible for the events of your life, is an irresponsible faith. God's integrity commits Him to play His part, only after your part has been played.

There is nothing you desire that is not available, but there are conditions to meet for the actualization of every promise. When your part is done, then God's part is guaranteed.

Being Fully Persuaded

Faith is being fully persuaded about the truth, (the prevailing circumstances notwithstanding) until the truth triumphs. Look at Abraham's example, for instance. Romans 4:20-21 says:

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

When we operate the truth in faith, our triumph is guaranteed. Second Corinthians 2:14 says:

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

We triumph by the operation of the truth, by being fully persuaded of the truth.

A Display Of Confidence

Faith is also a display of confidence in God and His Word, until the desired result is obtained. Hebrews 10:35-36 says:

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Partnering With The Invisible

Faith is partnering with the invisible in the light of scriptures, usually for the accomplishment of the impossible. Speaking concerning Moses, hear what the Word of God says in Hebrews 11:24:

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Moses was in active partnership with the invisible; so he was empowered to accomplish the impossible in Egypt. As one man, he held a whole nation to ransom, and no man was able to touch him! That active partnership with God changed his status, and God said to him: ***See I have made you a god unto Pharaoh*** (Exodus 7:1). His active partnership with God empowered him to do the impossible.

Faith is not moving God to act, faith is working with God in getting things done. Just like Moses, Daniel was also in the company of the invisible and, therefore accomplished the impossible. It was so with the three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel chapter 3 and 6). The three Hebrews boys said:

Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us, and he will deliver us from your hand o king...

Daniel 3:17

Active faith qualified them for active partnership with the invisible. When they were cast into the fire, the Bible says, ***"There was a fourth man in the fire, like the son of God"*** - The invisible appeared by the active faith of man. The Bible said concerning them:

And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace

Daniel 3:20

The men who threw them in were burnt up by the fire; but of these three boys we read in Daniel 3:27:

And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Let's see the king's reaction in Daniel 3:28:

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Their trust in Him provoked their active partnership with the invisible, which enabled them to accomplish the impossible. The invisible had no choice but to appear on their behalf. Where God has brought our Ministry to, today, is a proof of the reality of active partnership with the invisible, for the purpose of getting the impossible done.

Your active partnership will commit God's active involvement in the affairs of your life, and in the pursuit of your vision any day.

Daniel said: ***My God has sent his angel and has stopped the mouth of the lion and they have not hurt me*** (Daniel 6:22). It was the invisible that appeared in the den of lions on the platform of faith. I see the invisible going with you and empowering you for the impossible, from henceforth! No force from hell shall be able to devour the mandate that God has placed on your life!

It takes your active faith to qualify for active partnership with the invisible.

A Form Of Spiritual Engraftment

Faith is a form of spiritual engraftment into divinity, which enables one to walk in practical dominion here on earth.

Grafting is an agricultural term. It is the taking of the stem of a tree and grafting it into another tree. When that happens, the nature of the engrafted stem changes. It now draws directly from the new stock, and begins to bear fruits after the order of the new stock it is grafted into.

That is what faith does - it grafts the natural into the immortal. That is, mortality is now grafted into immortality, so that mortality now enjoys the nature of immortality.

Paul the apostle, by the revelation of the Spirit, brought forth an amazing light regarding this mystery in Romans 11:19:

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

What faith does is to graft you into God, so that you're now drawing directly from God. The nature of God then begins to find expression in you by faith. Let's read more about this.

For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Romans 11:21-24

Faith is what qualifies you for that engraftment. When faith comes alive in you, you begin to draw from God's nature and express it in practical dominion here on earth. You command results after the order of God, because you have been grafted into God. That is, your humanity has been grafted into divinity - and divinity connotes dominion.

Much more, because you are now drawing directly from God, whatever cannot be found in God can no longer be found in you. So, typhoid fever cannot be found in you! Failure cannot be found in you! The strength of God (which is strange to humanity) becomes your portion. You now put on the energy of divinity in the pursuit of your assignment. That is faith! It alters weakness and converts it to strength. It changes sickness to health.

Whatever is in God (e.g., the wisdom of God) begins to flow into your mortal system, and everybody begins to wonder, "From where did this man get this wisdom and this mighty works?" (Mark 6:2). He is simply drawing it from His engraftment.

Faith is not, "I believe, I confess!" No! That is kindergarten stuff. This grafted stuff doesn't need to confess anything; it's just grafted. You are grafted and you're just drawing naturally, and are naturally manifesting divinity - in your system, your brain, your physical structure, your stamina, your perspective, everything! You are simply manifesting your divinity within your humanity. That is faith! This is why I also call Bible-based faith the key to a world of exploits.

Asset Of Inestimable Value

Faith is an asset of inestimable value. What do I mean by this?

1. Faith is the only way to move God in your favour. Hebrews 11:6 says:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and

that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Without faith, it's impossible to move God. The rest of Hebrews chapter 11 gives us a catalogue of God movers—men and women who moved God to come on the scene. It is impossible to move God in your favour without faith.

2. Faith is the only way to stop the devil from molesting your destiny. Ephesians 6:16 says:

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

Faith is the capital force that will confront the opposition and conquer it. By it Moses delivered Israel out of Egypt, and Martin Luther delivered the world from the dark ages. May the spirit of faith, which has distinguished our Ministry, bellow upon you this hour in an irrevocable manner, in the name of Jesus Christ! The knowledge of the truth is of no value without faith. It is faith that gives value to knowledge, because it's only what you believe (not what you know) that you become. What you know sets the pace for what you believe, and what you believe is ultimately determined by your faith.

It is to you according to your faith, not according to your knowledge. That's why faith is an asset of inestimable value. That's why your faith must be jealously guarded and strategically protected, so that you can remain in command in the affairs of your life. Your dominion will remain a daydream without faith for ***through faith, they subdued kingdoms, quenched the fiery furnace, stopped the mouth of lions*** (Hebrews 11:33).

3. Without faith no man can be saved. We read in Ephesians 2:8-9:

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

You are born again by faith.

4. God's Word also indicates that we stand by faith. Second Corinthians 1:24 says:

Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

You are born again by faith, and you are standing till date by faith.

5. By faith we walk. Second Corinthians 5:7 says:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

6. We also understand that we are healed by faith.

And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Luke 8:48

The woman with the issue of blood was made whole by her faith.

7. By faith we overcome. The world is full of obstacles on your way to the possession of your promised land. You will, therefore, have to conquer the giants there. First John 5:4 says:

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

Your destiny is at the mercy of your faith.

8. It is by faith that good reports are obtained. The Bible says:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report

Hebrews 11:1-2

Testimonies are at the command of faith. Every testimony is a product of faith, and testimonies are the opposite of trials. Until you have testimonies, trials continue to prevail. It takes faith to enjoy the finger of God in our lives - that is, good reports.

9. By faith we live. Habakkuk 2:4 says:

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

To show how important faith is to living, this is repeated several times in scriptures:

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Romans 1:17

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Galatians. 3:11

Now the just shall live by faith: Hebrews 10:38

That means without faith you're dead! This clearly indicates that faith is the live wire of the redeemed; it is the heart of Christianity, just as the heart is to the physical body. Faith failure means spiritual death to the believer, just as a heart failure means death to the body. That's why faith is an asset of inestimable value. It is one virtue that adds value to every other spiritual demand.

You must serve God by faith, otherwise you're serving Him in vain. You must give by faith or your giving is a waste. You pray by faith, otherwise your prayer is a mere religious exercise. That's why in Romans 14:22-23 we are told that whatever is not of faith is sin.

Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

If faith is absent in any step you are taking, that is a dead step - a step that has no future! That's why every man's destiny is a function of his faith.

Same Value Everywhere!

Faith is a universal currency. It carries the same purchasing power in every nation of the earth, because it draws on God's omnipotency and integrity. Faith answers at

the same level to all mankind; so your level of faith is what determines the level of command you exercise in the affairs of your life.

A friend of mine who visited us at Canaan Land, asked me, “Brother David, how do you pay for all the happenings here?” I said, “Faith!” Then he asked, “Faith?” I said, “Yes, faith.” He asked again, “How do you mean?” I went ahead to define faith as a universal currency that delivers the same order of results anywhere a believer may find his or herself. Romans 10:12 says:

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Faith is an asset of inestimable value and is worth the same everywhere, from generation to generation. It is the most enduring currency in the world of financial investment. Just like people in the natural believe in real estate, because it is ever appreciating, faith is the most valuable investment in the kingdom; it never loses its worth.

A Spiritual Energizer

Faith is a spiritual energizer. The Bible says of Sarah:

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised

Hebrews 11:11

Through faith, you lay hold on strength that is beyond your physical state. Faith energizes you to accomplish what you believe. Sarah was 90 years old; but through faith, her body was energized to conceive – something that was impossible by all natural standards for a woman of her age. Through faith, divine strength entered into her to accomplish a divine agenda.

Faith energizes you to get whatever has been committed into your hands done. It’s a spiritual energizer for doing

exploits (Daniel 11:32). Exploits demand strength, and faith is an energy source to the believer.

That's why faith is worth all your attention – it's the heart of your spirit-man. Just like if your biological heart fails your body dies, if your spiritual heart fails, your spirit-man dies.

It is, therefore, important that you jealously guard, protect, build, nurture and nourish your faith, so it can stay alive and active to bring to pass all that God has stored up for you.

Committing God

Faith is essentially a spiritual avenue through which God is committed to your person and the issues of your life. Many understand faith to mean a way of committing things to God. But faith is actually committing God to things in our lives.

Faith is committing God to yourself and to the issues of your life – physical, social, family, finance, career, business and what have you. No wonder, the scriptures repeatedly tells us that the just shall live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11 and Hebrews 10:38).

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 10:38

God is saying here that you can't secure His pleasure without faith in action. It is your faith actively at work that secures His pleasure over the affairs of your life. No wonder, Hebrews 11:6 tells us:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith is a must, in order to secure God's pleasure in your life. Faith must be in place for God to take an interest in your affairs, and for Him to commit Himself to you. The three Hebrew boys engaged their faith to commit God.

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

Daniel 3:17

That's faith in action - "He's able to, and He will." They were not committing the issue to God, they were committing God to the situation.

The spirit of faith operates through the words of faith that proceed out of your mouth. God honoured the words of the three Hebrew boys.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king .

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Daniel 3:24-25

The Son of God was committed by the operation of the mystery of faith. As soon as the boys spoke those words, the Son of God arrived in the fiery furnace to deliver them! The same way, I see God descending into that fiery furnace, where you've been choking, to set you free, in Jesus' name!

They committed God by the mystery of faith, and the king's word was changed. Every word the devil has spoken against you (known or unknown), shall be changed in your favour, in Jesus' mighty name!

A woman said to one of our precious women in the church, "Have you ever seen a baby on the back of a snail? Let me see how you will carry a child." That was a word spoken by a principality! But the mystery of faith came and turned the tables against the adversary. Her baby came, and was brought to the altar as an evidence of the triumph of faith. She committed God through her faith.

It was Daniel's faith that brought God into the lion's den to deliver him. When God steps into that issue, your mastery is established. When God is committed, you are supernaturally in command. There was no report that Daniel attempted to push away the stone they rolled against the mouth of the lion's den; he was just supernaturally in command.

Who through faith subdued kingdom ... (Hebrews 11:33). It's God's original intention that we subdue kingdoms by engaging the mystery of faith.

Abraham's faith committed God on the mountain of sacrifice and God showed up (Genesis 22). Every time God shows up, it's a showdown for the devil. God will show up for you today!

Faith is not just about getting things from God, it's about committing God's presence, which puts you in command of things. What was it that put Moses in command in Egypt? God's presence! Exodus 33:14 -15 says:

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

God's presence so enveloped Moses that he was an impossible case for Pharaoh - no one could touch him! The whole nation of Egypt was under the siege of Mosaic faith.

The world had not seen a man of faith in action; that's why they make so much noise. Moses stood as one man (not a prayer group) and routed the whole of Egypt! He lured them into the Red Sea and finished all of them there (Read Exodus 14)!

Behind Moses' confidence was the ability to see the invisible God by his side. Hebrews 11:27 says:

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Obstacles and challenges will always tremble at His presence. God's presence is all you need, to bring down the walls of Jericho resisting your advancement. Moses banked absolutely on God's presence to fulfill his mission. "I know God will do it. I've committed it to Him" is nursery level faith! Rather, commit God through your faith.

I've always told people, "I'm not afraid of tomorrow, because we didn't get to where we are today by chance; we got here by God. When my time here on earth is up, the Ministry will be stronger than when I was alive, because ***whatever the Lord doeth shall be forever*** . Proverbs 4:18 also says:

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

There's no room for fear and anxiety, when God is the One at work. Commit God, and then you will experience His rest in your life.

Don't Assume Faith

Faith is a tangible force. You can't have faith and not know it; you can't come to a point of faith in an issue and not know it. When you come to that point of faith, you are now operating in the class of God.

Never assume faith, as assumption is the mother of frustration! Instead, acquire faith. I came to the point of faith concerning church growth in 1984, and I knew when I came to that point. I saw the thousands gathering. Also in 1982, I came to the point of faith for prosperity, and I knew I can never beg or borrow, and vowed never to do so! Most people in church are victims of assumptions - "I know God will do it."

Let us consider these two scenarios:

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Matthew 9:23-26

Then Mark 10:27 says:

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Putting these two scriptures together, we can clearly see that at the point of faith, humanity begins to operate at the frequency of divinity. That's not something you assume! This is what makes faith different from all postulations of science, philosophy and psychology. It is all about bringing heaven down to the earth, in practical terms.

The woman with the issue of blood was practically healed – it wasn't an assumption. The flow of blood stopped on the spot – that's bringing heaven down to the earth.

When faith converts you to divinity, you start seeing things the way God sees them; you start thinking the way He thinks; you start talking the way He talks; you start acting the way He acts; and you start daring whatever He would dare!

Let's strive to get to the point of faith in any issue of concern in our lives, and then watch what will happen. Alexander Dowie had a challenge in his days, where he was burying members of his church almost every other day, because of an epidemic outbreak. He went before the Lord, seeking an answer, and suddenly, there was a spiritual earthquake and something burst forth for him from Acts 10:38:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

That's where his healing ministry erupted from, and the world has still not recovered from its effect. Matthew 7:8 says:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Faith is the master key to a world of victory over every molestation of the devil. It's either there or not there! Stop assuming faith; go and connect with it! No investment into developing your faith is a waste. So, wake up and take responsibility!

Chapter 3

Conventional Versus Supernatural Faith

I would like to differentiate between conventional faith, and supernatural faith. That is, between regular faith and violent faith. This is important because there are certain things that will not come to you, except by the violence of faith. Matthew 11:12 says:

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

The Violence of Faith

Conventional faith is a product of the Word of faith. Romans 10:17 says:

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

On the other hand, supernatural faith is a speaking faith. It speaks from your inside, answering for you when you need it. It's when God speaks to you, and you make bold declarations based on what He has said. While conventional faith confesses, supernatural faith professes. The characteristic of the Spirit of faith is what is evidenced in supernatural faith.

When John the Baptist came forth, he started producing results after the order of Elijah. He subdued the nation under him, the same way Elijah did. Our Ministry aptly advertises the supernatural faith. We moved to a place that is well known as the dungeon of witchcraft, and completely disarmed the devil there. Now, the land of fear has become the land of favour to all that dwell in it.

The traditional ruler of the place, in a congratulatory letter to the Ministry on its 25th anniversary, said, “Since the year 1999 that Canaan Land came into existence in Ota, life in this city has been fed with divine blessings...” We stepped in, and the witches stepped out!

Regular faith will produce regular results, but supernatural faith will generate supernatural results, just as the Spirit of wisdom is different from the wisdom you get from learning. The spirit of wisdom is given to you.

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

1 Kings 4:29

God gave Solomon wisdom, and all the kings of the earth came to Jerusalem to hear the wisdom of Solomon. The gift of God always supernaturally repositions the gifted. The force of faith will always make room for you and put you in charge. Ephesians 6:16 says:

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

Can you imagine you having practical command in your home against sickness, disease, failure of your children, and against the attacks of the enemy? Mark 11:23 says:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

This aptly defines supernatural faith – it simply puts you in command, so that you always have whatsoever you say. This kind of faith is the security of every vision; when it’s not there, the vision will die. Habakkuk 2:2-4 says:

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

You have not arrived at where you are going; you are just on your way there. This dimension of faith is required for you to get there, and to arrive at God's ultimate purpose for your life. Receive it now in the name of Jesus! When you're operating supernatural faith, you don't practise how to speak, God speaks through you.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13

Jesus told His disciples:

And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Luke 12:11-12

But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Mark 13:11

Look at Peter's operation of supernatural faith in the story of the healing of the lame man at the gate Beautiful.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 3:4-7

Peter knew what he had, and it came through, because the lame man was expecting to receive something. I see you also receiving the fullness of your expectations this hour, in the name of Jesus!

Supernatural faith marks you out as someone people must respect! This is because when you take the shield of faith, you quench all the fiery darts of the devil. You can't be harassed when you're holding the shield in your hand!

In July 1979, I asked a witch (who claimed that when they're thirsty for blood, they go on the highway and cause vehicles to somersault), "How about when people like me are on the highway?" She said, "When we sense a higher power coming, we clear off the highway." May everything harassing you begin now to clear off the way for you!

Operating supernatural faith (the God kind of faith) requires the supernatural help of the Holy Spirit. Supernatural faith is the creative faith. It puts you in total control in the midst of conflicts, by the enabling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy spirit puts you in creative control. Though the thing is not here, but you can bring it down by supernatural faith.

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

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

You are supernaturally reinforced on the inside, as the Holy Spirit grants you access into unusual depths in the things of God. He enables you to get unusual insights that will deliver unusual results to you. For instance, one wonderful day, the Holy Spirit came to my help and unravelled a particular mystery of creation to me. After God moulded the clay, the Bible says in Genesis 2:7:

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

I saw that that one breath gave birth to all the organs of the body, because we were not told that He moulded the kidneys, heart, etc. separately, He just moulded a block of clay and everything else was in place, the flesh, bones, marrows, blood, water and all the organs in the body; just by one breath! I never read that from any book all my life! Jesus said in John 5:26:

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Verse 21 says:

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

The Holy Spirit by Himself supernaturally opened that chapter of supernatural manifestation to me. Then the Son said to me, "As the Father hath sent Me, so have I sent you. So boy, you have life in yourself and you too can quicken whoever you will."

The following day, they brought a little boy who had polio to me. The doctor's report said he would never walk again. I took the report, squeezed it and threw it aside, saying, "That's not relevant, I have the answer." I held the boy's

legs in my hands and breathed on them and said, "It is over!" The same evening, the boy's mother was with the little boy on the altar, to testify that he had regained the use of his legs. She put him down on his feet for all to see!

This realm of supernatural faith is called "great faith," and you can study your way into it. Ever since then, when I see any victim of HIV/AIDS I rejoice. I say to the victim, "Come here," and I breathe into his/her mouth. As the breath goes in, it flushes out the stranger in their bodies, and away back to hell it goes!

We have seen HIV dissolved many times, by just one breath! That one breath came by supernatural insight into the Word of God. Little insight equals little faith, great insight equals great faith, and supernatural insight equals supernatural faith - they all deliver according to their various degrees.

A man who was in prison (for the murder he committed) got hold of my book, *Born To Win*, read it, and got saved. He got filled with the Holy Spirit and had enough understanding that he could determine whether he dies or not. So, he began to declare, "I shall not die, but live."

Guess what? They forgot to hang him for two years! The third year, the Chief Judge of the state where he was imprisoned was on an inspection of the prison and spotted him behind the bars. He looked at him and said, "You are discharged and acquitted!" Today, he pastors a church called, "Resurrection Chapel." He literally rose from the dead, no wonder the name!

The Unstoppable Force Of Faith

Faith is an unstoppable force. Whatever cannot stop God cannot stop faith from accomplishing its purpose. "Why is faith unstoppable?," you may ask.

Faith Draws From The Omnipotency Of God

When faith comes alive, it taps into the Almighty power of God in battle. That was how the woman with the issue of blood tapped into the power of God that Jesus carried, to establish the healing she wanted (Mark 5:25 -34). Faith is designed for you and me to access divine virtues, which will always deliver its mission. You can't stop it. It will take what can stop God to stop God's power from having its way.

Just as no man can stand in the way of a trailer, no devil can stop God's power from having its way. Faith is the access into God's power. When faith comes alive, God's power is provoked, and whenever God's power is released, it must always have its way.

As soon as virtue entered the body of the woman with the issue of blood, the flow of blood stopped. When you access God's power through the operation of your faith, every force that had been humiliating your Christian destiny and testimony must bow out of your life.

Faith is that invisible force that has been delivered to us, for winning all the invisible battles we are confronted with. The word "invincible" means too strong to be defeated, and invisible wars mean war/battles that you cannot see with your physical eyes. God has packaged an invincible force called faith, for winning all the invisible wars of your life. Whatever cannot stop God from having His way, cannot stop your faith in God from delivering your desires to you.

That's why the Bible says, "It is to you according to your faith." This is why the devil aims at nothing else but your faith. He knows that until your faith is down, your victory is not contestable.

Faith is an unstoppable force. If you are tired of being stopped, then reach out for the weapon of faith through the pages of scriptures and a diligent search. Hunt for the voice of God from the pages of His Word.

There's the testimony of a brother, who was moving from a rented house to his own house in Abuja. Before leaving, he went to the landlord to thank him and to say, "Sir, the house is completed; we are now moving over there." His landlord gave him eggs as a parting gift. He cooked the eggs, but somehow, by the Spirit of God, instead of eating them himself, he gave them to his dog. The dog ate the eggs and began to vomit blood until it died. Invisible wars! Inside the eggs was the poison of death!

I command every invisible war that is arrayed against you to be crushed now, in the name of Jesus! Every arrow that flies by the day against you returns to the sender now! Every invisible battle of your life is crashing at your instance from now on! Every battle in your sleep is over today! God is not behind those nightmares that torment you night and day, day-in- day-out. So, every nightmare is over in your life today!

It Quenches All The Fiery Darts Of The Wicked

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

Ephesians 6:16

How many darts? All! The fiery darts of witches and wizards, the occult forces of principalities, powers, rulers of this wicked world and wicked spirits in high places. Faith quenches them all! No fiery dart can dare your faith in God - it will quench and silence them all forever. That's why faith is an unstoppable force. It brings God's omnipotency to bear

on the situations and circumstances of life to which it is applied. Since no force can stop God from having His way, no devil can stop your faith from producing results

Faith does not only have its way, it quenches! To quench means to level out, to extinct. That's what the unstoppable force of faith does to every fiery dart of the devil - it quenches them all.

It Commits The Integrity Of God.

God can never say "No" to what He has said.

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:13

Faith commits the integrity of divinity. Whatever force that will attempt to stop faith from delivering its mission, must first succeed in making God deny Himself. Whatever can't make God lie can't make faith fail!

You want to know how powerful faith is? It is the force that converts a son of man to a son of God (John 1:12-13). It changes your citizenship supernaturally, from being a citizen of the earth to a citizen of heaven. It translates you from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His own dear Son (Colossians 1:13). It raises you up from the earthly places to be seated in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

There is no force under the earth that compares with the force of faith, and its ultimate is to make heaven real on the earth for you. Therefore, whatever is not obtainable in heaven is not permitted in your life. There's no sickness, no sorrow or oppression in heaven, therefore, they're not permitted in your life. That's the ultimate mission of faith. Romans 10:6-10 says:

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

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

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

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

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

From now on, whatever is contrary to the heavenly lifestyle will not be found in your life anymore!

Faith is an unstoppable force: it taps into the omnipotency of God, (i.e. it brings the Almightyness of God to bear on any situation), it quenches all the fiery darts of the devil, is the answer to all satanic assaults, and commits the integrity of divinity.

Chapter 4

The Degrees Of Faith

Why is it that some people's faith produces and others don't? The reason is because Bible faith is in degrees! Faith is not just faith, faith is in degrees.

In Matthew 14, Jesus was walking on the sea towards His disciples, who had earlier left in a boat. Peter saw him and said, "**Lord if it be Thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.**" Jesus said, "**Come**," and Peter began walking towards Jesus on water. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried saying, "Lord, save me." Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said, "O thou of little faith, wherefore, didst thou doubt?" (Matthew 14:27-31).

The dimension of faith required to keep walking on water was not in Peter, so he began to sink. Faith is in degrees: there is little faith, great faith, exceeding great faith and a Spirit of faith. Your level of insight determines the degree of faith you will operate in.

Little Faith

Little faith cannot confront challenges. That's why you have to accept the responsibility of building your faith. Little faith is susceptible to doubt, when confronted by great challenges. No one survives on water doubting: you are sure to drown, except you cry out for help.

The Bible says that in the last days perilous times shall come. That is, the world will be confronted by the worst of challenges. That also goes to explain why Jesus said: **When the Son of man shall come, shall he find faith in the earth?** (Luke 18:8). The challenges will be so enormous that

only those who have paid attention to developing this vital aspect of life will be found standing. We are told in Proverbs 24:10:

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Sometime ago, a young man plagued with HIV/AIDS came to me, and was almost fighting me - you could literally see the violence of faith at work in him. He said, "Bishop, I have HIV. It's not possible! It cannot be!" He was literally shouting at me! I could see his faith, just as Jesus could see the faith of the four friends of the paralytic man in Mark 2:5 and Paul in Acts 14:9-10.

I said to the young man, "Jesus Christ makes you whole," and laid hands on him, prayed over him, and breathed into him. He went straight from there to the hospital for a checkup. He didn't go straight to his house or to work, but went to the hospital to confirm his healing, because he was so sure he had been healed. Of course, the result was HIV negative!

You must build your faith to the point of a violent reaction against every contrary situation in your life. That young man is out there, today, celebrating his total health. Satan came knocking at his door to see whether he was available to be killed, but he said, "Not me!"

It's not to you according to your weeping and tears; it's to you according to your faith. Many times Jesus met people weeping, and He would first say to them, "***Weep not.***" That's because weeping has no part to play in the operation of faith. In the world, you can use tears to get things from men; but in the kingdom, tears don't count; faith is the requirement for receiving anything from God.

The truth in that young man was reacting to the lies of the devil. It was his day of adversity, but he triumphed by the violence of faith. He overcame because of what was in him. So, if you fail in the day of adversity, it simply means you didn't build up enough strength to match the challenge.

When you do little about your measure of faith, it will remain little, and little faith will deliver only little victories and signs.

It's possible to operate absolutely by faith, for the maximum delivery of your mandate. Some trust in the size of their churches, and nothing gets done. Some trust in their own capabilities and connections, and their ability to go about preaching from place to place, yet nothing gets done. But the Word of God makes us to understand that there is no shame to them that trust in the Lord.

Little insight is the reason for little faith, because faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Great Faith

Jesus gives us an introduction to great faith in Matthew chapter 15. Responding to the Canaanite woman's insistence on getting even the crumbs in her request for deliverance for her demon-possessed daughter, Jesus said:

...O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour

Matthew 15:28

Great faith will always have it the way it wants it, the way it wills it. We read of great faith again in Matthew chapter 8, where a centurion came to Jesus, seeking healing for his servant.

And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed

For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Matthew 8:7-9

Verse 10 says:

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

In verse 13, Jesus said to the centurion: ***Go your way, and as you have believed, so let it be done for you*** (NKJV). The servant was healed that same hour!

Great faith will always have it as it wants it. It will always deliver great victories, command great signs and put you in command. Great faith is a degree of faith you operate in, when you become addicted to discoveries in the Word. You become unshakeable in any challenge of life. Great faith is taking deep root in the Word of God.

The Spirit of Faith

The measure of faith will give you a measure of results, little faith will give you a little measure of results, and great faith will bring home great results. Much more, you have to build up your faith to a level where you begin to operate by the Spirit of faith – the God-kind of faith. Second Corinthians 4:13 says:

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

A time comes where confession has to be upgraded to profession. At such a time, you're naturally in control of the affairs of life around you. We read in Hebrews 10:23:

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

When you operate by the Spirit of faith, you begin to command the faithfulness of God at will. At this level, you begin to speak things naturally; you are not confessing them, but simply proclaiming them – “I cannot be sick!” Meanwhile, you're vibrating inside as you're saying it. Bible faith becomes your lifestyle; you respond to all issues with faith ethics – ***“We have believed, therefore we speak.”***

Joshua and Caleb operated by this spirit. When the other ten spies began to give the people evil report, they shut them up. ***“Let us go up at once,”*** they said, ***“We are well able to take the land!”*** The Bible said they had ***“another spirit”*** (Numbers 14:24). It's the Spirit of faith!

The Spirit of faith is always reacting; it's a reactionary force that can't stand anything contrary to it. Joshua and Caleb could not be kept down; they responded to everything

with faith ethics. While others were seeing the giants, Joshua and Caleb couldn't see them. Something on their inside was moving them. As far as they were concerned, nothing could stop what God had declared.

The Spirit of faith realm is the realm where you operate in the violence dimension of faith - where you look at the challenges and deal with them as if they do not exist. When my wife was pregnant with our second son, the doctor's report said the baby was lying in a breech position, and that she would require a caesarean section to bring forth.

They called me, and when I got there, I simply placed my hand on her tummy and said, "Child, I command you to turn now!" and went back home. The child came forth shortly after. The violence of faith! There was no need for any prayer meeting on that.

At another time, a doctor told me, "Brother David, your child has jaundice." I vehemently responded, "My son does not have jaundice." He said, "Take a look at his eyes ..." I said, "It's not necessary. My son cannot have jaundice."

There's a level you get to in your faith walk, where you say it and go home and rest. Not that you're quoting scriptures, saying, "It is written..." No! It's already built up in you, and you're simply reacting by what is inside you.

A time comes when you naturally respond to any challenge that comes your way by faith. That is the realm of the Spirit of faith; it's the realm where you get into and the enemy can no longer take you for a ride.

A doctor once checked my blood pressure and said, "Oh! Your blood pressure is high," and I reacted immediately, "Not mine! I can't have high blood pressure." He showed me the reading, saying, "Look at it." I told him, "I'm not saying, 'I don't have high blood pressure.' I said, 'I cannot have high blood pressure!'"

It's much like telling a man he is pregnant, that he should go for a pregnancy test or a scan. That man won't even bother, because he knows better than the crazy doctor

telling him to go for a pregnancy test. Have you ever seen any man in the labour room, who is there to be delivered of a child?

There comes a time in the school of faith where you are filled to a point that you naturally operate by the Spirit of faith, where no one can make you keep quiet on the things you have a grip of; you just move on.

No Faith?

We all have a measure of faith, delivered to us at redemption. In many places in scriptures, Jesus asked the people, ***“Why is it that you have no faith.”*** Everybody is given a measure of faith at salvation (Romans 12:3). So, what happened to theirs? It finished! Burnt up!

And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4:40

Faith is a living force, and every living thing dies at one time or the other. Faith can fail and become zero. Jesus told Peter: ***I have prayed for you, that thy faith fail not*** (Luke 22:31-32).

Faith is the heart of your spiritual life. Of course, you know what heart failure means to the human body. If your faith fails, then you are dead!

The “No faith” level makes you an all-time victim; you are defenceless and totally helpless. This is because only the shield of faith can handle the wicked arrows of the enemy (Ephesians 6:16).

Faith Grows

Faith is a growing force. We understand this from 2 Thessalonians 1:3:

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

You can't stay with your little measure of faith, you have a responsibility to keep growing it, until you join the

Thessalonian Church, whose ***faith growth exceedingly.*** Then, you come to the point of great faith that puts you in command, and the Spirit of faith which establishes your dominion.

To Grow Your Faith...

What does it take to grow your faith? Faith, in the kingdom, has only one source, and that only source is the Word of God. Romans 10:17 says:

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The same source that gives birth to faith, is the same source that strengthens it. Faith has both its source and strength in the Word of God. Your labour in the Word of God is your access to growing in faith.

How do you know when faith comes? Hebrews 4:1,3 says:

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

When faith comes, an end comes to all your struggles to get at these things that faith offer you— you enter into an eternal rest.

But, let's see where the task lies:

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart

Hebrews 4:11-12

We must labour in the Word; in order to enter into our rest. When you enter into your rest, God takes over to fight

your battle and you begin to enjoy divine interventions at will. Exodus 14:11 says:

The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

When you get to that realm of rest, the battle has changed hands; God has now taken over, and when God takes over, it's over!

We are not labouring in the Word to acquire volumes of scriptures, but we are labouring in the Word to gain greater depths of insight. God said to Abraham: ***For as far as your eyes can see, it shall be given unto you*** (Genesis 13:14-15). It's not the volume of scriptures that determines the strength of your faith; it is the depth of your insight that determines the degree and strength of faith you can operate in.

You can't see a thing and still doubt its existence; the clearer you see it, the stronger your conviction will be. One day, I saw from the scriptures that marriage is designed to be a plus not a minus, an asset not a liability. I saw that it is for better only and not for better for worse, as they say in marriage vows. I saw that it's for greater victory - ***One shall chase a thousand and two shall put to flight ten thousand*** (Deuteronomy 32:30).

I saw also that it is a blessed union - ***and God blessed them*** (Genesis 1:28). I saw all that concerning marriage (from the scriptures), and I professed before the God of heaven that I am set for a hitch-free marriage. I've been married for about thirty years now, and it's still hitch-free! You can't see it and doubt it. I've never once prayed for marital peace. The clearer you see it, the stronger you believe it.

The enemy (Satan) has gone to prepare, because he knows he has but a short time. Also, the Bible warns that the wicked will do more wickedly. That's why you need to build up more violent faith, so as to react naturally against everything that is contrary to your rights in Christ.

Revelation: The Greatest Asset

Faith does not come by praying, faith comes by hearing and seeing what God is saying. You hear and see what God is saying.

One of the greatest virtues of resurrection is man's open access to the deep things of God.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures

Luke 24:45

You move out of the realms of information into the realms of revelations, and things will begin to turn in your life.

Only what you see ever becomes yours. Why? It is because whatever you see, you automatically believe. For everyone in his right mind, the end of all doubts is vision - being able to see it. What you see you don't struggle to believe; what you see, you naturally and automatically believe, and whatever you believe, you become.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name

John 1:12

That's why revelation is the greatest asset in the school of faith: it naturally compels you to believe. You can't see it and doubt it. Even Thomas saw and believed (John 20:24-28). In the school of faith, revelation is a major. When you pass the revelation course, you naturally enter into the realm of revolution, because everything you see naturally becomes yours.

The enemy is after the eyes of your spirit for this reason, to see what ways he can keep it blinded. All he wants is for you to remain his captive. No wonder, the Psalmist prayed:

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law

Psalm 119:18

Why is it that what you see is what God delivers? It's because what you see is what you believe, and what you

say is what you will have.

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

Romans 10:10

We also read in Mark 11:23:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

The things you can't say boldly, continuously and tirelessly are the things you have not yet seen. When you have seen them, you become unstoppable; you can't be silenced. The apostles in Acts 4:20 said:

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

You can be harassed into ceasing to speak what you have heard; but no threat can stop you from saying what you have seen. ***"He shall have whatsoever he saith."*** That is why revelation is a principal course in the school of faith. No devil can stop you from having what you have seen and are saying. That's why it's very important for you to believe God for a unique access into the realms of unique revelations, so you can upgrade your faith to the degree that it begins to deliver supernatural results to you, putting you in command over all issues of life.

When you have seen it, you will naturally believe it and talk it - you won't be practising how to say it. If you have seen it, you will say it naturally and effortlessly, and then it becomes your portion. Then every step of your life will begin to witness good reports.

When Your Mind Is Blinded...

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading

of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:14-18

Their minds, not their eyes, were blinded. It takes an open face to see, and everything you see compels change. That's why I say revelation commands revolution.

You will require revelation to see good reports come your way. You hear it once, and then the second hearing is when you see it - ***Once has God spoken twice I heard, that power belongeth unto God*** (Psalms 62:11).

For any kind of change to take place in your life, all you need is to imbibe or cultivate the level of faith required to deliver it to you.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

When your mind is blinded, you can't believe. They say, "He himself took your infirmities," you say, "I can't see it." "He bore your sicknesses," you say, "I've heard that long enough." That's because you can't see it. That's the ministry of ***"the god of this world."*** He blinds the minds of men, so that they can't believe. When you are blinded internally, you can't believe. Satan blinds people's minds, so as to keep them in perpetual captivity.

No man whose mind is blinded can believe anything. Since it's to you according to your faith, what you can't

believe, you can't become (John 1:12). Satan knows you can't have a change in your life without faith, and that you can't have faith with blinded mind. So, he goes on to blind peoples' minds.

When you want to pay your tithe, he comes to you, saying, "Are you going to pay your tithe? It will affect your budget and tamper with your business." Why? He wants to keep you a captive of poverty. But he cannot do that until he has succeeded in blinding your mind. When your mind is blinded, faith is completely out of the way.

Abraham, the father of faith, began his journey into blessings by seeing them.

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

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Genesis 13:14-15

You can't believe it without seeing it, and you can't become what you don't believe. That's why revelation is the most crucial course in the school of faith. Pray now that the Lord should make this your eye-opening season, where you will begin to see the things written concerning you in The Book. Jesus opened The Book and read the things written concerning Him (Luke 4:17-19). You, too, must see!

Say to God, "Open my eyes to see the things written concerning me, the things pertaining to me and the things written about me. Open my eyes to behold the wondrous things concerning me out of the Book of the law." You can't see it and miss it! You will begin to see it from now, in Jesus' precious name! A change awaits you, beginning in your spiritual eye!

That blindness which is not allowing you to see the things that concern you and pertain to you in the Word of God, is dropping off now, in Jesus' name. I see your understanding

in the scriptures supernaturally opened, in the name of Jesus! Beginning from now, you will be a surprise to yourself in the school of revelation, in the name of Jesus!

You can't see it and doubt it, you can't see it and not say it, and you can't say it and not have it. Revelation is the baseline for faith that works! Decree an eye-opening miracle for yourself right now!

Chapter 5

You Need The Spirit Of Faith

There is a Spirit of faith. It is the Spirit that moves you to speak the unspeakable, act the unactable, dare the undareable, and yet deliver the result.

You can't go into the lion's den with the principles of faith. When you see the lion, you're likely to fear, and when you give in to fear, you are bound to fall. It takes the Spirit of faith to look a lion in the face, and refuse to be jittery on your inside.

The Spirit of faith says, "God is all I need." It fires up your confidence. The Spirit of faith is stronger than death; it never bows to any devil. When you operate in the Spirit of faith, evil will no longer be able to survive around you. Wherever you step in, every devil must step out, bowing to your authority.

Connecting with the Spirit of faith is connecting with what will help you fulfill your mission on the earth. You know what the Spirit of faith does? It puts you in charge.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

The Spirit of faith is what subdues kingdoms in your career, profession, ministry, family, marriage, etc. So, you need a baptism and impartation with the Spirit of faith. Your faith is what secures your destiny. When you are baptised

with the Spirit of faith, you are on a flight from glory to glory. You are not sent to this earth as a mediocre; you are sent here as a great personality. An impartation with the Spirit of faith is what will take you there.

The Spirit of faith never sees problems, it only sees the promises; it never sees the trials, but celebrates testimonies.

What Is The Spirit Of Faith?

The Spirit of faith is the prompting of the Holy Spirit in stirring up the faith in you, when a challenge comes. The Spirit of faith comes on its own. It is the supernatural prompting of faith in you to confront challenges as they come.

That was the Spirit Elisha connected with, at Elijah's departure. On his way back from that adventure of faith, he came face-to-face with the River Jordan. He needed to cross over; what was he to do?

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2 Kings 2:13-15

In Chapter 3, God announced him. There was a problem in the land and they lamented that Elijah was dead. But someone said, "No, he's not dead. There is Elisha, the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah" (2 Kings 3:11).

The Word of God was with him as it was with Elijah: the Spirit of faith had positioned him in the shoes of Elijah. The

sons of the prophets bowed to him saying, ***“The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.”***

Three Levels

There are three levels of faith:

1. The Word of faith teaches you the principles.
2. The gift of faith helps you to understand the Word of faith.
3. The Spirit of faith drives the principles into productivity.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

2 Corinthians 4:13

Just as there are levels in the school of the Spirit, there are also levels in the school of the Word of faith. When the Spirit of faith comes on you, you get the same results, and you begin to duplicate the same grace (2 Kings 2:14).

We were in a meeting one day and the generator was about to go off, because the fuel in it was running out. They came and alerted me, and I said, “Don’t put it off, it will not go off until we’re out of here.” The generator that was about going off stayed on, till we closed and everybody was settled before it stopped working.

That was not just the principles of faith at work. When you operate by the Spirit of faith, you not only quote scriptures, but duplicate the grace that has been imparted. Everybody has the principles, but how many have the Spirit? If 10,000 Nigerians possess this Spirit of faith, our country will be turned around for good.

The Spirit of faith is not taught, but imparted.

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established

Romans 1:11

The Spirit of faith establishes the Word of God in a man’s life. When you are imparted with the Spirit of faith, the Word of God is established in your life. There will be no more

struggles doing the Word of God. This is what it takes to maximize your life here on earth.

My continual eagerness and desire is to see people have appropriate value for the things of the Spirit. I have personally heard plenty of the Word of faith from Kenneth Hagin's Ministry, since 1976. Between 1976 and 1981, I had read everything he ever wrote! In 1981, the gift of faith, which is reflected in explosive spiritual understanding of the Word of faith, came alive in me.

I loved the serenity, dignity and everything about the operations of the Spirit of faith in the life of Kenneth E. Hagin. So, I said to God, "I want exactly what this man has." Then came 1986, when the thunder struck, and the Spirit of faith came like a thunderbolt into my spirit.

I am living a life of no struggles; I'm not pushing anything! If you don't have fuel in your car, you have to push it to move. But when it is fuelled, it drives effortlessly. The Word of God in Psalms 45:4 says: ***Ride on (not push on) prosperously and in majesty.*** There are very few riders, but too many pushers in the Body of Christ. Why? The Spirit that makes it possible for one to ride is not there!

You have the principles, yes. But principles can't drive a man to wait 25 years for a promise. The Spirit of faith was what was at work in Abraham. There are too many pushers in the Body of Christ, because they have only the principles, they don't have the oil to drive it.

The Spirit of faith is what drives the Word of faith for maximum delivery, and that comes by impartation. We read in Ezekiel 2:2:

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

That was my experience in July 1986 at Kenneth E. Hagin's meeting. I had read a lot of things, and I was craving for the force behind the workings of those things. As

Hagin was speaking that day, the Spirit entered into me! I heard him clearly, and then an eruption of grace began.

While many have been hanging around the Word of faith level and a few others have been hanging around the gift of faith level, very few are craving for and have actually entered the Spirit of faith level. The good news is that access to that level is open to all, including you.

Note, however, that you can only be imparted with the Spirit of faith by those that have it.

Why You Need The Spirit Of Faith

Every time the Word of God comes alive in your spirit and you believe it, in most cases, it doesn't deliver immediately; it normally delivers in phases. You, therefore, need the Spirit of faith to keep at it, until the fullness of what the Word has promised comes to light. Jesus explains this in Mark 4:26-29:

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

God's Word delivers in a process; it takes the Spirit of faith not to lose hope in the waiting process.

The Word of faith came alive in me concerning prosperity in 1982, and I knew immediately that I was a prosperous man. Yet, there was no proof of any kind of prosperity in my life then. But because I got the Word, a seed was sown.

If the seed is properly nurtured, it will grow and bring forth like the grass. As you continue to nurture it, it grows and begins to flourish. Through pollination, it begins to bear fruits, and when the fruit matures, you put in the sickle and begin to rake in the harvest!

It takes the Spirit of faith to believe that what you have received is fruit, even when it is still inside the earth and has not germinated. That's why the Spirit of faith and the gift of faith are wide apart.

Many people receive their miracle babies, but because they are not aware that there is a process, the child is aborted in the process, and they lose it. A woman is pregnant, but when she sees blood she is terrified, "It's happening again," and then of course, it happens - miscarriage!

The income of our ministry was three thousand naira a month, yet I believed we were a prosperous Ministry, because I saw prosperity from the Word of God. I believed it in my heart, and I knew it was on its way coming in stages. That's the faith that works! Everything that will work in our lives must be of faith, that it might be by grace (Romans 4:16-21). Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:12:

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

The faith that works is a kind of Abraham's faith. After Abraham had patiently endured, he obtained the promise (Hebrews 6:15). Every time you're faced with a challenge, understand that faith is a must.

He that cometh to God (for a change) must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

If God has spoken, then hold on tight to what He has said, as will do whatever He says He will do.

And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken

Genesis 21:1

Abraham was not weak in faith, and so he considered not his own body which was as good as dead at the age of 100, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb. The Bible says: ***He was strong in faith, giving glory to God*** (Romans 4:18-21). It's at a time like that that you need the Spirit of faith, so you can be stable in the midst of conflicts and contradictions, and be yourself in the midst of the storm.

The Abrahamic kind of faith is a clear demonstration of the effect and the operation of the Spirit of faith at work in a man. Imagine this: you have never heard anyone else's story before, and God tells you that He's going to give you a son - and you're 75 years old! Then you turn 80 and you still haven't seen anything, and you did not stagger! That stability must have come by an inner force - by the operation of the Spirit of faith. It can't be the principles at work, as principles would have long crashed.

Take our case for instance: you are going to build a 50,000-seat auditorium, and you couldn't wait for the bill of quantities to get started. That's not a normal operation, but a supernatural operation of faith! Nobody was taxed, levied or begged; no letters were written to anyone, asking for donations or financial support of any kind; yet the structure was built and finished within one year! That's a supernatural operation of the Spirit of faith!

The Spirit of faith takes you out of this world. That's why the faith I'm talking about, here, is the faith that makes you live a life of heaven on earth here (Romans 10:6).

I'm blessed and sent to my generation on a mission of the Word of faith, and I'm empowered with the Spirit of faith to prove it.

When you receive the Spirit of faith from those who are endowed with it, you naturally duplicate the grace they carry without struggling.

The same way Kenneth E. Hagin choked cancer out in his faith Ministry, we are choking HIV/AIDS out without any effort. It's the same Spirit.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak

2 Corinthians 4:13

You can only mimic a man's message; you can't mimic his proofs. The Spirit of faith is the force behind the faith that works, and contending for the faith that works is by craving for the impartation of the Spirit of faith from those who carry it.

You crave for the Spirit of faith, by connecting to the Word of faith being preached by the carriers of the Spirit of faith (Ezekiel 2:2). The Spirit of faith enters into your heart through the Word of faith that they speak..

The Spirit of faith does not pre-meditate an action. As the opposition arises, the manifestation is triggered off. It's an ever-ready force against all uprisings.

Academic giants rose in Babylon by the operation of the Spirit of faith. By faith Daniel and his colleagues were 10 times better than their colleagues (Daniel 1:17-20). Everyone in Bible history triumphed by faith. By faith they stopped the mouths of lions, passed through the Red Sea walking on dry ground (Exodus 14). By faith they had water to drink in the desert for 40 years and a continuous supply of food in the wilderness, without planting any crop—all by faith.

I would like you, therefore, to believe God for a baptism of the Spirit of faith. It makes you to see God from the pages of scriptures, and makes you understand what is going on as you read anointed books and materials. It will keep your position and deliver your possession.

What is it that you need? The Spirit of faith will deliver it speedily. Receive the baptism of the Spirit of faith right now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Chapter 6

The Nature Of Faith

Every kingdom principle is a mystery. This is because you may never have a scientific proof for its claims, but the proofs cannot be doubted. If Kingdom principles are all in mysteries, then faith must be the mystery of all mysteries. It is important, therefore, that you understand the nature of faith.

Faith Sees The Invisible

Creation was not in view, when God saw it. The Bible says:

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear

Hebrews 11:3

Faith sees the invisible and brings it to pass. We are also told about Moses, how he endured, because he saw He who is invisible (Hebrews 11:27). So, faith sees the invisible or the impossible, if you like.

Thinks The Unthinkable

Faith also thinks the unthinkable. We are told about Abraham's faith in Romans 4:19-20:

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

The word "consider" here talks about mental consideration. Faith thinks the unthinkable. Natural

conditions make no meaning to the mental faculty of a man who is operating under the Spirit of faith.

Expects The Unexpected

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith

Hebrews 11:7

Faith expects the unexpected. Though it had never rained before, yet Noah spent 120 years in building an ark that would float on water when the rains came. Then the first rain that fell was a flood! Faith expects the unexpected.

We read also about Elisha's faith for the unexpected in 2 Kings 7:18-19:

And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

Speaks The Unspeakable

Daniel 3:17 tells us about the faith of the three Hebrew boys - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego:

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

Faith speaks the unspeakable! It spoke against fire as though it was speaking against the air. Then the Bible says in Daniel 3:27-28:

And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

The boys spoke the language of faith - speaking the unspeakable! Two months to the deadline for the completion of the Faith Tabernacle for dedication, it was like it wasn't going to be a reality. But I stood and declared, "Two months too much! God created the world in six days; He won't need two months to finish a small building like ours. Two months too much!" And it was so!

Faith speaks the unspeakable!

Dares The Undareable

Daniel by faith dared the den of lions and the lions did him no harm. Faith dares the undareable by energizing your spirit, strengthening your soul and revitalizing your body.

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised

Hebrews 11:11

Faith is a divine energizer. It energizes your spirit, soul and body, so that you can dare the undareable and confront the unconfrontable.

Conquers The Unconquerable

By faith, Moses confronted a whole nation at the age of 85. By faith the Red Sea gave way to him.

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left

Exodus 14:21-22

By faith, he observed the Passover, and that turned Israel's captivity overnight. By faith, he empowered a whole nation economically. Faith conquers the unconquerable!

By faith, we moved from the city of Lagos to a forest in Ota, where a Ministry should naturally have died. We didn't have a single bus when we moved, yet we conquered the forest of witches, and the church has not stopped growing ever since. Faith conquers the unconquerable!

Achieves The Unachievable

From 32,000, Gideon's army was reduced to 300, and with these 300 men, he overran the army of the Midianites.

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions

Hebrews 11:33

Faith achieves the unachievable! Faith is the master key to a world of strange achievements.

How Does Faith Get All These Done?

How does Bible faith function in these realms that I've just described?

It Connects Humanity To Divinity

Let's read Romans 11:16-20:

For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

What is this scripture saying? It is saying that faith is a mystery through which you and I are grafted into divinity, thereby partaking of the fatness of the roots. As you are grafted into God, you begin to draw directly from Him to live your life here on earth and accomplish the impossible. Verses 21-23 goes on further to say:

For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

Faith empowers us to be grafted into God, and then we begin to draw strength and virtue from Him. We connect our humanity to His divinity, causing divinity to manifest itself through our humanity, thus empowering the ordinary man to begin to accomplish what only God can accomplish. Faith brings us into God and God into us, making us living wonders amongst men. Faith is the only way to be thus grafted, and unbelief is the natural way to be disconnected.

Let's look again at the story of the woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8:40-48. The woman went from behind and touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Then Jesus said, "***Virtue is gone out of me.***" They said, "No, Master, everyone is touching you." He said, "No, somebody drew something out of me." The woman came forward, trembling,

knowing what she had done and how her 12-year long flow of blood had stopped at the instance of her touch.

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 9:22

That's why men and women of faith have no respect for the word, "Impossible." This is because they are drawing from a failure-proof source. When you are grafted in, sickness is converted to health, weakness to strength, fear to courage, failure to success, and lack to abundance!

When you are grafted into the olive tree, whatever is in it flows naturally into you (Romans 11:17), bringing about a complete change of status. This means that faith establishes a supernatural change of status for you. This is because when you come to the point of faith on any issue, you are spiritually grafted into God on that particular issue. Then His fatness begins to manifest in your life.

All we ever need to do is to strive to come to a point of faith on any issue of concern, and then our triumph is surer than the day.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith

1 John 5:4

No matter the problem, faith is the victory, the master key that puts you over the challenges of life. The way it does it is to connect you to virtue, which in turn puts you in command.

The story of the woman with the issue of blood clearly defines this mystery of engraftment. It was not the touch, it was the faith; because everybody was touching Jesus, but only one connected to Him. Jesus said, "Your faith connected you to My virtue, you drew from it, and it has made you

whole.” I see you also drawing something that will make you whole from that challenge in your life this very hour!

Faith, therefore, is not just believing God; faith is connecting to God. It is essentially connecting to God, so that you begin to see things the way God sees them. You then start to talk, think and act the way God does, and you start to dare what God will dare. Faith connects humanity to divinity, thereby empowering man for dominion.

So, every time you come to a point of faith on any issue in your life, you are in command. This is because at that time, you are operating in the very class of God.

Strong Partnership With God

Faith enables you to have partnership with divinity. Let's read about this legend of faith called Enoch.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:5

Genesis 5:24 tells us what ***“pleased God”*** mean:.

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

When we put the two scriptures together, it reads this way, “And Enoch walked with God and God translated him that he should not see death; and he had this testimony that he pleased God.” Hebrews 11:6 says:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

A walk with God is impossible without faith. What faith does is to bring a man into partnership with God; and if God be for us, who can be against us? You can't be in partnership with God and be stranded, neither can you be in partnership with God and be resisted by anyone or

anything. You can't be in partnership with God and any gate be shut against you. Psalms 24:7 says:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

You are supernaturally in command of the affairs of life, when you're in partnership with God. Enoch walked with God and was not allowed to see what other men see, because he was in partnership with God.

Moses said to God, "If Your presence will not go with us, leave us where we are; as it's Your presence that will make the difference as we go" (Exodus 33:15). This tells us that it was the partnership Moses had with God that gave him his place in history. Likewise, we also need to build a strong partnership with God, so we will be perpetually in command.

Think about the three Hebrew boys, who were thrown into the fiery furnace, and Nebuchadnezzar marvelled:

... Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God

Daniel 3:25

What happened here? Their partnership with God through their faith caused God to follow them into the fiery furnace. No wonder, fire had no power over them. Daniel's faith also brought about a partnership with divinity in the lions' den. Daniel testified thus:

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 6:22

Partnership with God makes you an unstoppable overcomer; it makes you an irresistible conqueror, and a man who is in charge everywhere you find yourself.

Note that it is not us that get the job done, but the One who is with us that gets it done. Jesus said in John 8:29:

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Partnership with God is the seal of destiny; you can't have God with you and be floored by any man. God is on your inside, and He's also by your side. These two realities make you an impossible case for the devil.

I strongly believe that this understanding of faith will help you to invest more in building your faith, and there is no investment in developing your faith that can be considered a waste. My prayer is that you will begin now to invest towards the development of your faith.

God said in Jeremiah 32:27:

Behold, I am the LORD , the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

From today, nothing shall be difficult anymore in your life! Psalms 66:3 says:

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

What you connect to is His power, and that means, no enemy shall be able to stand in your way anymore. This is because His enemies must bow to Him, through the greatness of His power.

Chapter 7

The 3-Dimensional Faith

Three-dimensional faith is simply talking about faith in God, faith in His Word and faith in His prophets. The three-dimensional faith will guarantee you mastery over any situation in life.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

2 Corinthians 2:14

That is, we triumph in all our ways and in every place we find ourselves. That is God's agenda for us; it's God's will. God has a plan for you to triumph always and in every place. First John 5:4 tells us:

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

Whatever is born of God is born to overcome the challenges of life, and ***“this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.”*** Then we read in 2 Chronicles 20:20:

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

Faith in God establishes His agenda in your life; faith in His Word commits His integrity, and faith in His prophets provokes His confirmation. Isaiah 44:26 says:

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

He said, ***“Believe also His prophets, so shall ye prosper.”*** The word “prosper” means to make satisfactory progress. Prosperity is all about advancing, moving forward, forging ahead.

King Jehoshaphat said: ***For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us, neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee*** (2 Chronicles 20:12). Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon the prophet and he told them what to do.

It means when you believe God, His Word and the messenger He has sent to you, your victory is guaranteed: you simply go over. God took over their battle, and of course, when God takes over, it’s over! Second Chronicles 20:22 tells us what happened after they believed God and His prophets:

And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

Unfortunately, however, the Charismatics have often settled for only one of these three dimensions of faith. They believe only the Word of God and stop there - “It is written ... It is written...” and yet nothing is happening. They know what is written, but what is written is not happening in their lives.

This illustration might help you understand what I’m saying better. If you go to a place and you tell them, “My Bishop sent me,” you have used your bishop’s name. If they have respect for your bishop, they may attend to you. But imagine a situation where your bishop sends you with a written note; that becomes a stronger evidence, isn’t it?

Anybody can go anywhere and use your name; but a written note is a stronger evidence. This is why God said He has exalted His Word above His name. His name is subject to abuse; but when you go with His Word, it further validates the source you're coming from.

How do you compare a note from the president of the country to that of a company official? When you say the President sent you, they are likely to first find out whether he truly sent you. But when they see a note from him, it automatically gives a stronger legality to your access.

Can you then imagine what would happen if the President went in person? That is what faith in God does - it brings God on the spot, right there on the scene! We saw how God showed up for His people in 2 Chronicles 20:22, as they began to sing and to praise Him: not one of their enemies escaped!

Remember, Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that comes to God and wants to see Him move must first believe.

Faith in God is what moves God to come on stage; it brings Him on the scene, compelling Him to take over the battle. Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:12:

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Faith in God enforces the establishment of His will; it enforces His agenda for your life. Thank God for what is written; but it is not superior to the One who wrote it. The Writer of what is written is superior to what He has written. God is superior to His Word.

Many are loaded with the Word, but the Word does not generate the effect commensurate with the revelations received, because the Author of the Word is ignored. No wonder, the Rod is ineffective in their hands. It is, therefore,

very important to have the correct foundation in our faith walk. God is our foundation in the faith walk.

... Believe the Lord your God, so shall ye established, believe also His prophets, so shall ye prosper.

Jesus speaking in John 14:1 said:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

That is, God first. Believe in Him. From Romans 4:16-17, we read an interesting account of Abraham.

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

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

We see from this account that Abraham's triumph came through his faith in God. Those who truly know God will put their trust in Him. You can't know this God and still doubt Him; you can't know God and not fear Him, neither can you know God and not revere Him. You can't know God and spite Him. Just like the knowledge of the Word provokes faith in the Word, the knowledge of God provokes faith in God. Daniel 11:32 says:

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Don't just be satisfied with only God's Word; reach out for His person as well. Paul the apostle said: **That I may know Him...** (Philippians 3:10). That's the foundation for the faith that works. You remember what the three Hebrews boys said?

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

Daniel 3:17

That is, "We know Him enough. We would rather die trusting in Him than bow to you." Did God show up for them or not? He did! Every time your faith in God comes alive, He shows up. I see God showing up in your affairs this time!

Daniel 3:24-25 says:

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

When God arrived in that furnace, He consumed the heat of the furnace and made a most refreshing passage for these who trusted in Him.

It was so also when Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. The king came to the mouth of the den and called on Daniel:

And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 6:20-22

We hear Daniel and the king talk of Daniel's God several times. People quote the scriptures and it's not adding any value to their future, because they have ignored the Author of the scriptures, and are trying to grab whatever they can grab from Him. Not everyone that quotes scriptures has a future. God is too smart to allow gatecrashers.

There is no fear of God in the lives of many, because they don't know Him. They lie like the devil! There's no sign of Christianity around them, yet they go to church more than anybody else. They are simply religious contractors, looking for what will be delivered that day that will add something to them. As for the Source, they don't care about Him. That's why the struggles have continued for too many people in the Church.

For you reading this, I know there's a change for you from now on. Those who crave the knowledge of God never go down, because you can't know Him and doubt Him, and you can't believe Him and not be fulfilled. Hear what Moses said in Exodus 33:13:

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

Moses was still yearning to know God, because the more of Him you know, the stronger your faith in Him and the greater the exploits you will do (Daniel 11:32). ***"That I may know Him,"*** Paul cried. The more of Him you know, the greater the testimonies you will command. The revelation knowledge of God is the sure foundation for the faith that works.

Faith in God is the sure foundation for the faith that works, and the revelation knowledge of God is what makes that happen. Faith in God is the mystery behind supernatural exploits. This is because what the Almighty does is to step in and take over from you what has been

dubbed impossible – things that you are not likely to believe yourself, if you were told of them.

Thank God for what is written – it's powerful and it commits God's integrity. However, it cannot compare in value, worth and potency to God, the Author of what is written. When God steps in, even the opposition clears out of the way. The Psalmist said:

The Lord reigneth, let the earth tremble...

Psalms 93:1

Faith in God, faith in His Word and faith in His prophets – these three-dimensional faith will guarantee you all-round triumph in every conflict of life.

Prophets are divine. They are helpers sent to help men fulfill their destinies in God. Faith in them will cause you to progress in life, as you have divine backing through them. They are heaven's messengers, who open you up to what you did not know existed, and you just walk into it.

You can't know God and not trust Him. At this point is where you begin to see God move in your favour. When my wife's health was under attack, I said to God, "To heal her is not what makes You God: You are God forever, whether You heal her or not. You are eternally on the throne – always there, ever dependable and ever reliable!

"It is not what You do that makes You God, neither is it what You don't do that will now disqualify You from being God. No one voted You in, no one can vote You out. Amen!"

Whatever anyone sees in our Ministry that is marvellous, till my days here on earth are over, I will always tell them, "You better see God behind it." There is nothing marvellous in our Ministry that the hand of any man did; they are all done by the hand of God. You, too, can experience the exact dimension of marvels in your family, business and career!

Psalms 125:1-3 tells us that:

They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

That is what the scriptures mean when it says, ***“Believe in the Lord thy God and ye shall be established.”*** When you trust in the Lord, He surrounds you. Would you like to be surrounded by God? Lift up your hands to God and say this prayer: “Lord, I believe in You. You are who You say You are – You change not. You are the same yesterday, today and forever!

“You are all that You say You are. You can do all that You say You can do. You are ever present and no one can challenge Your throne. You are eternally the God of all the earth. Lord, help my unbelief! It is my turn to be established, in Jesus’ name!”

Chapter 8

The Operational Base Of Faith

Faith, like I've already mentioned, is not a philosophical issue. It's a spiritual force that operates in the spirit realm. It operates in the inner man, or the spirit-man of the new creation. Let's look at some scriptures that will help us to see this. Romans 10:10 says:

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

It is in your heart that you believe. Faith, therefore, is of the heart. Mark 11:23 says:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

These two scriptures establish the fact that faith is a spiritual force, and it operates within the spirit of a man. Man is a spirit, he has a soul, and lives in a body. First Thessalonians 5:23 says:

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It's important for you to also recognize that faith is a spiritual weapon, and is listed among the whole armour of God.

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

Ephesians 6:16

In Ephesians 6:6, we read:

Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

This scripture establishes the fact that it is the state of the inner man that determines the dimension of faith a man can take. The Bible says this about Goliath in I Samuel 17:7:

And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

Faith is of the spirit, therefore, your spirit-man bears the shield of faith. That means, the strength of your spirit-man is what determines the kind of shield it can carry. Goliath's armour was bulky and heavy, to match his stature. The weight of his sword and spear were enough to ward off any enemy from him. That was why the whole army of Israel was too afraid to approach him.

Man's spirit is the operational base of faith. The strength and stamina of your inner man is what determines the level of faith you can operate in. That is, the spiritual capacity of your spirit-man is what determines the size of weapon it can bear.

Building Your Spiritual Muscles

The way people build their physical muscles, is the same way you should work hard at building your spiritual muscles. The physical muscles are built by nutrition and quality exercise.

My wife and I once saw a wrestler in New York. His arms were so thick that they shot out by his sides. The weather was very so cold, yet he wore only a vest and was still

sweating! I said to my wife, "This man wasn't born like this; he built his muscles to match his goal."

Your spiritual build-up is the foundation for the operation of your faith. Your heart must be established in the truth of God's Word, so you can operate effectively in the realm of faith. For this, you need quality nutrition and exercise.

All the events of our lives are determined from within. That's why we are charged to keep our hearts alive and strong with all sense of responsibility - **"for out of it are the issues of life."** (Proverbs 4:23). The events of our lives are determined in our hearts.

How Do You Keep Your Heart?

How do you keep your heart alive and strong?

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20-22

Your spirit-man capacity is enhanced by the quality of nutrition it receives. The Word of God is the nourishment of the spirit. Deuteronomy 8:3 says:

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17

That means, the just shall live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. The just must feed on the Word, in order to feed his faith. The efficacy of your faith,

therefore, is a function of the stamina, strength and vitality of your spirit-man.

You see, it's not so much about the weapon you're carrying, but much more about the efficiency of the man carrying the weapon.

Some robbers can collect a man's gun from him and kill him with it. The army of Israel, for instance, was armed to the teeth; yet they couldn't move near Goliath. But a boy came along, with a sling in his hand and said to Goliath, "This day will I bring your head down..." (I Samuel 17). He was a young man with a well-built and robust spirit.

Faith does not just answer to, "I believe" or "I confess"; faith answers to those who profess it. That is, your spirit-man is on its feet, agile, full of spiritual expertise, and well-equipped to take command at anytime.

When your spirit-man is alive, it is able to carry your body along with dignity and majesty. It's the weakness of your spirit-man that weakens your body.

A car can move without a body, but no car can move without an engine. A car can move with even the chair from your dining room as its seats. It can even move without a windscreen, but not without an engine. In like manner, your life can't move without the engine of your destiny in shape - that engine is your spirit-man.

This is the failure point of many Christians - their spirit-man has not been adequately fed; it's starved. As long as you keep starving the spirit-man, you are denying your destiny without knowing, because your spirit-man is the security of your destiny. Proverbs 18:14 collaborates this:

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

Your sustenance is determined from within you. When your spirit-man is kept alive and strong, it puts you in command over the affairs of your life. Proverbs 17:22 says:

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

What is it that makes the heart merry? Jeremiah 15:16 tells us:

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Your overall health and worth is a function of the wellness of your spirit-man, which receives its nutrients from God's Word. The health of your spirit-man is what determines your overall health physically, socially and economically.

A wise man said that the best place to begin is at the beginning. The health of your spirit-man is the beginning of an efficacious faith. Faith that produces results demands a strong and healthy spirit that can hold the weapon.

We read in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The weapons of our warfare are spiritual; they are operated by the spirit-man. They are spiritual weapons operated by our inner man. That's why we are told in Ephesians 6:10-12:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Your conquest and victory begin with the strength of the Lord in your inner man. You are strengthened with might by His spirit in your inner man, then you are able to stand in the evil days.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13

It takes strength to be able to withstand in the evil day, and then to stand, having done all. Paul prayed thus in Ephesians 3:16:

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.

You need strength in your inner man! The lion is not the king of the forest because of its size or age. The lion is the king of the wild because of its strength. Proverbs 30:30 says of the lion:

A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any.

Your inner strength is what makes it impossible for the devil to threaten you. It is lack of this inner strength that makes believers jittery in the face of challenges.

We were at an outreach in 1979, where a mad man was delivered from madness. The evil spirit came back on him, and four hefty men tried in vain to hold him down. They then called on me.

When I got there, the first thing I said was, "Leave him!" I looked at the mad man and said, "The angels that left their first estate are kept in chains in the outer darkness awaiting the day of Judgment (Jude 6). What are you doing here?" I spoke to the demon inside him, that had no choice but to leave.

That's strength in the inner man! Four men couldn't hold him down. But little me came along and said, "Leave him!" Strength in the inner man is the key to your victory in the

face of any harassment of the devil. The reason the devil is still harassing you is because of your weak status - you need a change of status.

The Bible tells us this about Jesus in Luke 2:40:

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

You need to wax stronger and stronger in the spirit. If a stranger knocks on the door, and you say, "Who is that?" The stranger can tell whether you're a man or a woman from your voice. Somebody said, "There's no small snake; a snake is a snake." Even so, there's no spirit woman; it's spirit-man.

You have no excuse for not developing your spirit-man and faith. Stop saying, "You see, I'm a woman." There's one spirit, one faith and one God. It is your build-up that determines your capacity. From today, your sound will be like that of a lion! You need to build some energy into your spirit-man, and that energy source is the Word of God. Your energy source is in the diverse dimensions of the Word of God:

Water

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

Ephesians 5:26

It is also **milk** for your refreshing and nourishment:

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

I Peter 2:2

Meat

But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

John 4:32

Strong meat

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the

first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 5:12

The Word of God is **Wine** , to intoxicate you a little, whirl you around, that you begin to say the “unsayable”, because you are under the intoxicating power of the wine of life!

The three Hebrew boys daring the king’s wrath, and the seven times heated fiery furnace said:

... We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Daniel 3:16-18

That’s the effect of the intoxicating wine of the Word of life! It’s a multi-dimensional nutritional stuff - everything is inside it: strong meat and milk for your breakfast, water to wash down the strong meat, and then wine, so you can do what you wouldn’t have done otherwise, because of the strength that is built into your spirit-man.

You see, the way you look is not as important as what is inside you. Your suit and tie don’t move the devil; it’s the strength on your inside that matters. How else do we build up our spirit-man?

Fasting And Prayer

A man brought his son to Jesus’ disciples for them to cure him. ***“But they could not cure him,”*** he reported to Jesus. Jesus asked that they bring the boy to Him, and He cast out that devil tormenting the boy.

Later, His disciples came to Him, and asked, “Why couldn’t we cast him out?” The reply:

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this

mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 17:20-21

What does that mean? There is a particular capacity required to deal with this kind. Just as cars come in different capacities, this kind requires a particular capacity of your spirit-man to surrender.

What is Prayer and Fasting?

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

When you wait upon the Lord, according to Isaiah 58:6-8, you break every yoke. That tells us that the strength built into you by fasting and prayer gives you power over every harassment of the devil.

You exercise your spirit-man in fasting and prayers. Remember Proverbs 24:10 says:

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

You build up strength in your spirit-man against the day of battle, through fasting and prayers. You don't wait for the day of battle to come, before you build-up your strength. Opening your Bible just once a week, is the reason you are so weak. It's time to wake up.

The spirit-man, your heart, is the operational base of faith. That's what determines the efficacy of your faith. It is the man holding the shield. So, the strength of that man, the agility and skill of that man are what determine your victory in the day of battle.

We are told about John the Baptist in Luke 1:80:

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto

Israel.

You can't be building your spirit-man and not come to a day of your showing forth to your world. Every time you log into prayer and fasting is credited to your spiritual account. It is just like in flying, where the number of hours you've put into flying is what determines your rating, not the day you graduated from the flying school.

So, it is in the spirit realm - highflyers, the captains of life, emerge out of the hours they have logged in investing into their spirit-man. The prayers you pray are stored up in vials, before the Lord in heaven.

Praying in Tongues

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Jude 1:20

When you pray in the Holy Ghost, you're building up yourself on your most holy faith; you're building up in the Holy Ghost.

Since 1981, I can't remember any week that passed without my fasting. In 1985 I virtually and unconsciously waited on the Lord everyday. This lifestyle helped me to gather the energy of a lion, over the period. Peter said in Acts 6:4:

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

That is, we will stay on prayer to build our strength, so that we will be able to withstand in the evil days. Our spiritual weapons will only deliver to the level of the strength of the spirit-man. So, build up! It's your responsibility.

It's time we earnestly contended for the original faith delivered to us by the Creator Himself - the faith of our fathers, the fiery, ever-winning, ever-conquering faith that is built on giving yourself continually to prayers and the ministry of (or the feeding on) the Word. The apostles gave themselves to praying and feeding on the Word, so their

spirit-man was strong and alive, so that their faith could deliver maximally.

Faith draws from all the strength of your spirit-man - from the Word that has been loaded into it, and the vitality that has been built into it, through various spiritual exercises.

You must continually give yourself to prayer and fasting. Building a strong and healthy spirit will no doubt deliver the results you desire. In Luke 2:52, the Bible says:

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Your spiritual stature is what defines the beauty and glory of your future; so, build it up! Romans 8:6 says:

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

All aspects of your life can be driven by the spirit - your business, family, career, finance, etc. Every aspect of our lives answers to the command of the spirit. Proverbs 4:22 says:

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

They are life to your social, physical, mental and financial health. Therefore, keep your spirit-man with all sense of responsibility. Keep it alive and strong, for out of it are the issues of life. Your spirit-man is the custodian of your destiny. You must, therefore, guard it jealously.

My prayer for you is that you will see the value of a strong and agile spirit-man, and begin to invest appropriately in it. You need it for your life, family, business and everything else. The authority to make these things work can be built into your inside.

John chapter five tells us about the man at the pool of Bethesda, who had been there for 38 years! Why was he there for that long? He told us in John 5:7:

... Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming,

another steppeth down before me.

Life is a privileged existence with attendant responsibilities. Until you take up spiritual responsibility, you remain a religious and spiritual liability. No one can eat for you what will make your spirit-man strong; you have to take responsibility for it. Just like no one can eat the physical food that builds up your body for you.

That man waited for 38 years to get healed, because he had no man. The Bible says:

Every man shall bear his own burden

Galatians 6:5

Now, here is the conclusion of all that I've been saying: if you don't want to die frustrated, take responsibility!

When Adam's spirit-man was still in place, he was in absolute command. The lion answered to him, the rhino, and all the other animals: he named them one after the other. He even went into the ocean to name the creatures there.

Paul the apostle was lost in the deep for a night, and he still came out to tell the story. He was beaten to death and dragged out of town to be buried. As his tormentors left, he rose to his feet and went off to preach somewhere else!

Your spirit-man is the custodian of your destiny; so build it up! Authority emanates from the strength and vitality of your spirit-man. It's time to take responsibility.

No Fear!

All my spiritual mentors are men that invested tirelessly in their spirit-man. One of them was waiting on the Lord the first 30 days of every year for many years. The other one spent 40 days at least once in a year, waiting on the Lord. Kenneth E. Hagin lived a fasted life, and he never knew what headache felt like.

It is your spirit-man that determines your level of control in life. Three hundred and sixty-five times in the Bible, we are told, ***"Fear not !"*** ***"Be not afraid nor dismayed ."*** Fear is a spirit. We see that from 2 Timothy 1:7:

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

If fear is a spirit, then it takes the strength of your spirit-man to deal with it. The cure for fear, therefore, is strength in your inner man. Until you conquer fear, you cannot access your victory. Philippians 1:28 says:

And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

When you lose your fears, you gain your victory, and it's all an issue of the heart.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Proverbs 24:5

What does the lion use to overcome fear? Strength! Proverbs 30:30 says:

A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any.

The stronger you become spiritually, the more fearless you become in dealing with the issues of life. We are not talking about "bold face" here; but about "bold spirit." The stronger your spirit-man, the bolder you are, and the bolder you are, the greater the command you enjoy.

The apostles went everywhere speaking boldly, and God was granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands (Acts 5:12). So, the stronger you are, the bolder you become, and the greater the command you gain. Then signs and wonders answer to you at will.

May you begin now to see the need to invest quality time in the Word, in prayers and in fasting. Don't lose control, gain it! Don't watch the devil harass your life; rather, programme yourself to harass him, and life will begin to answer to you with ease.

Please, get this right: faith is an issue of the heart, not the head. Faith is not philosophical or psychological; faith is a spiritual force that operates within the spirit of man. What

that means is that you have to jealously guard your heart to operate in the realm of faith. Your spirit-man is the engine of your destiny. Therefore, it must be jealously serviced, kept alive and running.

All the different forms of faith draw from your Word bank or Word reservoir (Proverbs 4:20-22). The thing on your inside is what your faith draws on. It has to be there first, before faith can draw from it. When you are challenged in any area, you work the Word, in your quest for the faith required to deliver your desire.

It is your labour investment in the Word that qualifies you to access the virtues of faith. Second Peter 1:5 says:

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

I laboured three days in the Word to enter into the faith for prosperity. I laboured three days on the mountain to enter into the faith for the prophetic. Also, I laboured seven days to enter into the virtues of the Acts of the Apostles. Faith is no cheap talk friend, faith is hard work!

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1Timothy 5:17

Faith does not increase in the hands of the idle; it increases in the lives of the diligent. You can't add to your faith without diligence. Without spiritual diligence, you remain spiritually indigent. It takes labouring in the powerful Word of God to add to your faith. Receive the grace now!

Note, however, that fasting is not a substitute for faith, and will never be. You can't operate the mystery of faith without a studious life. All my strange encounters in the school of faith came out of times of investment in the Word of God - investing in books and tapes.

The greatest treasure in my life is my library. I've lived my life inside it; I get the utmost joy when I settle inside it. That's why I dare what others may never imagine. My

capacity to believe God has been greatly enhanced by the enlargement of my spiritual understanding through the ministry of apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists that God has sent my way through personal contacts and books.

Chapter 9

Faith Products

Faith that works is built on hope that is rooted in the heart, declared by the mouth, and is demonstrated with corresponding action.

At this point, I want to show you the fundamental products of faith. These are the things you should expect in the operation of your faith - the things you're reaching out for. When faith is put to work, it delivers three fundamental products: all-round victory, all manner of healings and all-conceivable signs and wonders.

We have seen that faith operates in degrees, classified into little faith, great faith and supernatural faith, and all of them are drawn from the living Word of God.

We also saw that your level of insight is what determines the level of faith you can operate in - little insight, little faith, great insight, great faith, and supernatural insight, supernatural faith. Now, let's look at the fundamental products of faith.

Victory

One of the fundamental products of faith is victory. It is faith that delivers victory. In the conflicts of life, every obstacle is subject to the authority of faith. First John 5:4 says:

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

Faith delivers all-round victory. It is the answer to all the fiery darts of the devil.

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

Ephesians 6:16

Faith is able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil against your home, career, destiny, business, etc. Most people in church have been victims of curses and enchantments, the wrath of men, and the wrath of the devil. But God's Word says in Galatians 3:13:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

The price for your liberty from every curse is already fully paid. You are now seated far above where the curses can affect you (Ephesians 2:6). You are now far above the magnetic field of evil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:12-13

You must, therefore, no longer live in fear of them, as they can't come over to where you are. Living in the fear of them makes you their victim. The Bible says, ***"In nothing terrified by the adversary"*** When you refuse to be terrified, it will be a token of their own destruction. You are superior to all evil forces, because you're seated together with Christ in heavenly places, far above them all.

Faith delivers victory. In every conflict you face, you can be sure that faith will deliver victory to you. There's no devil anywhere that will challenge the authority of Bible-based faith. Once faith is at work, every devil goes on break!

What do you do then? When you're confronted, go to the storehouse and take the shield of faith required to deal with that situation. Go to God's treasure house (the Word) and take the appropriate instrument of faith required to deal with the issue.

It is not according to your luck, as life does not answer to luck. It is to you according to your faith. Mark 5:34 says:

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

If it is to you according to your faith, then it is to you according to the level of your insight in the Word.

By faith, Abraham came out of obscurity and became a symbol of generational blessings. By faith, Sarah stood above barrenness and became a mother of nations. By faith, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego went from captivity into royalty. By faith, Daniel came out of the den of lions to rule in a land, where he was a captive. Faith always changes men's stories. It's your turn for a change of story!

Healings

Faith also delivers healings. In Acts 14:7-13, we read about a man who had been lame for years. When Paul perceived that he had faith to be healed, he prayed for him in the name of Jesus Christ. Immediately, his ankle bones received strength, and he walked for the first time in his life!

Two blind men came to Jesus and said to Him, "Master, we want to receive our sight." Jesus answered them, "***Do you believe that I can do this?***" They said, "Yea Lord!" So, Jesus said to them, "***Be it unto you according to your faith.***" He touched their eyes, and immediately, they received their sights (Matthew 9:27-30). I dare say to you now, that no matter the plague in your body, today is your day of deliverance, in the name of Jesus Christ!

Faith delivers healing. When your faith is released in any scripture, the virtue in that scripture flows into your body to enforce the performance of what it promises.

Take the scripture in Matthew 8:17 for example. When you begin to release your faith for healing based on that scripture, you declare, "He Himself took my infirmity and He bore my diseases." He took it 2,000 years ago. If He took it, then it's not there anymore. "I have been bought with a price. My body and my spirit must glorify God. Sickness, to hell with you! Pains, to hell with you!"

Many years ago, I had a very big boil, and my faith was released to the consciousness that somebody took my pains 2,000 years ago. The pains were immediately converted to pleasure. The pain in the boil was destroyed, signifying that some kind of virtue must have entered into my body, as I sat down in faith on that scripture.

Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:1-5

I said to myself, "If He has carried my pains, then it can't be with me anymore; my body becomes absolutely pain-free." With that understanding operating in me, the pains found their way out. May every pain in your body find their

way out of you right now, in the name of Jesus! Every curse, every enchantment, every pain is destroyed right now!

Your doctor can't guarantee your health. They, too, agree that they can only care, they can't cure. God is the source of true health. Psalms 127:1 says:

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Proverbs 10:22 tells us:

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

God is more than enough! If He can't do it, it will be foolishness for you to go looking for who else will try it. But I'm glad to let you know that He is the God of all flesh, there's nothing too hard for Him (Jeremiah 32:27).

Drop All Alternatives

With God, your case is not a case at all. He can bring men your way, and He does that.

For when a man's ways pleases the Lord, He makes his enemies to be at peace with him

Proverbs 16:7

God can bring men your way, but He can't stand you making them your defence or source. Jeremiah 17:5-6 says:

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

He is the One that will bring men your way, when your way pleases Him. He then begins to mobilize everything in your favour. But He will never enslave you to any man as your source. Jeremiah 17:7-8 says:

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

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

When you enslave yourself to any man, God removes His hand. He then says to you, "Let's see how far you can go."

The greatest enemy of faith is what I call human alternatives. Human alternatives are the worst enemies of faith, because God will never share His glory with any man (Isaiah 42:8). If you want God to step in, then make Him your only source of hope and expectation.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

Psalm 62:5

Your expectation must be on God. Every other source you're looking up to nullifies the effect of His source. The Lord spoke to me strongly on this about 30 years ago. He said to me, speaking from Psalms 34:5:

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

The Lord said to me, "You have two eyes; can you make one look up and the other one to look down at the same time? I tried it and then answered, "No." He then told me, "Every time you look elsewhere, you're no longer looking unto Me." If you can withdraw from every alternative to this only source, the heavens will open for you.

They looked unto Him and were lightened, and they became impossible cases for the devil. They looked unto Him, and they had their breakthroughs.

We live in a culture that believes so much in human connections, as the only guarantee for success and distinction. Every businessman in our society seems to have that mentality. As a result, God has withdrawn His hands

from many, because they have made “graven images” for themselves.

God is a jealous God – you either give Him all the glory or He takes none of it; you either make Him your only Source or He refuses to participate in your affairs. The Bible says in Matthew 6:22:

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

You don't need an elder brother to get a job; you only need God. This is because there's no place He can't get to on this earth. No man or place on this planet earth can say, “No!” to God.

God accepted absolute and full responsibility for the assignment He gave me, because we look nowhere else but to Him for everything. That's why as a Ministry, we have no known sponsor anywhere since inception. Friend, your connection with the Most High God is more than enough, to get you to any place in life.

Has your doctor said your case is closed? God is saying, “It is no case with Me.” I see God stepping into your affairs supernaturally! If your eye is single and focused on Him alone, then your case is settled! Here is this powerful song:

**“ It's so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, 'Thus says the Lord.'
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him...”**

Jesus is the answer, no matter the enormity of the issue! You are receiving your answer right now in Jesus' Name!

You Need a Husband?

You are beautiful, created by God, redeemed and baptized in the Holy Ghost, yet no one has come to say to you, “Will you marry me?” That curse is destroyed today! God is going to establish a covenant home for you right away, by divine speed in the name of Jesus!

Freedom From Shame?

The price has been fully paid for you to have a glorious life. From this moment, everything that smells shame is no longer your portion! You have been called into glory and virtue! You have been brought out of darkness into His marvellous light, so shame is not your portion. Reproach is not your portion, neither is pity your portion!

Begin to come against them now with words of faith, and every desire of your heart will be fully met today!

Fear Of Death?

There are people who are already waiting for the day of their death. The doctor's verdict is absolutely contrary, and all you are doing is just marking time, waiting for death to come. Hear this: that appointment with death is disappointed this moment!

Doctor's verdict notwithstanding, faith always has the final say. Faith is what determines the end at any point and any time. Your doctor is not the one that gave you life, so, he cannot determine when that life will go.

The key is not in the hands of the devil either; it's in the hands of Jesus, and He's holding it in your favour. So, you shall not die! Jesus said in Revelation 1:18:

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

You shall live to declare the works of God!

In Luke chapter seven, Jesus touched the coffin and the dead son of the widow sat up and began to speak. See that same touch coming upon you right now, and as virtue flows into your body, that death in your system is swallowed up in victory!

I laid hands on a young girl who had sickle cell anaemia, and she was not only healed of the sickle cell, one of her legs that was shorter than the other also grew out to match the other one! Hands were laid on the-head, and the blood was affected! Everything that is contrary to your total health is being destroyed right now, in the name of Jesus! All it

takes is faith in your heart, and God will be committed to confirm it.

Fruit Of The Womb?

God is never late; so, it is never late to have your miracle. If you have been looking up to God for the fruit of the womb these many years, in nine months time you will carry your baby in your hands! The Lord will make you laugh!

Forget about the past. Today, God will show up in your life! The essence of faith is to terminate the frustrations of man.

Signs And Wonders

The third product of faith is signs and wonders. Faith is your vital link to the supernatural, which is the source of signs and wonders. Jesus said in Mark 16:17:

And these signs shall follow them that believe In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

To take up serpents means to toy with the devil, and yet be unhurt. If you take any deadly thing, it won't hurt you, and when you lay your hands on the sick, they shall recover.

Faith delivers signs and wonders. Jesus makes us understand that signs and wonders are the works of God, and are direct products of faith.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6:27-29

In John 14:12, Jesus assures us:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Faith is your guarantee for God's kind of works - signs, wonders and diverse miracles. Signs and wonders are at the command of faith; they are your heritage in redemption. John 3:8 says:

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

I have no other way of describing the hand of God in my life and Ministry, except with the words "signs and wonders!" It answers in my life on a natural frequency.

Faith at work will always put you in command of signs and wonders. When you're in command of signs and wonders, you stop wandering about in the world; instead, you are in perfect control of life's situations.

Signs and wonders in your business, for instance, will constantly cause it to blossom where others don't. Signs and wonders in your career will give you strange promotions that will make others wonder how you got it. Signs and wonders in your trade will give you supernatural sales, while others are crying, "No sales!"

All of these are at the command of faith. Faith delivers victories, healings and signs and wonders. I know that all you need is within these three things - victory over all satanic harassment, healing from every form of body breakdown and organic malfunctions, and you are commanding signs and wonders on a natural frequency.

Chapter 10

Covenant Platform For A Winning Faith

I will be sharing with you in this chapter, the various perspectives that will help you in the operation of your faith.

When King Jehoshaphat was confronted with a battle that seemed too great for him and his army, the Lord spoke to him saying: ***You shall not need to fight in this battle, set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvations of the Lord with you...*** (2 Chronicles 20:17). ***“Set yourselves”*** means, “Position yourselves for the victory that you desire.” It means, “Take your stand; find a platform from where you will operate your faith.”

There is, therefore, a need to understand the appropriate covenant positions to take, for the victory we desire in the operation of our faith. “Where do I stand, for my faith to produce?” is the question we always need to ask. Remember also that Ephesians 6:13 says:

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

“Where do I stand for my faith to deliver? on what platform do I operate, for my faith to produce?” This chapter will help answer these questions.

We already understand that faith is essentially a tool for victorious living.

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

1 John 5:4

This tells us that faith is an overcoming weapon, which is why it's important for you to locate where you need to stand, for your faith to produce.

Let's start by establishing this fundamental truth: that every time you are challenged and confronted, God has a plan for you to overcome. The following factors will help establish a great stand from where your faith will produce.

God Is Willing

Recognize that God is willing to give you the victory you desire. Many people are victims of their ignorance regarding the will of God. They are tied down because, in most cases, they're ignorant of God's will.

You must recognize that God is willing to make you the overcomer that you desire to be; God is willing to make you victorious in that battle, and to give you the victory you're looking for. God is willing to heal your body; He is willing to grant you the breakthroughs you desire in your business. See what happened in Matthew 8:1-3:

When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will ; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

That is, "Are you asking about My will? I will." Whatever separates you from the society is leprosy. Whatever makes you hide your face, when others are approaching is a form of leprosy. Whatever makes you a by-word and a proverb, among others, is a form of leprosy. But I believe God that by the time you're through reading this book, no form of leprosy will be traceable to your life anymore!

God is willing! God is able! God is ready! If you will stand on these Biblical truths, you are bound to constantly have the victory you desire. He said, "I will, be thou clean."

Also in 3 John 2 He said:

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

God is saying, "This is My express will, My priority will: that you prosper and be in health." The question then is no longer, "If thou will," because He said in Jeremiah 29:11:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

That is, "I respect your expected end, I respect your expectation, and will see that your expectation is not frustrated. I want your desires fulfilled."

God's will, therefore, is an established matter. But the question is: "Are you ready to receive His blessings?"

God Is Able

Ah Lord GOD! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

Jeremiah 32:17

In verse 27, God asked

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?

God is able! The One who brought Lazarus out of the grave after four days can't have any problem dealing with that cancer. He can't have any problem flushing that HIV out of your body or destroying every form of stroke and paralysis in your life. Surely, He can't have any problem delivering your desires to you.

The One who furnished a table in the wilderness, and caused Israel to eat freely from heaven for 40 years, can't have a problem giving you and your family three square meals a day. Jesus who fed 5,000 people with a little boy's lunch, and they had 12 baskets left over, can't have a problem meeting the needs of your family. God is able!

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27

How many things? All things, including your own thing that everybody has concluded is not possible. That situation in your life that everyone has concluded will remain the same, is included in all things that are possible.

All things are possible!

God Is Ready

God is willing, God is able, and God is ready. God is ever ready to step into your situation, because He's the I AM THAT I AM! God will not be stronger tomorrow than He is today. He's not trying to gather more strength with which He can deal with that your issue.

God will not be more loving tomorrow than He is today. He's the I AM that I AM. God will not be more merciful tomorrow than He is today, because He's the I AM THAT I AM. In 2 Corinthians 2:14 Paul said:

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

We serve a "Now" God. He's not going to be mightier tomorrow than He already is, neither is He going to be more powerful, more loving, more merciful tomorrow. He's not going to be readier tomorrow either.

I don't know if you are ready, but He is ready today. God is ready today to re-write your story. God is willing, God is able, and God is ready!

Now, Your Faith

You need to establish these covenant stand in the operation of your faith: "My God is willing! My God is able! My God is ready! Satan, get ready for fire!" This will give you all the boosting and confidence you require, to bring home the victory. When God is committed, the deed is done.

However, nothing commits God to make good His promise like faith. Now you know that He is willing, able, and ready to help you, get Him committed.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

Faith will always commit the integrity of God to make good His promise. Jesus asked those blind men, ***“Believest thou that I the son of man, I am able to do this?”*** and they said, “Yea Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, and said to them, ***“Be it to you according to your faith”*** (Matthew 9:27-29). Until you believe Him, He’s not committed. Your faith is what determines what God commits Himself to doing in your life.

Faith is a covenant device for getting God committed to intervene on your behalf. He said to Martha and Mary at the grave of their brother, Lazarus: ***If you believe, you will see the glory of God*** (John 11:40). Faith is what it takes. God is willing, able, and ready; He’s simply waiting for those who know how to get Him committed.

God is willing to heal your body, establish your business, future and give you that miracle job. But you must commit Him by the operation of your faith. Target a particular issue in your life, and commit God to intervening on your behalf, by putting your faith into it.

Proofs Of Authentic Faith

What are the proofs that you have faith? This question is necessary because most of what people call faith is not faith. What makes one know that you are walking or operating in faith? “How do I know that I have faith?,” you ask.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2 Corinthians 13:5

That means it is possible to know when one is operating in faith. What then is the acid test for faith? What is it proves that there is faith at work in you?

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

Hebrews 11:1

Faith must deliver result or it's fake! You can tell whether there is faith in you or not. What then are the proofs of authentic faith?

Patience

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Isaiah 28:16

One of the proofs of authentic faith is patience. This is made very clear in Hebrews 11:7 which says:

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Noah moved to build the ark at the age of 500, according to Genesis 5:32. Then the flood came when he was 600 years (Genesis 7:6). That is, he waited 100 years for the flood to come.

Patience; and it was by faith. The first demonstration of faith in the scriptures was by Noah, and the Bible says in Hebrew 6:12:

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Faith and patience always walk together. We also have the example of Abraham. Hebrews 6: 13-15 says:

For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Patience is always a companion of faith. Faith without patience is fake! ***“He that believeth shall not make haste.”*** We saw that in Abraham, and the effect remains till today. Patience is a companion of authentic faith. God spoke to Abraham, and then patience delivered the result to him after 25 years of waiting.

Not everybody waits in patience. Most people are victims of anxiety. They say to themselves, “If it will happen, it would have happened now.” After sometime they say, “Oh, Lord Jesus, I know you can do it” That’s not patience! Patience is stable while waiting. Patience is waiting without any anxiety, for, ***“he that believeth shall not make haste.”***

Dedication

Authentic faith empowers the believer to be rooted and grounded in God. The Bible says in Job 2:9:

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.

But Job told his wife that she must be one of those foolish women for saying that. Then in Chapter 13:15, Job said:

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Authentic faith is proved by undying dedication to God, not to things . The three Hebrew boys were threatened with the fiery furnace and they said, “Our God is able to deliver us, and He will deliver us. Even if He doesn’t, we would rather die than bow!” God delivered them, because they believed and trusted in Him.

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who

hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Daniel 3:28

They trusted in their God. Unreserved dedication is one of the proofs of authentic faith. That is, what He does or does not do doesn't affect you. God is not your business partner, He's your Father! He's not your heavenly banker, He's your Heavenly Father!

True dedication is a proof of authentic faith. They said to Daniel, "You will not pray to any other god except the king, otherwise you'll be cast into the lion's den." He told them, "I'm ready." Later on, we read in Daniel 6:23:

Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

The Lord delivered him because he believed in Him. That's not like all this "bread and butter" faith that people are parading all over the place.

Let God be true, and all men be liars (Romans 3:4). That's faith! "It doesn't matter what is happening, God is true." That's faith! When you get to that point in your faith, you have committed God's integrity to perform.

God tried Abraham with Isaac and dedication prevailed (Genesis 22), and God brought generations after Abraham into His blessings through that act of dedication. Look at what Hebrew 11:17-19 says:

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Faith people are not driven by things; they're driven by God. People of authentic faith (people whose faith deliver) are not driven by things; they are moved only by God. If you're the type that is up today and down tomorrow, your faith needs treatment. That is faith sickness; your faith needs attention.

Faith people are high up there always, because their root is in God, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever. So, until you're the same in all circumstances, your faith is fake.

Dedication means to be the same in all circumstances. Dedication will always empower your faith for triumph. Concerning the righteous, Psalms 46:5 tells us:

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

May you receive grace for true dedication today! You can now see that faith is beyond just believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth.

Corresponding Action

Whatever you claim to believe is proved by what you do. You believe in prosperity, good. But are you doing what makes people prosper? If you're not, then your faith is fake. James 2:18 says:

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

In 1 Samuel 2:3, Hannah said:

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

Your actions validate your faith or lack of it. Whatever you claim to believe must reflect in what you do. In Genesis 12:1 we are told:

... Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

We are told in verse 4:

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

In Genesis 17 again, God spoke to Abraham, instructing him to circumcise every male in his household, beginning with himself. In verses 23-24 we are told:

And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Abraham's actions were proofs that he believed God. In Genesis 22:1-2, God came to him again:

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Again, Abraham moved. Verse 3 tells us:

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Abraham's faith was validated by his actions. Until your actions line up with what you claim to believe, your believing is fake! We read in Hebrews 11:7:

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

If you're not moving, you're not believing. God weighs your actions to determine the manifestations in your life. Faith moves! If it's not moving you, then it's not faith.

Joy

The fourth proof of authentic faith is Joy. We read in 1 Peter 1:8:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Faith is validated by joy. Faith infuses you with joy unspeakable. Faith rejoices in the realities of the unseen, and there's no limit to the unseen. That's why faith produces joy unspeakable in a man's heart. Phillip went to Samaria and preached Christ to them, and Acts 8:8 says:

And there was great joy in that city.

Faith always stimulates joy. If there's no joy, then there's no faith. The Psalmist said:

Why art thou cast down oh my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God.

Psalm 42:11

That means, "Believe God." Faith is the antidote for depression. Depression can't move near a man that has faith. Joy unspeakable - that's one of the characteristics of faith.

Peace

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

Peace is a product of believing. We also read in Hebrews 4:9-11:

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

They did not enter because of unbelief. But for people that believe, they cease from their own works and enter into their rest. When you enter into your rest, anxiety ends and curiosity is terminated. That is peace. It's one of the proofs of authentic faith. It is called "***peace that passeth all understanding***" (Philippians 4:7).

I have never suffered a sleepless night over the Ministry God gave me. No! You need to see me when I'm sleeping - I sleep comprehensively, so, I wake up totally refreshed. I work for long hours and don't have too many hours to sleep, so I have to sleep well.

There are people who work harder when they sleep than when they're awake. They are restless all night long. You enjoy ***peace that passeth all understanding*** through a consistent lifestyle of faith - authentic faith. You will have it today!

Positive Confession

Faith is a speaking force. If it cannot be picked - up in your words, then it's not there. Faith can be traced in the words of your mouth, if it is there.

My wife was the first to hear about the vision of the Ministry, when it was delivered to me. From that day, she never heard me say one word that made it look like it may not work.

Faith is a speaking force. Romans 10:10 says:

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

Your confessions either validate or betray what you call "faith." If your faith cannot be traced in your words, then it

is fake.

It Celebrates God

Authentic faith also celebrates God. Romans 4:20-21 says:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Authentic faith does not question God, rather, it celebrates God. If you ever find anyone questioning God, move away from him; that's a victim of unbelief. Don't travel with him/her for that may be a Jonah in your ship! You may lose all your goods.

Those who question God can't claim to believe Him. The faith that triumphs is the faith that has graduated into trust; it breeds supernatural triumph. Authentic faith never questions God, it celebrates Him. That's the ultimate in your quest for triumph - always giving God thanks and praise, no matter what the situation may be.

In Ephesians 6:13, God's Word says:

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Thanksgiving

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

Psalm 134:1-2

Having done all you're told to do, stand blessing God. Stand celebrating God - praising and giving Him thanks. God said to the people: ***Stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord*** (2 Chronicles 20:17-21). Jehoshaphat sought for the interpretation of that instruction, "stand", and then appointed singers.

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22

Stand blessing God and stand giving Him thanks; then you will see His salvation. They never shot an arrow! That's the triumph of faith.

Don't just give Him general thanksgiving; thank God for that thing that has refused to move. That is the ultimate in faith battle. Jesus proved it in John chapter 6, when He fed 5,000 men with five loaves of bread and two fishes.

And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

John 6:6

Verse 11 says:

And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

He knew that thanksgiving was what to do, having done all. Using the same key, Jesus brought Lazarus out of the grave, after he had been dead (and stinking) for four days (John chapter 11).

Thanksgiving is never late. You can bring that stinking situation back to life with genuine thanksgiving. You can re-open that seemingly closed situation with thanksgiving. Jesus said in John 11:25-26:

...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

As He ended that and said, "Father, I thank you," Lazarus came forth! Authentic faith celebrates God in the face of seemingly impossible cases, and then God steps in at the pulling of the trigger of thanksgiving.

Whatever you are believing God for all this while, and are yet to see it, I would like you to engage the never-failing weapon of blessing the Lord. That way, you transfer the battle to Him and He takes over. When He takes over, it's over!

In the world, they give thanks after somebody has done something for you; but in the Kingdom, you give thanks for Him to do something. After Jesus gave thanks, the bread multiplied; after He gave thanks, Lazarus came forth, not before. Philippians 4:6 says:

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Note also that even your prayers are not answered until you give thanks. If you're still praying and have not seen anything, He says, "You need thanksgiving." This is because God will not hear you, until thanksgiving is included in your prayer.

Thanksgiving, therefore, is a force that accompanies faith to deliver. Until you know the meaning of thanksgiving and you start engaging it, you will still have many unanswered questions in your life. That's why this very hour, I release the Spirit of joy and gladness upon you! It will culminate in thanksgiving, praises and blessing God. I see God fighting for you today!

Thanksgiving brings God to bear on your circumstances. Thanksgiving transfers the battle from you to God, and then the battle is over!

Friend, I'm glad to let you know that this faith works!

Chapter 11

The Good Fight Of Faith

Everyone going into his promised land must expect to be resisted. All you need to do is to stand up to the challenge. By what force? By the force of faith. I will tell you how that works.

You have a very loaded inheritance in heavenly places; but they are needed here on earth. Ephesians 1:3 says:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

In 2 Peter 1:3 God's Word also says:

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness; but why are most things not here for us to enjoy? In 1 Timothy 4:8 the Bible says:

For bodily exercise profited little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Psalms 34:10 says:

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Good things are ordained of God to attend to us in the journey of life. Paul gave us a clue on how to actualize this goodly heritage here on earth.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

You have been called into a fight, which is the only way to lay hold on what eternal life holds in store for you. As we have already seen, faith is the master key to a world of victory.

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

1 John 5:4

It is not, “a victory,” but “the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.” The fight of faith is the only way to lay hold on what eternal life has in stock for you. Romans 8:32 says:

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

That is, salvation guarantees you supernatural access into every other thing that God can do.

Why Do You Need To Fight?

God’s Word says in Deuteronomy 2:24:

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

It sounds like a paradox, but it’s the truth - “I have given you,” God says, “now begin to possess it and contend with the oppositions in battle; otherwise you’ll never possess it.”

If there were no oppositions, then your inheritance would have been automatically released to you. But there’s an opposition. There is an adversary, the devil. He’s against anything that has to do with your welfare; he always stands in the way of your advancement everyday. Remember what 1 Corinthians 16:9 says:

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

The reason for the contention is because of the stony-heartedness of the opposition. He has vowed to stop your access; he has vowed to rob you of what belongs to you, and that is the reason for the contention. First Timothy 1:18 says:

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

Though prophecies are the unfolding of divine agenda, yet He says you have to war a good warfare to see them fulfilled. You don't wait to see prophecies fulfilled, you war a good warfare to see them fulfilled. That's the reason for the contention. I've often said that life is a warfare, not funfair! Second Corinthians 10:3-5 says:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The same way we are walking is the same way we ought to war. Life is a battlefield, not a playground. Until we become warfare-conscious, we won't enjoy welfare. We must become warfare-conscious to enjoy maximum welfare. You are called into a fight, not into a play.

Life is a battleground, that's why we are told that "We wrestle." It's in the present continuous tense. The enemy has vowed to stand in your way, so you too must vow to break through by force! This is because it's impossible to

access your promised land without standing up to fight. The Bible says in Exodus 13:17:

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

That means God already knows about the warfare. He knows about the battles you must fight and win, before you can enter your promised land. This is where many Christians miss it. But it's time to become a burning and a shining light - armed to the teeth and are able to tell every devil, "Shut up!" and they will obey you!

You need to know that there is no other way to your promised land. You are either ready, to confront the opposition or you remain in the same position.

God has spoken; His agenda for you has been unfolded- that it is your turn for a change in level. He has concluded all plans to give you a positive experience of a lifetime, coupled with supernatural progress and advancement.

How Do You Fight?

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

Ephesians 6:16

How do you quench the fiery darts of the enemy? By the force of faith. That is the master weapon for conquest. It is one weapon that has everything it takes to stop everything the enemy can muster up.

Faith stops all the manipulations and wickedness of the devil. I see all the wickedness that has been tormenting your destiny crushed today, in the name of Jesus!

James 1:5 says:

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

shall be given him.

That tells you that every lack in your life has an answer with God, and the way to connect with the answer is by asking. But verse 6 says:

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

We see, therefore, that it is one thing to stop the oppositions, and yet another thing to receive, to see what was stolen restored back to you. You need faith to stop him and to have what belongs to you released to you.

Without faith, therefore, you don't have a future. Your future in the Kingdom is determined by faith. We stop the opposition by faith, and also gain access to our possession by faith. Mark 11:24 puts it this way:

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

When you come face-to-face with obstacles on your way, He said:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith

Mark 11:23

You quench oppositions, clear obstacles and access your possessions by the same weapon - faith! The fight of faith is, therefore, your only guarantee for possessing your possession. Every conquest is preceded by a conflict, and every possession stems out of great contentions.

Now, I would like you to target everything you know which belongs to you in redemption, that is not yet manifest in your life, and engage the force of faith to enforce their release, and it shall be so!

Fight the good fight of faith. You can't say, "I'm not interested," because the opposition is determined to stop your access, to rob you of what belongs to you. So, whether you're ready for a fight or not, the fight is on, and if you're not ready, you'll become a casualty!

The Power Bedrock

Conquest is essentially a function of power display. Psalms 66:3 says:

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Conquest is a function of power manifestation. It's not about oratory, eloquence or posture; conquest is a product of power display. That's why the weapon of faith is important: it taps into the power that is above all powers. We read in John 1:12:

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Faith connects you to power, which helps you to become what God has ordained you to be. Power is the end product of the operation of faith. That is, faith is a channel through which we tap into divine power that enforces the releases of what belongs to us. In Romans 1:16, Paul the apostle said:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Through the instrument of faith, the gospel is translated into power. Faith converts the Word of God into power, and this power does two things: it causes the opposition to bow and also enforces the release of your destiny, so that you become what God has ordained you to be.

You can now see that faith is not merely about recounting God's Words to Him; it's about connecting with power from God. Paul talked about the exceeding greatness of God's power in Ephesians 1:17-19:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

The resurrection of Jesus is the power base of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ; it's the anchor for the ever-winning faith. If the ultimate of faith is power, and resurrection is the exceeding greatness of God's power on display and also the working of His mighty power, then resurrection is the platform for the ever-winning faith. Paul said in Philippians 3:10:

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

That is, "I want to know His power so I can duplicate His life. The power of His resurrection is what guarantees my practical identification with the resurrected Lord."

The exceeding greatness of God's power was demonstrated at resurrection. It is the power bedrock of the Church; the anchor of faith for unquestionable triumph. The exceeding greatness of His power is available to us who believe; but you connect to it by faith.

Resurrection power provides the platform for your translation from the earthly places to heavenly places. It provides the platform from where you are able to give command to principalities and powers, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. Except Christ is not risen, only then can Satan keep you in that condition.

So, fight the good fight of faith! Taking delivery of your possession and inheritance is not a physical and intellectual struggle; it's a fight of faith!

When You Are Confronted

Every time you're confronted, do the following:

Get Hold of The Word

Get hold of the appropriate Word of God that guarantees your expectation. Until you locate what is written, you cannot influence the happenings. It is laying hold on what is written that puts you in command of the happenings. Get hold of the Word!

The one thing that the enemy cannot stand is the authority of the Word of God. Do you know why? Hebrew 11:3 says:

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

Everything, including the devil was formed by the Word of God. All of creation has its source in the Word of God. The Word of God, therefore, has all authority to remain in command, since everything was created by it. John 1:1-3 says:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

So, get hold of the Word.

Release Your Faith

Next, release your faith into that Word which you have laid hold on. Hebrews 4:2 says:

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

There must be a mixing of the Word with faith. That is, you consciously build your faith into that Word. Don't assume it; cultivate it. Until you mix the Word with your faith, the Word remains impotent: it can't produce.

Present Your Case

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Then you present your case. That is, you pray to God, "Father, this is what your Word says, and I believe it. Prove that this is your Word."

That way, you tap into divine virtue for a change of story, and heaven begins to work in your favour. When you ask anything according to His will, He hears you (1 John 5:14). If He hears you, then He is committed to granting you your petitions.

Address The Situation

You then face the situation and address it squarely. That's what Jesus meant in Mark 11:23:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Most of us are too busy talking to God, rather than talk to the situations. God won't speak to the mountains for you; you're the one to speak to them yourself. The Psalmist said, "***The strangers will hear my voice and they shall fade away from their hiding places***" (Psalms 18:45).

The reason strangers are still hanging around you is because they've not heard your voice yet. Speak to them! You pray to God, but speak to the issues. We need to learn how to speak.

Face-to-face with Goliath, David didn't pray to God, he spoke to Goliath (1 Samuel 17). According to Proverbs 18:21:

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

David killed Goliath before Goliath died; he slew him with his words. First Samuel 17:45-46 says:

Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Declare Your Victory

Don't wait for anybody to announce your victory, announce it yourself. "It's over! It's over! It's over!"

Don't Quit The Line

Keep doing all the above five things, until what you desire is delivered. God said in Hebrew 10:38:

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man drawback, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

So, don't quit; and you will see your desired results.

Give Him All the Glory

As you see the result, give Him the glory. These are seven power - points for an ever-winning life. With these seven points, you can hold every devil to ransom.

Now, whatever belongs to you in Christ that the enemy is still withholding, I decree your supernatural breakthrough and delivery right now, in the name of Jesus!

You Need An Overcomer's Mentality

Life is a warfare, and defeat should not be an option for you. You must never consider defeat; victory should be your only pathway. Triumph must always be your goal.

Triumph is having a walk-over in a battle. That is, winning without stress and conquering without scars. This is God's ordained realm and plan for you.

Faith is an ever-triumphant force. All you need is an overcomer's mentality. It takes an overcomer's mentality to live a triumphant life. What you cannot see, you're not entitled to get. It is your mental picture that defines your destiny and actual future. Proverbs 23:7 says:

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...

A lack of the overcomer's mentality was the problem of the 10 spies, so they lost out on their inheritance (Numbers 14). They lost their destiny to a negative mentality. Many in the Body of Christ are victims of negative mentality.

I pray that everything that negates the truth in you be flushed out of you permanently, in Jesus' name!

Enforcing The Triumph Of Faith

Let me show you the various perspective keys you need, to enforce the triumph of faith concerning any issue of concern.

It is Common

In your journey to triumph, you must first of all understand that your challenges are common. For instance, there are no special diseases; every disease is common to man. Joshua and Caleb couldn't see the giants that others saw. While the other spies saw the giants as oppositions, Joshua and Caleb saw them as bread. Until you see those challenges as common, you cannot overcome them.

Take blindness for instance; it is common. Some are born blind, and have never seen all their lives, like the man in John 9:1-8. How about lameness? The man at the Beautiful gate was born crippled from his mother's womb (Acts 3:2). We also read about the man in Acts 14:8-10, who was

crippled from his mother's womb. It's common! All these conditions were turned around in a matter of seconds.

I don't care for how long that plague or problem has been there. It's turning today, just like the case of the Canaanite woman's daughter, who was vexed with a demon.

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matthew 15:25-28

Also, there's the story of a man who was dying of may be cancer, heart disease, kidney failure or whatever. He was so helpless that his four friends had to carry him to see Jesus. We read in Mark 2:3-5:

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

It is common! How about death? You know, of course, that the end of every sickness and disease is death? But we see Jesus raising the dead in several instances (Mark 5:34-42; Luke 7:11-16; John 11:1-44). I don't care how deadly that problem in your system is, there is a reversal today!

It is common! Sarah gave birth to a son at the age of 90; so your case is not closed. I see you making headline news,

by reason of divine intervention coming your way this very hour, in Jesus' name!

John the Baptist (the greatest of all men until Christ) came out of Elizabeth in her old age! Mary, without knowing a man, was the channel through which Jesus Christ came. You have been called barren; something generational is coming out of you too, in the name of Jesus!

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

I Corinthians 10:13

It is common!

God is Faithful!

Know that you can always count on God. He cannot deny Himself. He is not a man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent (Numbers 23:19).

Just like a man cannot be pregnant, God cannot lie. He does not have that capacity. He abides faithful, even when we don't believe. God is ever faithful! Deuteronomy 7:9 says:

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

It is impossible for God to lie! Second Timothy 2:13 says:

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Numbers 23:19 also confirms it:

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Also, Hebrews 6:17-18 says:

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation...

And 2 Corinthians 13:8 says:

For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

Every scientific verdict that does not line up with the truth is falsehood. The Bible says: ***Let God be true, and all men liars...*** (Romans 3:4), including doctors. For 12 years that woman spent all her resources seeking healing from doctors. The Bible said she suffered many things in the hands of doctors, but was not better. Then, suddenly, the truth showed up, her faith caught it, and the flow of blood ceased instantly (Mark 5:25-34). The verdict of medical report was reversed!

So, you see, the doctors don't have the final say concerning that your condition. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega - He has the final say on any issue of your life. Revelation 1:18 says:

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Jesus holds the key of health and death; it's not in the hand of the doctors. First Timothy 6:20 talks about the falsehood of science, when it's put side by side the truth.

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

There are facts and there are truths. There are scientific facts and there are scriptural truths, and scientific facts are eternally inferior to scriptural truths.

You Are Well Able

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13:

You are able! Joshua and Caleb said, “We are well able to take the land, and to possess it. If God said it, then we are well able.”

When they ask, “Who are you to think you can live a sickness-free life?” Tell them, “Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world (I John 4:4).”

If you have Christ in you, then the Grand Commander is resident on your inside. You have the life of God in you - eternal life, which connotes immunity from all sicknesses and diseases. That surely makes you different! John 3:16 says:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 6:23 corroborates this:

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every saved person possesses divine life, which is not subject to sickness and disease. Jesus knew no sickness or disease when He walked this earth, and He said: ***As the Father has sent me, so send I you...*** (John 20:21). This marks the end of all harassment of sickness and disease in your life!

They ask, “Who are you to think you’re superior to sickness?” Again, answer them with I John 5:4:

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

Sickness is one of the principal challenges of life in this world. That’s why when Jesus came, He was healing the sick

everywhere He went. Acts 10:38 says:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Health care delivery is the most prevalent challenge among men in every nation; it costs every government massive sums of money in their budgets. In every nation, sickness and disease are the devil's major trademarks.

"Who are you," they ask, "to think you are superior to sickness and disease?" You should answer them with Ephesians 2:5-6:

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

And then Ephesians 1:20-21 tells us our location:

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

You are to live above all the agencies of sickness and disease. Principalities and power, rulers of darkness of this wicked world, and wicked spirits in the high places are all agencies of sickness and disease—and you live above the realm where they operate. That is what makes total health your birthright.

There's A Way Out!

First Corinthians 10:13 also tells us that there is a way out.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but

will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

There's always a way out of every predicament. Jesus said in Revelation 3:7:

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

That should let you know that you can never be hedged-in by any situation, if Jesus, who holds the key of David, is at work in your life. There is always a way out.

The Bible tells us that God made His ways known unto Moses, and His acts to the children of Israel (Psalms 103:7). That means every time God unveils His ways and you buy into it, you have provoked His acts. His ways are the custodians of His acts. Let's read Isaiah 30:20-21:

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Your teachers will show up, and as they do, the ways are unveiled, and then your escape is established. We see a picture of a terminal disease painted in Job 33:21-25:

His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a

ransom.

His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

An interpreter is the key to that restoration. An encounter with a God-ordained messenger, an interpreter of the truth, who will show you your rights in Christ, is the key to the restoration of your health. That is, revelation is the key to every restoration here on earth.

It says, "If there is a messenger with him..." I'm glad to let you know that I'm privileged to be one of such messengers. They are not too many in the world. There are God-ordained bakers, and there are those who distribute the bread. I am not just a distributor, I am also a baker. Therefore, I say to you, whatever represents a terminal disease in your life is hereby terminated, in the name of Jesus!

Yes, there is always a way out! The Holy Ghost is the Master Interpreter, but God has interpretation agents, through whom the Holy Ghost communicates His interpretations. There are apostles and prophets, who are put in specialized positions, to address the challenges of humanity. That's why the Bible says that the Church is built upon the foundations of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20).

These apostles are special envoys, while the prophets are God's mouth-piece. They deliver specific mandates to the Body of Christ. On May 1, 1981, in an 18-hour long vision, God said to me, **"The hour has come to liberate the world from all oppressions of the devil, through the preaching of the Word of faith; and I am sending you to undertake this task."** God was saying to me, **"You are My special envoy to deliver a liberation mandate to the Church."**

Every divine intervention is provoked by Holy Ghost-inspired interpretation of the scriptures. When He opens it

up, you have provoked the acts of God.

There is a way out! In Ecclesiastes 8:1 we read:

Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Accurate interpretation of scriptures emboldens the believer to command the supernatural: "It cannot happen! Can I have my food please?" That was my violent response to my wife's, "I have had a miscarriage," when she was pregnant with our first son (now doing exploits in Ministry as a pastor). That response was fired by revelation – a product of compound interpretation of scriptures.

As I'm interpreting these truths to you, all your frustrations are being terminated in Jesus' name! It is interpretation that infuses illumination, which in turn shatters all the forces of darkness in a man's life. An interpretation is what enhances your spiritual boldness. When the truth is made naked to you, it fires you up on the inside. Now, say to that situation in your life, "With the truth of life at work in me, I can deal with you."

Your Master Access

I must tell you this: faith is your master access to divine healing. It is the faith question that you answer, to experience the healing manifestation that Christ offers. Matthew 9:27-29 says:

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

No disease or sickness can resist the authority of Word-fired faith (not mental assent). Jesus said, concerning a man who had been dead for four days, in John 11:40:

...Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

That is, faith can bring him out of that grave. So, if death can answer to faith, then cancer must answer to it. Deafness must answer to it! Blindness must answer to it! No matter the sickness and disease in your body, it must answer to your command of faith today.

In I Corinthians 15:26, we are told:

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

That tells us that death is the ultimate power of the devil, and it's the cause of every sickness and disease. All the people Jesus healed were victims of the oppression of the devil (Acts 10:38). His last card is death, and death answers to faith. So, cancer, kidney failure, liver problem, infertility, impotence, strange movement in the body, migraine, nervous disorder - all must answer to faith! First John 5:4 says:

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

Today, you will see the power of faith in action in your life! All you need to do is to set your faith antenna right. Remember: it is common and God is faithful. "I am well able; there is a way out; and I can deal with it." These are the overcomer's mentality process that will guarantee the triumph of your faith, in the face of any challenge or trial. Your faith is all it takes to be in command.

Chapter 12

The Trinity Of Triumph

Faith, hope and love constitute the trinity of triumph.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Faith, hope and love operate in unison; they operate together. With the operation of these three forces, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego went through fire triumphantly. In Daniel 3:16-18, we read:

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O' Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us (hope!) and He will deliver us (faith) Oh king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up (love)"

You can't operate with these three forces and still be floored. I call them, "The Trinity of Triumph." God said to Abraham in Genesis 22:2:

... Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Let's see faith, hope and love in action in Abraham's life:

And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you (hope).

Genesis 22:5

Then in verse 8, when his son asked him about the lamb for the sacrifice, Abraham said, **“...My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering...(faith!).”**

Then verses 10-12 say:

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son,

And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Abraham took his only son to go and sacrifice him to the Lord - that's love! We see the hope of Abraham, his faith and love demonstrated here, and that was what brought him into the realm of sworn blessings!

...By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

Genesis 22:16-17

These three forces — faith, hope and love work together. The trinity of triumph is it!

HOPE

Hope is what prepares the way for faith; it is the breeding ground for the Spirit of faith. To be hopeless, therefore, is to be helpless. Our hopelessness is the reason for our helplessness. Not just hope, but a lively hope. That is, hope that is lively. First Peter 1:3 says:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath

begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Man became hopeless after the fall (Genesis chapter 3). But we were brought back into a lively hope by redemption. Our hope was dead, but came alive when we got born again. We now possess a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

It is spiritual to be hopeful. Why? Romans 8:32 says:

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

If you're born again, you're entitled to every other thing that God can afford. Without hope, faith is impotent, because faith rides on hope to generate its results. Where hope stops, therefore, is where faith ends; as faith can't go beyond where hope stops. Second Peter 1:3 says:

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

That tells you that when you are born again, you are entitled to all things that make for life and godliness. That's where hope stems from. So, new birth is your spiritual access into a life of lively hope.

With hope, you never come to your wits' end; it's never late for God to step in. God is never late, no matter how the situation may appear. We read about the Shunammite woman in 2 Kings 4:18-37. She had a miracle son and then one day, Satan struck and by noon the boy was dead! Verse 22 says:

And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

Verse 23 says:

And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor Sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

Let's see what happened in verses 25-26:

So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well :

Here, we see hope preparing the way for faith to operate. Her husband's hope was already ended, and if the woman stopped there, that would have been the end of that case. Your case is never closed until you close it; nobody's case is ever closed until he/she closes it.

Hope was moving that woman. She must have said to herself, "The man of God through whom God gave us this miracle child is still alive; this child cannot die," and so went to Elisha. She was riding on hope to provoke the operation of the Spirit of faith.

"Is it well with the child?," the man of God inquired. "It is well," she said and then faith gave substance to her hope. Remember that Hebrews 11:1 says:

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

So, where there is no hope, faith has nothing to give substance to. Hope, therefore, is the "wife" of faith. You know, of course, that no matter how strong a man is, he can't have a child without a woman. Even so, no matter how strong faith is, it can't produce without a lively hope.

It takes a lively hope for faith to deliver. Whatever you can't hope for will never happen. If you can't see it, faith cannot deliver it. A hopeless believer is a helpless believer! It is your hope that provokes God's help. Say to yourself:

“I have been begotten unto a lively hope; therefore, my case is not closed. God is never late, He is forever in charge. God is eternally in control. My case cannot be closed.”

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Romans 8:24

It takes hope to stimulate faith. It doesn't seem real, but because you have seen it in the Word of God, you believe it. This is what God said about Abraham in Romans 4:18:

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

It's time to believe in the lively hope into which you have been begotten. God can do anything that our faith allows Him to do, but it's our hope that sets the pace for our faith to work.

Setting The Stage

God's Word is essentially designed to stir up your hope. His Word generates hope, and faith brings it home. The knowledge of the Word is not equal to faith; it only sets the stage for faith to deliver. Hope tells you it is available, then faith makes it obtainable. Faith turns what is available to obtainable.

Hope is the wife faith is “married” to, to bring forth their miracle “babies.” No great faith can deliver proofs without hope, and hope is generated or provoked by the knowledge of the truth. It's the knowledge of the truth that generates real hope. The knowledge of the scriptures is what gives hope, and when faith comes alive and fertilizes hope, it gives birth to the miracle you desire. Therefore, one is not a substitute for the other.

You need to be spiritually sound, not religiously committed. That means, you should be alive to the things required of you, and then engage your faith to commit God

to perform. When you jealously guard your walk with God and your relationship with Him, God then becomes jealous about everything that concerns you.

Be very committed to every prophetic declaration with a sense of mission. When books are recommended for you to read, read them, because something is waiting in those books for you. When you take notes in church, go through them again, because faith is built by hearing. Faith is reinforced and energized by hearing and hearing until it happens.

It's not enough to know what is there or available, it's also important to know what it takes to bring it home. It's great to know that it is there; but even greater to know how to bring it home. One is not a substitute for the other – the two are equally important.

I must emphasize, however, that you do not wait for things to happen, because things never happen by waiting; they happen by acting. Whatever He tells you to do, do it. You do not wait for wine to come, you wait on Him to hear what He wants you to do, and then He turns your water into wine and sends all your mockers into hiding!

All that Mary told them was, "Wait on Him; whatever He tells you to do, do it" (John 2:5). So they waited on Him. Then He said, "*Go fill the water pots with water.*" They did, and by acting, they committed God to manifest His glory.

I think it's time for us to move out of the realms of religious waiting, to active and dynamic waiting on the Lord for what He would have us do per time. James 2:20 says:

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Subsequently, it is your action that determines His manifestation. Every time He speaks, He commits Himself to perform, if He can find those who will believe it. To believe it doesn't mean to give mere mental assent to it, "Yes God will do what He says He will do." To believe Him means to do

what makes it happen, and to do whatever He tells you to do in making it to happen.

That is the only way to validate your faith. Your faith is fake, if it is not taking responsibility for what you are expecting. You have to consciously develop the faith required to deliver your desire.

You wait on the Lord to hear what He wants you to do, not waiting with folded hands for things to happen. I pray that grace to labour intelligently and effectively in the Word of God, in order to enter into that rest, be granted you this hour, in the name of Jesus Christ!

Take Away The Stone!

Do you know that most people are just trying God? Yes, because they have already closed their cases. Their hope is dead, and you know, no man can impregnate a dead woman. When a woman is dead, every part of her body is dead as well. You can't find a dead woman being wheeled into the labour room! So, faith without hope is like a man without a woman believing to have a child: that's impossible!

It's time for your hope to come back to life. If you can't see it (hope), faith can't get it. What you cannot see, you cannot get (Genesis 13:14). We read in 2 Corinthians 4:17:

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

It may look like it's never going to be over, so He said in verse 18:

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

I don't care what you're going through, this is the last time you're going to go experience it! No affliction is expected to exceed a moment. That moment is over for you this hour. You're not permitted to stay in that affliction one

moment longer. For every shame of your life, God is restoring double glory back to you!

For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Isaiah 61:7

Your time of singing and dancing has finally come! The challenges around your life now are temporal, but what God has spoken concerning you are eternal; connect with them now in the name of Jesus!

Abraham's hope was built on that which was spoken (Romans 4:16-18). It means hope has the same source as faith. Hope sets the stage for faith, and strong faith operates on the platform of a lively hope. It took Abraham 25 years to see the manifestation of what was spoken, but his hope was alive, so faith eventually delivered. You have waited this long; it is your turn to have your own Isaac!

Just take the stone of hopelessness out of the way, so that faith can operate. Jesus told them at the grave of Lazarus, *"Take away the stone!"* That is, "Remove the blockage of hopelessness; I cannot operate as long as that stone is blocking the sepulchre."

Faith cannot operate, until the stone of hopelessness is removed. You can't stay on that drug forever, no! The doctor should not dictate your life span, no! Remove the stone of hopelessness, for your Lazarus is about to come forth!

When they placed the stone at the door of the tomb, hope ended. But Jesus came and said, "Remove it!" Do you want to see the glory of God? Then, remove that stone of hopelessness, for the case is not closed yet. Remove that stone of hopelessness, for your long-awaited husband is returning; your long-awaited marriage is happening this year, your long-awaited miracle babies are arriving right now, in the name of Jesus!

Until you roll away the stone, the Spirit of faith cannot function. That stone of hopelessness must be rolled away from the “mouth” of your challenges. Roll it away, for your Lazarus is about to come forth! No one can close your case except you.

It is your faith that brought you into the kingdom; that same faith will bring you the victory you require any day, anytime, anywhere! All you need is to let your hope set the pace for faith to function.

Make this declaration: “My case is not closed. My God is still on the throne; my case is not closed.”

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:4

The things written are written to ignite your hope, in setting the pace for your faith to work. Remember, we draw hope from the scriptures the same way we draw faith from the scriptures; faith and hope have a common source.

Hope says the case is not closed, “I can see my babies in my hands; I see my wife by my side.” Hope always sees into the future. Hope celebrates the reality of tomorrow. With hope, you’re never down. The Psalmist said in Psalms 42:5:

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

It is lack of hope that pushes people into depression. As long as your hope is alive, you will never be down. This very hour marks the end of depression in your life! Your victory is here today!

LOVE

Interestingly, the Bible says that everything works by faith, but faith also works by love.

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which

worketh by love.

Galatians. 5:6

What that tells you is that the quality of your faith is a function of the quality of your love. I'm talking about the love of God burning hot in your heart. Love is the spiritual instrument for activating your faith, for maximum delivery.

Faith works by love. Just like in the science laboratory, there are some reactions that will lie dormant until you introduce a catalyst; so is it with faith. Faith is acting on the Word of God to commit Him to make good His promise. You have the Word, faith, prayer and fasting all in one beaker, as it were, and you're waiting for all to produce your desire. But these are substances that require an activator, a catalyst. The introduction of a catalyst is to accelerate the rate of the reaction, and love is that catalyst that helps to activate your faith for speedy delivery.

The quality of your faith is a function of the quality of your love for God. That means also, that the quality of your life is a function of your faith, and the quality of your faith is a function of the quality of your love. By a straight line equation, therefore, the quality of your life is a function of the quality of your love for God.

Many are seated in Church just craving for things; but only very few are craving or panting for God. That's why their struggles have been without end.

We have always taught the people, that faith is what you hear, you believe and you become. But they have believed and are yet to become, yet they have not bothered to find out why it is so. ***"Faith which worketh by love."***

The efficacy of your faith is a function of the quality of your love for God.

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

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

That explains why the quality of a man's faith is a function of the quality of his love. Your depth of revelation is a function of the quality of your love for God, as He will only reveal Himself to people that He is in a relationship with, just like you will share your confidential issues with only your confidants. There has to first be a relationship.

If faith is a function of revelation, and revelation a function of love, can't you see then that faith is a function of love? David never lost any battle, and he fought virtually all through his reign. He triumphed always and in every place, and God described him as "a man after Mine own heart." That is a man with a heart for God. In 1 Chronicles 29, in his testimony David said:

Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

1 Chronicles 29:3

He was a love-slave of God! No wonder, his faith was operating at a divine frequency, constantly delivering maximum effect, because the love of God was burning hot in his soul. The stronger your love for God, the greater the effect of your faith.

Your love for God is that spiritual catalyst that helps to accelerate the rate at which your faith delivers. Think of Daniel: you couldn't separate him from his God, not even at the risk of losing his life. That was why before he even landed in the lion's den, the angel of God was already there, waiting to protect him against any form of molestation from the lions.

He told the King, “My God has sent His angels and has stopped the mouth of the lions, and they have done me no harm.” That’s why we read in Hebrews 11:33, “**Who through faith...stopped the mouths of lions .**”

Many waters cannot drown love, for love is as strong as death (Songs of Solomon 8:6-7). The love of God was burning so hot in the hearts of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – hotter than the fiery furnace! Since the hotter must swallow the lesser, the hotter fire inside them swallowed the lesser fire in the furnace!

There was a furnace of love in their hearts, which put their faith on automatic gear! It’s time to consider where to put God on your agenda, where to place Him in your heart. First Corinthians 13:1-3 says:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

You may need to ask yourself sincerely, “Am I in love or am I just having fun in church? Am I truly in love?” When you are in love, you are supernaturally in command. Didn’t you hear?

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

1 Corinthians 2:9

That is, the lover will remain in command and become the envy of His world. When you are out of love, you are at a

loss, because there is nothing you do that will add value to your life.

These three reasons above, clearly establish the place of love in our Christian walk. He went on further to say:

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

1 Corinthians 13:13

The three fundamental forces of destiny include hope, faith and love; and the Bible says, ***“The greatest of these is love.”*** Love is greater than faith and vision (hope). Why? Love is what gives value to faith and guarantees the actualization of vision.

Nothing else adds value to you outside of love. The question then is: Do you love Him? The Bible says in John 21:15-17:

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Not Without Knowing Him

You can't love God without first knowing Him. So, I leave you with this destiny-provoking question: Do you really love Him?

Until you answer the love question, the struggle continues. Faith is impotent without love. Why? Love is that

spiritual activator that helps to accelerate the rate of delivery of other spiritual virtues.

If there is anything that must be your identity as a believer, it is the Spirit of faith. It must be found at work in you always, and this is what makes it work: your heart for God. It is what energizes your faith for maximum delivery.

I want you to receive the love - nature of Christ in your system. Every time Jesus was moved with compassion, a supernatural manifestation takes place. Every time He was moved with compassion, virtue flowed out from Him freely. So, when love is at work in you, virtue will flow and the impossible will be done in your life.

Do you really love Him?

Proving Your Love

One of the ways you prove your love for God is in your giving. John 3:16 says:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Paul speaking in 2 Corinthians 8:7-8:

Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

Giving is one of the ways we prove the sincerity of our love. You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving. You can give to actualize any ulterior motive you may have, but you can't be truly in love without giving.

Giving is one fundamental way in which we give expression to the love of God in our hearts. The love of God is a giving love. We read in 1 John 3:14,17-18

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not

his brother abideth in death...

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

When you're not a giver, you're not a lover. Giving is a way of expressing the love of God in your heart. God gave expression to His love for the world, by giving His Son, Jesus (John 3:16). I pray the giving grace begins to flourish afresh in your life, in the name of Jesus!

God's love is not a singing or dancing love; it is practically expressed in giving. Real love simply gives expression to what is in the heart. God said in Isaiah 29:13:

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Love is not in the shout or noise; it's simply in the act of love that we exhibit day-in-day-out towards God and our neighbour. This is the love of God, and it gives value to every other facet of our lives.

Now, receive grace to become an addicted lover of the Father, with proofs to show for it.

It Takes A Heart For God

In John 14:21, God said, "If you will stay in love, you will see My hand..."

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. ...

I knew very early in life that if I maintained His hot love in my heart, I will make my mark without sweat. John14:21 showed this to me. If you will stay in love, your faith will

always produce results. If you will stay in love, your understanding will keep flourishing and blossoming.

I knew all that very early by divine privilege. That's what I'm trying to pass down to you. You have over-celebrated knowledge, understanding and revelations, yet there is no result to match. It takes a heart for God for every other spiritual virtue to deliver value to your life.

Receive grace to love Him more, in the name of Jesus!

Chapter 13

Connecting With The Spirit Of Faith

Christianity is all about accepting spiritual responsibilities. When you refuse or ignore responsibility, you become a liability. When you stop responding, you become a dead weight!

Responsibility is all about responding positively to the demands placed on you by your task, pursuit or assignment. You are expected to respond positively to: the demands of what you desire, the things that are expected of you to do, the ability given to you, and the demands placed on you.

You must accept responsibility for faith for unlimited possibilities. That is, consciously cultivating the faith required to deliver your desires. This is because whatever faith that seeks to make God absolutely responsible for the events of one's life, is an irresponsible faith. Faith makes you primarily responsible for the happenings in your life. God will always wait for you to believe, before He confirms supernatural possibilities in your circumstances.

Faith does not come by wishing, it comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. God is only committed to what you believe, and what you believe is what determines what He performs.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

The end-time Church is ordained for glory, beauty, and to be the envy of the world.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:1-3

God's agenda is to make His Church the envy of the world, and that's a great responsibility on the shoulders of the saints. We need, therefore, to understand the price that goes along with it. That understanding will help us in fulfilling our portion of this great plan of God.

The Bible says in Psalm 110:1-3:

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

What does this mean? It means that till all His enemies are brought under His feet, He would not return. The day of His power must necessarily precede the day of His return. The Church must, therefore, be empowered to fulfill God's agenda for it.

The Church is on a mission to the world. The Church is designed by God to be the solution centre for nations. But for us to fulfill our various missions on earth, we must be empowered by God.

We all have a common destiny in Christ.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:29-30

There is no one to envy in the Body of Christ, as we are all equally glorified by the same blood that justified us. You know what Paul said in Romans 1:11?

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

Spiritual gifts are God's means of establishing us: You become endued with a strange stamina to withstand all waves and storms that may come your way. One of those spiritual gifts is the gift of faith or the Spirit of faith. It keeps you on your feet, until the truth triumphs.

Faith can also be defined as confidence in God and His Word, until the desired result is delivered.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Hebrews 10:35-36

Enduring confidence requires grace from heaven.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:13

One of the things that helps you to endure is faith. Jesus said to Peter: ***But I have prayed for you, that thy faith fail not...*** (Luke 22:31-32).

You cannot endure without enduring faith, and an enduring faith does not come by the Word of faith, but by the Spirit of faith.

Impartation Of The Spirit Of Faith

To keep you flying high in faith, you need an impartation of the Spirit of faith.

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

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

James 1:5-7

The stamina not to stagger in the face of challenges comes by the impartation of the Spirit of faith. Faith will always demand our endurance, and our endurance will only become real by the operation of the Spirit of faith. It keeps us from doubting and shifting our ground, in the process of taking delivery of our desires.

When you're imparted with spiritual gifts, a room is made for you in the race of life.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal

I Corinthians 12:7

The gift of faith is one of the gifts given to us to profit therewith; it creates the room for profiting for you, as you are endued with that grace to stand fast and be steadfast in the truth at all times. Proverbs 18:16 tells us that:

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

It was by the Spirit of faith that we moved from the city of Lagos to the forest in Ota, now proudly called Canaan Land. The Word of faith looks for what scriptures to quote, but the Spirit of faith just moves at the instance of divine instructions They are two different things.

Encountering The Force Of The Spirit Of Faith

God has human agents in the Body of Christ, who He has positioned to enhance the fulfilment of others. The Bible

says:

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men...

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:8, 11-13

We understand from this scripture that God has given the gift of certain men to His Church, for the perfecting of the destinies of the saints. That means that there are human agents lined up on your path to your destiny in God, who are positioned there to enhance the fulfilment of your destiny, by imparting you with spiritual gifts. They are men and women, who are custodians and carriers of the multi-faceted grace of God, and they carry those things so that they can transfer (or transmit) them to others, for their establishment.

That's why there are no self-made men in God's Kingdom - all men are products of divine connectivity, which when fully engaged, ensures the fulfilment of destinies. Every great success story in the kingdom is a product of divine connectivity. There will never be any great spiritual story without a spiritual root; just like there are no self-existent human beings. Everybody on this earth has a (family) root. Something must flow into you from some other sources, culminating in your greatness.

Jude verse 3 says:

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should

earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

That is, you reach out for it with everything on your inside. Peter, speaking to the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, said:

Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee...

Acts 3:6

Remember also that the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 3:6:

Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

The principles can frustrate you, if there is no spirit to drive them. After Jesus taught His disciples for three and a half years, He said to them, "Don't go anywhere - I can't guarantee your triumph. Wait until you are endued with power from on high, so that the principles I have taught you can be powered to produce."

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

The principles are helpless by themselves; it is the Spirit of God that empowers the principles to produce. What the Spirit does is to drive you in the direction of the Word. He drives you and propels you to operate besides yourself. Of Jesus, we are told: ***And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness...*** (Mark 1:12).

The Spirit drives you to accomplish the will of God, to stand in the correct place for God to act.

Thank God for the Word of faith; but it is the Spirit of faith that enhances the productivity of the Word of faith - it energizes you to play your part, thereby committing God to make good His promise.

It's Transferable

The Spirit of God in certain men is transferable to other men. Talking about John the Baptist, Luke 1:17 records:

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

That is, John will go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah, which will position him to operate at the same frequency Elijah operated in, delivering his own destiny.

When the sons of the prophets saw the same manifestation of the Spirit that was on Elijah operating in Elisha, they said:

... The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2 Kings 2:15

The grace of God upon certain men is transferable to others. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers carry definite divine virtues. These virtues are transferable to those who desire them. Unfortunately, however, we seem to be more satisfied with the principles, so much so that there are not many people craving for the Spirit.

There are too many “pushers” in the Church, but few riders. What the Spirit of God does is to move you from pushing to riding.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things...

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right scepter.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have

made thee glad.

Psalm 45:4, 6-8

It is the Spirit that turns a pusher to a rider. There are too many people pushing in the Body of Christ, but few riders. So much energy is being dissipated, because the grace that makes for a ride has not been contacted.

They were all pushing in the upper room (after Jesus left) - first day, second day, to the 10th day, 30th day, no sign, no voice! They were preaching under cover - it was an underground Church! But when the Spirit of Christ came upon them, in one day, they turned the entire city upside down! Jesus was also pushing (as it were) from the age of 12 till He became 30. But when the Spirit of life came upon Him (Luke 3:21-22), He took the whole world by storm in three and half years!

Something is coming on you that will give you your place in destiny. You have pushed long enough; it's time to begin to enjoy a majestic ride in Christ!

“And the Spirit driveth him...” The Spirit gives you a drive, takes you off pushing, and you enter into a ride - a colourful ride in life! You are long overdue for that kind of experience.

Concerning the work God has placed in my hands, I've always said that I'm pushing nothing. I've never had a sleepless night over the work, neither have I ever knocked on any man's door for help. I have never lacked what to eat either. Friend, when the Spirit takes over, He puts you on a ride.

Earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints, because you need that virtue in your life to fulfil your destiny indeed. There are certain things that have been packaged by God in the saints that have been before you, that you need to get you to your place.

I Needed To Connect

God called me into Ministry in an 18-hour long encounter on May 1- 2, 1981. It was 18 hours of no dozing or sleeping, just communing with heaven. I was both hearing clearly from and talking back to the Lord. When the time to be commissioned into full-time ministry came in September 1983, He said to me, **“I would not have you go like others have gone. I would have hands laid on you, that you may be filled with the Spirit of wisdom.”**

No matter the gravity of your calling, there is still a place for connectivity in fulfilling it. I don't know how many hours you had with God to take delivery of your assignment, but I had 18 hours at a stretch! Yet, I still needed to connect with the Spirit of wisdom.

The Lord said to me, **“Send for My servant (He gave me the name of the person) and he will lay hands on you, so you will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom.”** He was, as it were, saying to me: **“It is part of your connectivity, in your quest to fulfilling My mandate for you. I am the One who mandated you, and I have packaged the treasure you need inside someone - go and get it.”**

Philippians 2:13 rightly says:

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

He puts the gift in them. Even though God has called you, He also connects you to some human agents, who will help you realize your calling. If you like, be connected; if you like disconnect. The choice is yours!

It was God who led me to connect with the treasure He has for me in Kenneth E. Hagin. He also placed in my heart to read books that helped me to connect to a man I had never seen or met face-to-face. I connected to Kingdom prosperity with proofs in Kenneth Copeland, in response to my cry, “Jesus, show me the secret You showed this man,” and on the third day, I caught it! Not the principle, but the Spirit!

The principles will need effort to practise, but the Spirit puts you on course. From that 1982 till date, I have never had any pressure operating the things that make it work. The giving Spirit in Copeland came on me and turned my life around.

There are things you need that will never come to you directly, but through contact with God's positioned men on your path. I'm glad to let you know that the Spirit of faith at work in me is available and accessible to you right now, if you desire it.

Know that no matter how close a pipe is to water, it cannot enjoy any flow of water except it's connected. In like manner, being around someone who is carrying the grace is not enough. Being connected is what guarantees you access to the flow in his life. It takes a soul-tie to enjoy what they carry.

Elisha's journey into transference of Spirit began with connectivity.

And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel...

And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho...

And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

2 Kings 2:2,4 & 6

It takes a soul-tie relationship to enjoy the transference of Spirit, from one vessel to another. In Proverbs 27:18 we read:

Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be

honoured.

It's a heart-to-heart connectivity, not head-to-heart or head-to-head. It's the heart-to-heart connectivity that helps you reflect what the other person carries. Your heart is linked-up (tied) to his/her heart, so what he/she carries can flow into you.

Jonathan's armour-bearer said to him: ***I am with thee according to thy heart*** (1 Samuel 14:7). That is, wherever your heart goes, there I go also.

A soul-tie, a heart-to-heart connectivity, is what enhances the transference of Spirit. It's one thing to be around, and another thing to be connected. It's one thing to be in a church (or a Ministry), and another thing to be in touch, with the Spirit at work in the place. The heart of man will always answer to, and reflect the other.

You Must Be Thirsty

The impartation of the Spirit of faith will require your thirst. When Jesus first introduced the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, He made clear what was required for anyone to partake of Him:

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:37-39

The fundamental requirement for an encounter with the Spirit of faith, is a genuine thirst. If there's no thirst, there's no access. There must be a desperation in your soul for an encounter, before you can have an encounter with the Spirit of God or the gifts He imparts. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 44:3:

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.

The outpouring of His gifts is what provokes the release of His blessings, and it's poured only upon him that is thirsty. There must first be a desperation in your soul in order to be filled.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isaiah 41:17-18

In 1986, after a conscientious study of the Ministry of Kenneth E. Hagin, and being fascinated and drawn to the operation of the Spirit of God in his life, I took off to the United States of America with a desperation for just one thing.

Believe me, till date, I can't tell who sat beside me or even the name of the hotel I lodged in. My entire being was fixed on the one thing I went for – I wanted the Spirit at work in that man. I yearned for it! His depth of insights in God's Word fascinated me. I wanted what was working it in him. I wanted it all, and bless God, I got it!

I can't even remember what I was wearing that day! There I was, at the gallery where I sat, with my eyes, body and entire being set to receive what I came for — **“Whatever makes Hagin Hagin, Jesus, I need it.”** That was the cry of my heart. I didn't know if I heard everything he said, but I was glued and fixed on him. Then, suddenly it came, and I caught it!

What you seek is what you find. You can't find what you don't seek. ***Only he that seeketh findeth*** (Matthew 7:8 & Luke 11:10)

You are not permitted to receive anything from the Spirit for which you don't genuinely crave. When you know you need it, and you genuinely crave for it, God said He will open up rivers for you. That is, He will turn on His tap and fountains in the valleys (Isaiah 41:17). Everyone that craves, whether high or low, has access to the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

The number two requirement for an encounter with the Spirit of God or with the gifts of the Spirit of God is prayers. Luke 11:13 says:

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

In Zechariah 10:1, we also read:

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

If you are thirsty and prayerful, the Spirit of faith is yours. In Luke 3:21-22, we are told:

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

It was His prayer that provoked the release of the Spirit upon Him.

No gift makes room for a man like the gift of faith, and it is transferable through ordained vessels in the Body of Christ, who are reservoirs of God's gifts and are ordained to impart it to others.

Believe In Them

When you locate this gift in such men, believe in them.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:20

You cannot partake of a treasure in a prophet you do not believe in. Just as you can draw nothing out of God without faith, you can't draw anything out of an anointed vessel, without first believing in the hand of God upon that individual. It was the Spirit of faith in Elijah that fascinated Elisha, and he said, "I want a double portion of it."

Only the prophet you believe in can profit you; you cannot be profited by a prophet you don't believe in. I saw the hand of God on Kenneth E. Hagin and I believed in him (though I had never met him in person). I believed in his Ministry, in his person, and I yearned to connect with the kind of grace at work in his life.

What else do you need to connect with the treasures in a prophet?

Receive Them

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Matthew 10:41

You must believe in their Ministry, and receive their persons.

Honour Them

A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Malachi 1:6

Honour these prophets and apostles. Prophetic treasures are honourable treasures. Of Elisha, we are told: ***Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat which poured water on the hands of Elijah*** (2 Kings 3:11).

God told Moses in Numbers 11:17:

And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone .

Hebrews 7:7 says:

And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

You must accept that these fellows are placed above you, and honour them accordingly; then whatever they carry will flow naturally to you.

Not For Sale

There are some very costly statements that people make, today, that are very unscriptural. The extravagant statement, "Buy into the anointing," is not scriptural. In Acts 8:18-20 there's this report:

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Prophets are custodians of the gifts of God, but you don't use gifts to connect with what they carry; you connect by engaging your heart.

I never gave any seed to the man, Hagin, when I connected with the fire that is still burning in me about 25 years after. It's not a trade by better virtue. You don't

connect with the gifts of the Spirit with money. It's as Isaiah 55:1 says:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

When God directed me to Pastor Adeboye for the impartation of the Spirit of wisdom, He didn't tell me, "Take an offering when you are going." He simply said, **"Send for My servant, he will lay hands on you, and you shall be filled with the Spirit of wisdom."**

I believed in the man, I received him, and till date, I honour him. He laid hands on me, and bless God, what he carries dropped on me.

With Your Heart

It is your heart you use to connect with the treasures in the heart of another man. Proverbs 27:18-19 says:

Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

It is with your heart that you connect with divine treasures in another vessel. It's time to engage your heart, instead of engaging your hand. You can't buy the gift of God with money, no matter who is telling you to do so. It's not Biblical.

Rather, crave for the impartation of the Spirit of faith that will help to establish you against staggering and doubting like a wave of the sea, in the process of arriving at God's great plan for your life. You connect with that gift with your heart, not with money.

Since it is not bought with money, then nobody is disadvantaged; everyone has equal access. God is giving you an unusual opportunity to connect with the treasure of the Spirit of faith. All you need to do is to genuinely desire

the hand of God on your life, and that will keep you on a faith frequency 24 hours daily.

No more shall a word of doubt find a way through your lips, and no more shall doubt find a place in your heart! From now on, the Spirit of faith will begin to generate testimonies in your life, in Jesus' precious name!

Two Ways To Provoke The Flow

There are two ways of provoking the flow of the Spirit of faith. The first way is:

By The Spoken Word

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

Ezekiel 2:2

We also read in Acts 10:44:

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

The Spirit came out of the Words and fell on them. In Mark 4:24, Jesus said: ***Take heed what you hear.*** That's because what you hear determines the impact on your life. Take heed what you hear, because what you hear is a channel through which the Spirit of faith is released into your life. The parable continues:

For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Mark 4:25-29

When you keep hearing the right Words from a right source, you find the fruit showing in your life - first the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. Isaiah 34:16 says:

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

That is, whatever comes out of your mouth is as gathered by your spirit, and those who hear your words are also imparted by them. If it is a negative thing you spoke, they are imparted for a negative act. That's why when you keep listening to junk, after sometime you start speaking junk also.

No matter how spiritual you are, for instance, just turn on some deadly music in your home. After sometime, it will enter you unawares, and you will start singing it. Then it's like, "Hey, what's happening?" It's the spirit of the source of the music that has entered you, through your listening to it.

Therefore, take heed what you hear! You are the fruit of what you hear. What you hear is what is eventually reflected in your life. Your life is a reflection of the things you hear. ***"And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me..."***

Spoken words directly or indirectly communicate the spirit of the source of the voice. As you listen to the speaker through the media or e-media, you are being gradually imparted by what is being spoken.

Physical Contact

The second way through which you contact the transference of Spirit, is through physical contact like touching or the laying on of hands. This could be done either directly or by proxy. In Deuteronomy 34:9, we read:

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and

the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The woman with the issue of blood simply touched the hem of Jesus' garment and drew virtue from Him.

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague...

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Mark 5:25-29,34

Psalms 45:7-8 says of Jesus:

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Also, Psalms 133:1-3 talks about how the anointing flowed from Aaron's beard down to his skirts:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the

LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Every part of Aaron's garment carried the same anointing he carried. I see the unusual begin to happen in your life, as you connect to the Spirit of faith that is at work in the lives of the men and women God has given to the Church and their Ministries. It works! A thirst plus your faith is all it takes.

It is a God-ordained opportunity for you to reposition yourself spiritually, so as to take full advantage of the moment for a change of level in your life.

Now, I decree that the impartation of the Spirit of faith (the same at work in me) be deposited upon you, in the name of Jesus! Receive it now, in the name of Jesus!

Right now, receive values beyond whatever you can achieve in your life on your own! May you become another living proof of just men made perfect, in Jesus' precious name!