

# **FAITHenol (vol 1.4)**

*...21 rapid acting “Devotional Capsules” that empower ordinary people for extraordinary achievements through faith.*

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# DEDICATION

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# 1

## MOVE FROM FAITH TO MORE FAITH

*A brother came home to meet his auntie half-dead, arising from a diabetic complication. Before this time however, he heard me teach how everyday believers can act on their faith and expect answers. Immediately, he stepped out in faith & rebuked the spirit of death and she came back to life sitting & talking.*

### **Romans 12:13**

*“As God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”*

### **Ephesians 2:8**

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith...”*

Every believer has a measure of faith. We require this beginner's faith to experience salvation. **This little faith however, can't make a big difference in life if left undeveloped.** That's why many believers live average lives because the little faith they had at salvation has remained undeveloped over the years.

“So Jesus said to them...I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here

to there and it will move” Matthew 17:20. Jesus referred to faith as a seed because just like a seed can grow if planted and watered, **FAITH CAN GROW if worked on.** In the same way a seed can create a forest; **little faith if worked on, can take down big mountains.** Scriptures affirm that faith can grow; “and the apostles said to the Lord, “ Increase our faith.” Luke 17:5. “For in it (gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith” Romans 1:17. The Thessalonians had a spectacular rate of growth in faith. “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly...” 2Thess 1:3.

It's important to grow your faith because there are challenges you face that will keep staring you down until your little faith grows to overcome them. “And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves...But He said to them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” Matthew 8:24-26. They faced a challenge that stayed put not because they had no faith but because they had little faith (which equals to great fear). **The more your faith the less your fear and vice versa.** The challenge of a great tempest at sea required a larger dose of faith than they presently had. The storms of life are similar. They come to check out the size of your faith. For example, little faith (not growing) can't shake off cancer, can't defeat persistent poverty or barrenness. **You must grow your faith continually so you are ever ready to calm any storm!** That brother whose testimony I shared arose that day and calmed the storm of death that was about to overtake him. You can do the same to any “storm” that rises in your path.

How do you grow your faith to have the capacity to address storms? “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Rom 10:17. Since it's the word of God that produces faith, that word necessarily feeds and grows your faith. **You have a responsibility to feed your faith on God's word until it grows to overcome your mountain.** That is, develop a culture of regular study and meditation in God's word. “Blessed is the man...But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3. This man does not wither regardless of the season. His faith has been fed fat. He can stare down the challenges that come with different seasons and stay fruitful.

As your faith is growing, put it to work. “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” James 2:17. **Without exercise, muscles atrophy, so also without works, faith depreciates!** So put faith to work as you believe God's promise to you, declare it and take Spirit led symbolic action. You will prosper in all economic climates, overcome challenges and progress in God's purpose for your life! In Jesus Name, Amen.

#### **KEYPOINT**

*You have a responsibility to feed your faith on God's Word until your faith grows to overcome your mountain.*

# 2

## ARE YOU IN A STORM? FEAR NOT!

*One day, while my wife was pregnant with our first child, we did a routine scan that showed she had fibroids. As a Medical Doctor, I knew atimes, fibroids could be problematic in pregnancy. I refused to panic. I went back home, made proclamations and tore my copy of the scan results. Till today, even after many more scans, the fibroid has never been seen again. It disappeared.*

### **Luke 8:22**

*“And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing! But He said to them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, ‘‘Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?’’ “Now it happened, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, Let us cross over to the other side of the lake. And they launched out.”*

At a certain point in time, while pursuing his earthly assignment, Jesus told his disciples to take a boat trip. In the course of this trip, they were caught up by a withering storm. Life is a lot like this. In doing God's word, or practicing truth to move you ahead, violent storms often rise up to sink you. Every major person used by God in the secular or ministry arena, has had to withstand stormy weather at one time or another in life. God himself was not spared. After a time of close cordial relationship with Adam, the serpent came in and exposed their (companion)ship to the storm by beguiling Eve. Just like Jesus' first response in the storm, "...Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Matthew 8:24; God began to ask his own questions. "...the LORD God called to Adam...Where are you...Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat...What is this you have done?" Genesis 3:9- 13. This was a real storm God found himself in with respect to his long term plans for mankind! If you find yourself facing storms in life, understand that God faced the storms too and get encouraged.

That's why God counsels in Isaiah 43:2-3 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior." He says "when", not "if", because this experience is common to all beings that function on the earth. 1 Corinthians 10:13 MSG "No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit;



he'll always be there to help you come through it.” **Therein lies our encouragement, there is no special storm, no special problem. Others have faced what you are facing and those who truly hung onto God were not let down. God will also not let you down.**

How do we know that God does not let down? By looking at scriptures. “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” Romans 15:4. Don't judge God's word by your surface knowledge of your neighbor's experience, rather, judge your neighbor's experience by God's word. Let God's word have the final say about your storm. **Don't magnify your storm before God, magnify God before your storm.** As you take God's word and speak to your storm today, it is calming down!

**KEY POINT**

***Don't magnify your storms before God, magnify God before your storms.***

# 3

## THERE'S A REVELATION IN YOUR STORM.

*When an unjust series of events led to the sack of a brother from his job at a tech firm, he had no choice but to pay attention to the software he had been writing in his spare time. That storm turned his attention to what was in his hands lying fallow. He eventually finished up and launched his software as his own tech firm that has grown to be worth millions of dollars today.*

### **Matthew 8:24**

*“And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing! But He said to them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, ‘Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?’”*

Stormy weather is a physical experience which everyone living on this planet will pass through at one time or another, no matter their geographical location. Just like it is geographically, in life, all men will pass through “stormy”

times or “stormy” situations. **For God's children however, particularly those with Jesus in their “boat”, the storms of life come, not to destroy us, but to reveal us to ourselves so we can grow and get better.** For example, it is clear that in the stormy experience of Matthew 8, the disciples got to know their faith needed to grow because it was still little.

James 1:2 NLT “Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.” The challenges that come your way test your faith in order to create the opportunity for growth by what you learn. That storm in the passage above actually separated the boys from the men. The disciples were revealed as being of little faith and Jesus revealed as being of great faith such that even the elements on earth responded to him. All in all, after this storm, the disciples had a simple message which was; grow your faith. Whilst passing through a storm, always learn to respond by faith. When the storm is all over, learn the lesson regarding yourself and your faith revealed in the storm. Whatever you did well, strengthen; whatever was deficient, improve upon.

Furthermore, don't make the mistake many people make by staying fixated on a past storm. Attimes, they get caught up looking for who was spiritually responsible for pressing the so-called evil 'remote control button.' That way of thinking is typical of a victim's mindset not a victor's mindset. Jesus cared nothing regarding the source of the storm, his preoccupation was the capacity for response in the midst of the storm. “Why are you fearful?”, He asked. “O

ye of little faith”, He revealed. Searching perpetually for perceived human satanic agents will not make a person improve capacity for control in the middle of a storm. **No matter the source of a storm, when it meets adequate faith on ground, it is kept at bay. A victor's mindset is preoccupied with improving capacity for future victories.** A victor's mindset is focused on a perpetual victory parade! “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ,” 2Corinthians 2:14. No matter the source of any storm, we triumph today and are busy preparing for tomorrow's victory by increasing our faith. “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.” 1 John 5:4.

So, don't get overly worked up today about the source of yesterday's challenge. You can't drive forward by continually looking at the rear mirror. Pay attention to whatever lessons the storm is revealing & work on the lesson. An unjust series of events led to the sack of a brother from his job at a tech firm. This turned his attention to the software he had been writing in his spare time which was lying fallow. He eventually finished up and launched out his software as his own tech firm. That firm has grown to be worth millions of dollars today.

The time to prepare for tomorrow's challenges is during today's calm. So grow your faith, improve yourself. So that the challenges don't meet you unprepared in faith. Faltering before the storm will happen if you are unprepared. “If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.” Proverbs 24:10. Failure or success in adversity is not determined by the source of adversity but

the faith that confronts the adversity. Therefore, strengthen your faith today, child of God! “Jesus said to him, If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Mark 9:23. Stand in faith over your family, finances, nation and church. You are more than a conqueror in every challenge you face! In Jesus Name. Amen.

**KEY POINT**

***For God's children, especially those with Jesus in their boat, the storms come not to destroy but to reveal us to ourselves so we can grow & get better.***

# 4

## HAVE A FORETASTE OF FUTURE VICTORIES

*I remember various couples dealing with infertility, who we have taught this principle of faith. Persuaded about God's promise, they went ahead by faith to buy baby things, some even named their babies while still experiencing delays from infertility. In the course of time, their faith produced, they conceived and delivered their promised babies.*

### **Numbers 13:17-20**

*Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan... and see what the land is like...Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land.*

Not long after leaving Egypt, Israel made a decisive stop at the border of the Promised Land in the wilderness of Paran during which Moses instructed twelve men to step into the land and spy. These men made first contact with the promised land on behalf of Israel. They braved the odds to step into a victory they were yet to win and return with a taste (fruit) of what was coming. **This adventure in espionage follows God's principle of embracing your**

**victory before it manifests i.e. having a foretaste of what's on the way.**

In faith you don't stay alienated from your victory but in symbolic contact with it. "...not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed..." Hebrews 11:13. That's how the fathers lived. **They embraced what was far-off.** Their present conversations were not filled with complaints about their present situation, rather **their present declaration reflected their future reality.** Unfortunately Israel, despite seeing victory ahead, through the report of two exceptional spies, postponed victory by refusing to embrace their good report (choosing rather to embrace the demoralizing report of the ten remaining spies) which led them into a forty year delay. Embracing your victory by faith ahead of time, eliminates unnecessary delays.

Many generations before Israel came to the borders of the promised land as a great multitude, Abraham was there in the promised land, living in contact with God's promises for him; Genesis 13:17-18. "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you. Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by ...and built an altar there to the LORD." Abraham embraced his future in the present by walking the length and breadth of the land, in response to God's instruction. He even went further to build an altar while still a tenant. These actions of Abraham were symbolic and indicative of his coming victory.

Look how Isaiah describes it: Isaiah 54:1-2 “Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman, says the LORD. Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings...” In anticipating the children of promise, the presently barren should break out singing, and begin creating space for the arrival of yet to be conceived children. That's genuine faith. That's the God-kind of faith! Embrace tomorrow's victories today. Wisely take symbolic actions as God leads you!

Look how Abraham prepared for his child in the season of bareness. Romans 4:19-21 “...And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” He gave glory to God for the promised child even with his body weak and Sarah's womb dead. He again embraced the promised future through his present actions. I remember various couples dealing with infertility, who we have taught this principle of faith and have gone ahead to buy baby things, some even named their babies while still experiencing delays from infertility. They conceived their promised babies in the course of time.

That's how to stay ahead by faith in life. Be like Abraham the father of faith! Step in, embrace your promises – be it promotion in life, healing, the progress of your



church/ministry – before they manifest. Take prudent symbolic actions as you declare and confess God's promises by the leading of His Spirit. Step into your victories today!

**KEYPOINT**

*They embraced what was far-off. Their current declaration reflected a future reality.*

# 5

## FAITH MEANS GIVING EVIDENCE TO WHAT YOU HOPE FOR.

*Shortly after marriage, my wife and I put this principle to work when we prayed and believed God had given us a car. We then went ahead, bought a key holder for our soon-to-be car keys, the same way people with new cars do. Thereafter, we kept thanking God for the manifestation of that car. In less than a year, we received a car gift.*

### **Hebrews 11:1**

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

Faith is **EVIDENCE** (i.e. proof) of things not yet seen (or evidence of things hoped for). Hope however, is an ordinary **EXPECTATION** (usually positive), for things you don't see (or don't have). Simply put, **faith is the evidence (i.e. proof) of things we expect (i.e. things we hope for) which are yet unseen.** Therefore, since faith gives evidence or proof to what you can't see, it means that faith has to be seen or

visible because you can't prove an invisible fact with invisible evidence.

In the law courts, any valid evidence must be visible to a reasonable average individual or to a fair-minded expert. By the same token, faith is of necessity visible. James 2:18 says "Show me your faith...and I will show you my faith..." **Faith can be shown, meaning faith is visible.** Mark 2:3 says "... they came to Him, bringing a paralytic ...And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof ...when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic ..." Notice that phrase "**Jesus saw their faith.**" This is because faith is visible. **Faith gives visible evidence in the earthly realm to invisible facts in the spirit realm.**

In the law court, when a plaintiff presents evidence against a defendant, he tries to convince the Judge (or Jury) as to the guilt of the defendant. In other words, the plaintiff, through the vivid use of evidence, seeks to make the Judge (or Jury) a witness to the crime, although they were not physical witnesses to the crime i.e. the crime was physically unseen to the Judge & Jury. Therefore to convince them regarding the defendant's guilt in a crime they didn't witness, the evidence presented by the plaintiff must be visible to the Judge/Jury/independent experts. Invisible evidence is spurious and not admissible in court. In the courts of the Most High, visible faith is a valid evidence that when presented allows us to execute/manifest the judgements of God upon the earth. "To execute on them the written judgment--This honor have all His saints." Psalm

149:9. In a nutshell, faith is evidence of what is unseen hence faith is seen or visible therefore **your faith is not complete until it is registered in the visible realm.**

It's important to get this because whatever we validly hope for has been finished/completed by God. Heb. 4:3 "...although the works were finished from the foundation of the world." Thus, the New Testament refers to the blessings of God in past tense. 2Peter 1:3 "...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness," It has been "given" already not "will be given". Since God finished everything we need or will do from the foundation of the world, these things exist completely in the unseen realm. **Now, our faith is evidence registered in the visible realm of what has been completed in the invisible realm.** This visible faith is a foretaste of the completed works we believe for. Just like in court, the one with incontrovertible evidence receives favorable judgment; in life, the one with genuine evidence ie (visible) faith receives a favorable manifestation of that which is completed in the unseen realm leading to a distinguished life here on earth. "The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, setting them above the crowd." Hebrews 11:2 MSG

How does faith become visible? **Faith becomes visible when you take symbolic action in line with what you have believed concerning God's promise to you.** Gen 13:14-18 "the LORD said to Abram,... all the land which you see I give to you...Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you. Then Abram moved his tent... and dwelt..." Although the land was not yet in Abraham's manifest possession, God had said, 'I give it to

you' not 'will give', i.e. it was a completed work. He says Abraham; take the symbolic action of walking in the land. That action was evidence, that action was faith, that faith was visible.

Start taking Spirit led symbolic actions today regarding God's promises you have believed for, based on His word. For example, if there's a witness in your spirit concerning a new car, begin to believe you have received it. Let the Holy Spirit inspire you towards symbolic action not reckless presumptuous action. Like I shared above, a simple symbolic action is what my wife and I did after our marriage towards receiving God's provision for our car; we bought a key holder the same way people with new cars do and then kept thanking God for the completed work. We received that car as a gift in less than a year. After teaching this principle in church, many others have gotten miracle cars, miracle jobs, miracle babies, and many more; some of which I'll still share in this book. I always teach that small things like cars, jobs etc are what God uses to train us so we can believe him for cities and nations, thus expanding the frontiers of His kingdom. Enjoy the training, but don't miss out on the bigger picture. You'll have testimonies like this shortly in Jesus name. Keep applying the principle!

#### **KEYPOINT**

***Faith gives visible evidence in the earthly realm to invisible facts in the spirit realm.***

# 6

## ACT ON YOUR FAITH

*A man crippled by stroke & unable to walk by himself attended one of our crusades - Fiesta of Miracles with Dr Daniel Ufaruna. After I ministered to him, I asked him to put his faith to action. That night, he walked home by himself.*

### **James 2:14-17**

*“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and one of you says to them, Depart in peace, be warmed and filled, but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”*

**Your faith doesn't come alive until you've acted on it!** The scripture above says our actions must line-up with our speaking. (Speaking is one expression of faith.) The one verbally blessing the hungry does so in faith, believing that God will respond to his declarations. However, if his actions don't agree with his speaking, then that faith is dead on arrival. It will scarcely produce! Mark 5:25-29 “Now a certain

woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all...but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well. Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up,” Although her case was particularly troublesome, this woman believed healing will come by touching Jesus. She refused to just sit and wish for this to happen someday in the sweet bye and bye but put her faith into action by heading for Jesus. After her healing, Jesus explains thus; “Daughter, your faith has made you well.” Mark 5:34. **It was her faith - made alive by her action - that healed her, not Jesus' decision!**

Luke 5:18-25 “...men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him... when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith...I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed...” This paralytic and those who carried him believed healing will come when they get Jesus' attention. So they acted and got it. No matter how big a faith you've got, victory remains distant unless you act on it in line with God's word. It's like a heavyweight boxer who will never be crowned until he enters the ring to fight.

**Faith based on believing God's word comes alive with action and ends in victory. Acting your faith involves**

**taking spirit-led symbolic actions that line-up with what you believe, sometimes in public, at other times in private.** For example, according to the witness in your spirit, you can write a check for that thing you have believed God for, that is yet to manifest, whether a seed you want to sow, or a higher level of annual income or provision to meet a need. Put it on your wall and begin thanking God for the expected manifestation, while becoming more diligent in applying God's Wisdom & direction as you work. I have done this several times with astonishing results to the Glory of Jesus.

Take note however, that acting your faith is not always convenient. **When acting faith, you're imposing an invisible but higher reality on a visible and present reality.** It creates a lot of friction! For example the woman with the issue of blood had a whole crowd to overcome, despite her frail condition produced by twelve years of bleeding. The paralytic was prevented by the crowd so they had to use the roof. You will face challenges while acting your faith but stay the course and you'll see the results. From today, you're functioning in the victory that comes by faith in your assignment, business, health, etc. **STAY VICTORIOUS!**

**KEYPOINT**

***For the lady with the issue of blood, it was her faith - made alive by her action - that healed her, not Jesus' decision!***



# 7

## YOU'LL EVENTUALLY HAVE WHAT YOU KEEP SAYING!

*A banker in church recently shared how he exceeded and even tripled his huge deposit money mobilization target despite impossible circumstances, as he put his faith to work in declaring God's Word in prayer.*

### **Mark 11:22-24**

*"Jesus ...said ... Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says** to this mountain, ``Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that **those things he says will be done**, he will **have whatever he says**. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."*

In Jesus' classic teaching on faith, He tells of a critical component of the faith that will get results; it must speak! Whilst confronting obstacles or hindrances, it's your word that will move the hindrance and not just your tears. **You**

**must say to your mountain, no matter how daunting it looks, no matter how it hurts, no matter how heavy your heart is.** Rom 10:6 "But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way," Hence any person functioning in faith must also speak. 2Co 4:13 "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed and therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore speak," If you are yet to speak, your faith is incomplete!

Shortly before Jesus taught the passage in Mark 11, He spoke to a fig tree that had dried up from its root by the following morning. When He spoke, certain unseen enforcers - angels - heard him and delivered the tree a death blow. **These same angels are at our disposal, waiting to hear our words of faith so they can execute.** Hebrews 1:14 "...are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

Angels are not to be worshiped! They are to minister **for** us and not just **to** us. They act in accordance with God's word in our mouth. Psalm 103:20 "Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word." They heed not just the word, but the **voice** of the word. Meaning that the word must be vocalized i.e. spoken! The angels are equipped with strength not so they are worshiped but so they can move "mountains" as we speak. When Isaiah spoke God's word to Assyria while under siege, an angel slaughtered 185,000 soldiers in one night. Isaiah 37:33,36 NLT

"And this is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria... That night the angel of the LORD went out to the Assyrian

camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian troops. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere.” That’s the reason they excel in strength, so they move “mountains” on our behalf.

Not only is speaking important, what is said is also important. Psalm 103:20 “Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.” **What the angels respond to is God’s word that is voiced out, not wishful thinking.** God told Joshua in Joshua 1:8 “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth,” When we face mountains, God wants us to speak His word to the mountains. That’s why Paul says we speak what we already believe in God’s word. 2Cor 4:13 “And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed and therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore speak,”

Look at the testimony of a dear brother who is a banker in church, how he met and exceeded his target for deposit mobilization at work despite impossible circumstances encountered in the process via speaking God’s Word and praying. He even tripled his expected target. To the spiritually untaught or the purely intellectual mind, speaking may be a waste of time or mere religious hubris. Remember “...the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned...” 1Cor 2:14. Nonetheless, **believing God’s word and speaking it to your challenge is the way to dominate here on earth.** Isa 11:4 “...He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth...”

Stay in God's word: believe it, speak it. You'll have what you keep saying.

**KEYPOINT**

***Believing God's word and speaking it to your challenge is the way to dominate here on earth.***

# 8

## START LIVING & WINNING BY FAITH

*One of our brothers heard my teaching on giving evidence to faith and was prompted to double his tithe as an act of faith for a salary raise. Less than a year later he got a new job which doubled his last salary.*

**Habakuk 2:4,**

*"...the Just shall live by faith..." Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11,  
Hebrews 10:38*

As believers, faith is essential for our normal functioning. Just like our natural bodies depend on certain factors like oxygen, water and food for optimal function, our spirit-man, which is the real us, functions optimally through faith.

**Without faith, our overall experience and results in life will never measure up to what God has already made available for us in Christ Jesus.** As believers, we (i.e. our spirit - the inner man) were renewed when we became born-again and came into Christ! 2Cor 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." So, our inner man is new. Our inner man is not a repaired old man.

This inner man is new because there was nothing like him before he came on the scene. Bless God, we are born after this new order! **This new man is superior, this new man is meant to function in victory over the earth realm and over earthly factors.** 2 Corinthians 2:14 “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ...”

Therefore, let's be more mindful of our victory in Christ than of today's challenges. The new man lives and functions in the zone of victory. However, the new man within us only functions at this level by faith. Outside faith, the new man will underperform and under achieve. He'll be dominated by the very things over which he's to exercise dominion. Eccl 10:7 “I have seen servants on horses, while princes walk on the ground like servants.”

Therefore, faith is not the doctrine of a particular church or Christian group. Apostle Paul refers to the entire new covenant as “...the word of faith which we preach...” Rom 10:8. Genuine Christianity is founded on faith. After all, we were not there when Jesus was slain or when he rose, yet we believed that He died and rose because God's Word says so. 2Tim 2:8 “Remember that Jesus Christ...was raised from the dead according to my gospel” Believing this written word, produced the faith that led us to salvation. Eph 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved **through faith...**”

**Hence New Testament Christianity is founded through faith and of a necessity, sustained through faith.** Meaning, you can't live a successful Christian life outside faith. It's risky to wave off the teaching on faith as one of those doctrines that come and go. **Faith is an ESSENTIAL!**

When something is essential to normal functioning of our natural body, we expose ourselves to it repeatedly. That's why we eat, drink and breathe daily because our body lives by food, water and oxygen. Such is the case with faith and our new man, we need to focus and develop our faith as we feed our spirit on God's word daily. We need to exercise our current faith by putting it to work in doing God's word.

All of us as believers each have a measure of faith. Rom 12:13 "as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." **Get to work today on that measure of faith and grow it, you'll see your life improve.** As you study the word, allow the Holy Spirit inspire you to take note of God's promises and declare these as yours. Believe God they'll be fulfilled in your business, career, relationships, family, health and nation. Start believing God for the small things then let your faith grow to believe for the bigger things. I've seen numerous people-young or old, in business or career who received & understood this message of faith, acted on it, birthed a deeper walk with God and generated astounding testimonies in various areas of life & work. Just like the brother whose testimony I shared above, you can seize your next level by putting your faith to work.

You can keep pace with Christ in this triumphant procession, as we live by faith. Quit the company of skeptics and doubters. Stay on the winning side!

**KEYPOINT**

***Our walk with God was birthed through faith and can only be sustained through faith.***

# 9

## GOD'S PROMISE ARRIVES ON THE WHEELS OF FAITH AND PATIENCE.

*There was a time I was due for some huge payment from a former employer that got really delayed. I responded in faith, yet it seemed to take forever. My file got missing, the policy got changed, all adding to the delay. My faith eventually overcame and the timing of eventual payment was miraculous as it supplied an important need at that moment.*

### **Hebrews 6:12**

*"...that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."*

Faith and patience are twin requirements for the manifestation of God's promises. Our forefathers in faith passed through this dual carriage way into the promises of God for their lives. Wisdom demands we run by faith but stay patient while running. "...let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Hebrews 12:1. **Put your faith to action; that's running. Never stop acting in faith while**



**you're waiting; that's patience!** “knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” James 1:3. **The test of faith is conducted by the storms of life and answered by the virtue of patience within the status quo of faith.** Without patience, faith can become a massive failure. Thus God's promises get fulfilled in the process of time, after patience has helped us navigate the stormy trials of faith.

The work of patience in our life does not delay us. It just refines and prepares us for what God has prepared for us. “...but let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” James 1:4. The work of patience for example refines our personality and our walk with God among many other things. **We usually become better believers in the time we're waiting in faith for God's promises to manifest.** We pray more, study and confess the word more, put the word into action more. That's how Abraham the father of faith became the friend of God. In 25 years of patiently waiting in faith for God's promise, his walk with God eventually through many ups and downs, improved to the point he became the friend of God. Patience makes us complete!

The Thessalonian Church was renowned for their faith and patience. “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus...” 1Thess 1:3. Their faith was at work but anchored by patience. Paul still explained this further in his second letter to the Thessalonians. “So that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure” 2Thess 1:4. They became exemplary by answering the testing of their

faith with patience. **Don't confuse faith with haste** as so many immature believers do. "...Whoever believes will not act hastily." Isaiah 28:16. When it looks like this promise is taking time, then it's right for you to remain in active faith and **give it time**.

The patriarchs of faith teach us a lot; "...not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Hebrews 11:13. "By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents..." Hebrews 11:9. Abraham demonstrated that delicate balancing between faith and patience. In the period of patience while the promises were yet far off, he embraced the promise by dwelling and moving around in the land of promise (See Gen 13), confessing the reality for which he was in faith. Faith requires action. Get the work of faith going, but never leave patience behind. **Idleness and laziness have no place in patience**. Patience is not weakness neither is it mere passiveness. It requires strength, i.e. the strength to control self; a factor lacked by many in life. "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls." Proverbs 25:28.

Patience works on us therefore, it can't be an idle period. Refuse hastiness, let patience work on you completely. I have followed faith and patience into the arena of manifested promises in the area of finances. There was a time I was due for some huge payment from a former employer that actually became phenomenally protracted. I responded in faith but yet it seemed to take forever, my file got missing, policy changed, etc all to add to the delay.

Through this experience, I learnt cornerstone lessons about Godly financial principles for my next level. My faith eventually overcame and the timing of payment could not have been more miraculous, as it supplied an important need at that moment. **Don't allow your age or stage to disturb your mind. What looks like a delay today, is tomorrow's miracle still cooking! When it manifests you'll become a sign and wonder.** In receiving bodily healings during our crusades which usually lasts between five to six days, we usually encourage people to attend all days. Some get completely healed on Day 1, others on Day 2, yet others on Day 6. Some who don't see a physical difference on Day 1 stop coming & short circuit their miracle.

**KEYPOINT**

***Don't allow your age or stage to disturb your mind. What looks like a delay today is tomorrow's miracle still cooking! When that miracle manifests, you'll become a sign and wonder.***

# 10

## GOD IS WAITING FOR YOU!

*A lady once desired a job change from a low quality NGO work into the banking industry. After learning this principle, she put her faith to work by buying the suits she was going to wear even before she got the job. Through this act of faith, she was interacting with the land of promise even before the promise manifested! Sure enough, she received the job many months later.*

### **Acts 7:2-5**

*“...The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham ...and said to him, ~Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you... He (Abraham) moved... to this land...God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on...He promised to give it to him for a possession...”*

When given an unconditional promise, it's natural to wait for the promisor to fulfill his word before you make a move. Not so with God and faith. God promised Abraham a yet unknown land as inheritance and moved him into it though the promise was yet unfulfilled. Upon arrival in this land, Abraham did not have enough space to “set his foot on.” God's intention is for you to begin touching his promises by faith even when they are yet to be fully manifested. Faith takes the first step, even when the complete stairway is yet

unseen. **Let your actions today symbolize your destination tomorrow.** God has promised you children, it looks like they're delayed; so start buying your baby stuff, start giving those children yet to be born, names. God gave couples called barren like Abraham/Sarah and Zacharias/Elizabeth the names of their children before they were conceived. If He's promised your business will grow internationally, put up a world map in your bedroom, mark the desired national and international locations of your business as inspired by the Holy Spirit and begin to thank God and declare them as so, even while not relenting in workplace diligence.

I hear you say, what about patience? **When God gives you a promise, your place of patience is inside the sphere of promise, not outside it.** Get inside the promise by faith, wait there, get a foretaste of the glory that's ahead. "Now the LORD said to Samuel...Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons. 1Samuel 16:1 "Then Samuel...anointed him ...and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward..." 1 Samuel 16:13. For David, the anointing represented the promise of future kingship. Israel had a substantive ruler at this time-Saul. Though David was anointed, he was not yet appointed. However, while this promise was yet to fully manifest, David began to dwell in it by faith. 2Samuel 5:1-2 "Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying '...in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, ~You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel!..."

Although Saul was king, David led and set the pace for the people. He took actions that symbolized his destination. He stood up to be counted when Goliath threatened Israel and Saul cowed up in fear. He fought battles on behalf of Israel. Yet still, he was not hasty to become king. Twice he had Saul's neck but refused to hurt Saul. He definitely waited patiently but within the sphere of promise, while taking actions by faith that symbolized his future. I say to you today, start interacting by faith with the promises God has prompted in your heart. Take Spirit led symbolic actions. You want to get promoted to head your organization, then acquire the capacity for that higher responsibility while you're still on your current lower level. Step up to solve the problems others run from as part of your step of faith.

I remember the story shared by one of our leaders who looked to change jobs from an ill-defined and disorganized NGO work into the banking industry. She gave heed to our teaching on faith and was inspired to put her faith for a bank job to work by buying the suits she was going to wear even before the job came. Through this act of faith she was interacting with the 'land of promise' even before it manifested! Sure enough she received the job many months later. Let your actions today symbolize your destination tomorrow. You will see God's promise for you fulfilled in Jesus Name. Amen.

**KEY POINT**

***Let your actions today symbolize your destination tomorrow.***

# 11

## KEEP YOUR FAITH ALIVE.

*A brother in church recently shared his story of how he had prayed and believed God had given his family a car. Then just like I taught, he bought a key holder for the new car he believed he had received, although he was in no financial position to buy a new car. The key holder had the logo of BMW on it. After a while of thanking God using the keyholder as point of contact, he stumbled across an opportunity and bought a car at a giveaway price. Guess what, it was a BMW!*

### **James 2:14-20**

*"... if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ... faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead ...Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works... But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?"*

James reveals here, 2 kinds of faith viz; living faith and dead faith. The critical difference between both kinds of faith is determined by the presence or absence of works. **Meaning that work makes faith alive. Works inject life into faith!** Work refers here to actions taken based on what has been believed of God's word.

A person whose faith is alive believes, speaks, then acts in line with what he/she has spoken. They believe and act before they physically see. On the contrary, a person whose faith is dead believes but waits to physically see before taking action. Although they think they're in faith, people with dead faith are just hoping and not actually believing because **action is the litmus test of true believing. Your faith produces when you give it life by timely action;** else it withers and dies off without results.

Luke 24:13 “...two of them were traveling to...Emmaus...seven miles from Jerusalem...while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them... they did not know Him...And He said to them, What things? So they said to Him, The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people...how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him...But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.”

This account of two disciples who left Jerusalem after the sad events culminating in Jesus' death gives a panoramic view of dead faith. Jesus had clearly told the disciples, He'll be killed and raised on the third day. “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem...be killed...raised on the third day.” Matthew 16:21. When these disciples did not see Him on the third day, they abandoned ship to return to their village. Genuine believing (which is validated by acting) on what Jesus had earlier said, required that they stay put in Jerusalem till they saw Him



on the third day. But alas, their actions gave these guys up. Their faith was dead. “No seeing Jesus, no believing Jesus” became their mantra. They actually said “But we were **hoping** that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.” These were words spoken from dead faith or faith in limbo i.e. faith that refused advancing beyond hope i.e. faith that only wants to act after the word is fulfilled. Truly they hurried back to Jerusalem after Jesus revealed himself to them. They took action only when the fact of resurrection was manifested to them. Simply put; theirs was a DEAD FAITH!

1 Samuel 17:47-48 “...for the battle is the LORD's, So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.” David's action before Goliath was a shining example of living faith. Although naturally disadvantaged, he boldly told Goliath the fate that awaited him for daring to challenge the armies of the living God. Then he seized the initiative and sprinted towards Goliath knowing God will take him (Goliath) down. What a mighty victory that resulted! **Living faith believes and acts to see. Dead faith just hopes and waits!**

A brother in church recently shared his story of how he had believed God had given his family a car after prayer. Then just like I taught and acted, he also went and bought his key holder, since he believed he had received a new car. He did this even though he was not in a financial position to buy a new car. The key holder had the logo of BMW on it. After a while of thanking God over that keyholder, he stumbled across an opportunity to buy a car at a giveaway price, God

provided at that moment and he bought it. Guess what, it was a BMW! Inject life to your faith today by putting works to your faith as inspired by the Holy Ghost, you will see mighty victories in Jesus name. Amen.

**KEYPOINT**

***Action is the litmus test of true believing. Your faith produces when you give it life by timely action.***

# 12

## THE LANGUAGE OF THE EPISTLES; IT'S DONE ALREADY.

*I have walked in health for the larger part of my life since I came to know the revelation of what Jesus did for my health via His stripes. Sickness may have come but I have refused sickness to stay. Jesus was smitten for the disease that should have been mine. For me to be smitten again is to suffer double jeopardy, an occurrence which the justice of God disallows. So I refuse disease and choose not to be swayed by bodily symptoms. That's how significant pains have been terminated in my back. Fibroid in my wife, Asthma in my children all terminated. Glory to Jesus*

### **Hebrews 4:3**

*"...although the works were finished from the foundation of the world."*

The epistles, written to New Testament believers, use a peculiar grammatical construction, when dealing with the promises of God in our lives as believers. These promises are conspicuously referred to in the past tense. Take a look; Ephesians 1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself..." Notice here that; we have been blessed already (not will be blessed); we have been chosen already; we were predestined already. Friends, God truly finished everything about us from the foundation of the world.

**In the arena of true reality (i.e. the unseen real or the spirit realm), we have already been totally equipped for what God has assigned us to do. We are fully loaded!**

Hear him: "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..." 2 Peter 1:3. Hallelujah! We have already been given! New Testament believers function from this mind-set. We're not here on earth in a perpetual, never ending struggle with evil forces for provision or success or territory. In fact, these evil forces have been disarmed already. Colossians 2:15 "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it." Because they have been already disarmed, now we are on a victory parade on earth, enforcing the victory already gotten on the cross. The believer is now an enforcement agent, putting the devil in his place of defeat, anytime the devil illegally tries to take up arms to confront the believer.

1 Peter 2:24 "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed." Concerning healing, the word says we have been healed

already even before we had any symptoms. That's why He was beaten with stripes. To tolerate sickness is to waste the stripes.

Some may say, if I've been healed, why am I still sick? If I've been supplied with all things for life and Godliness why do I still lack? John 8:32 says "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." When you come into the knowledge of truth within your spirit, you will be free. This knowing is not just a head knowledge but a certainty in the heart (spirit) that produces faith. The Bible calls it a "full assurance of faith." Hebrews 10:22. This faith overcomes any facts contrary to the truth. "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's this faith that overcomes the world around us to enforce God's Word within us.**

I have walked in health for the larger part of my life since I came to know the revelation of what Jesus did for my health via His stripes. Sickness may have come but I have refused sickness to stay. Jesus was smitten for the disease that should have been mine. For me to be smitten again is to suffer double jeopardy, an occurrence which the justice of God disallows. So I refuse disease and choose not to be swayed by bodily symptoms. That's how significant pains have been terminated in my back. Fibroid in my wife, Asthma in my children all terminated. Glory to Jesus! You can step into this victory over sickness. Jesus' stripes made healing cheap. That's why in our crusades & meetings, we see the blind see, deaf hear, crippled walk, cancers

terminated, tumors vanish, etc. even on the streets & in hospitals we see the power of Jesus at work..

The Church is here to work out the physical manifestation of what has been completed in the invisible by the enforcing power of faith. The way into enjoying God's finished works is by believing God's word and acting on it by faith. From today, God's finished work becomes manifest in your life in Jesus name. Amen.

**KEYPOINT**

***In the arena of true reality (ie the unseen spirit realm), we have been totally equipped for what God has assigned us to do. We are fully loaded.***

# 13

## YOUR ACTIONS IN FAITH BECOME YOUR EXPERIENCE IN LIFE.

*A sister in our ministry had a lump on the back of her neck that was due for surgery. However, she and her husband felt led to sow an equivalent of the surgery fee to the ministry. They went home and her husband prayed over the lump & in no time the lump vanished.*

### **Matthew 9:27-30**

*“...two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, Son of David, have mercy on us...And Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. Then He touched their eyes, saying, **According to your faith let it be to you** and their eyes were opened...”*

Jesus reveals here a stark reality regarding getting things done by God's power on earth. To the man that wanted open eyes He said “according to your faith” not according to my (Jesus') faith. To the woman with blood disease who braved the crowds to touch Him in faith, He said in Luke 8:48 “...Daughter, be of good cheer; **your faith has made you well.** Go in peace.” Her faith connected her to the

power that made her well. **Our faith today will become our experience tomorrow.** The blind men believed Jesus was able to do it. They followed Him, cried and it happened! This woman with blood disease, already decided in faith, she'll touch the edge of Jesus' garment and be healed. She touched and it happened!

No matter the odds against you in life, your outcome is not determined by your background, nor by your present difficulties but by your faith. The crowd around Jesus could not stop the faith of this frail woman who had bled for 12 years. It'll not happen according to the witch or wizard but according to your faith. In life, many people believe different things outside God's word and wonder why those things come to pass. Some believe witches are powerful enough to hurt them, so they live in fear and run from pillar to post only to see evil continually hurt them. Some are like the billionaire, legendary IT entrepreneur, who believed he'll die young. By his mid-forties, he had cancer and died at 54. A sister in our ministry had a lump on the back of her neck that was due for surgery. However, she and her husband felt led to sow an amount of money, equivalent to the surgery fee into the ministry. They went home and her husband prayed over the hand & in no time the lump vanished. It'll be to you according to your faith. This means no factor has control over your life unless you put faith in that factor. So, **feed on God's word today, make it the basis of your faith and take action. It surely will become the experience of your life** in Jesus Name. Amen.

#### KEYPOINT

**Your faith today will become our experience tomorrow.**



# 14

## STEP BEYOND LITTLE FAITH: IT'S TIME FOR GREAT RESULTS.

*A lady had this recurrent post delivery bleeding which was abnormal & usually lasted a while. One day she came for service ready to discuss the issue with me. However in the course of the service before she ever told me, I spoke by the Spirit about her condition. She walked to me after the service & I declared that she was healed. She left, believing that word. That was the end of her condition. She has even conceived and delivered after this healing without post-delivery eventuality.*

### **Matthew 9:29**

*"...According to your faith let it be to you."*

### **Matthew 8:24**

*"...a great tempest arose on the sea... the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep ...His disciples...awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing! ... He said... Why are you fearful, O you of little*

*faith? Then He ...rebuked the winds... there was a great calm.”*

In life, our outcomes are determined by the quality of our faith in God's word. When your faith remains underdeveloped, you will underachieve as a believer, although all authority has already been given to you. **Growing in faith is a responsibility every believer must diligently discharge in order to experience the fullness of God's word here on earth.** Jesus taught about different measures of faith, among which was little faith (as above) and great faith. It's clear that what will happen to you in life is according to your faith, therefore a person with little faith will get little results.

Notice firstly, the disciples could not command a great result out of the stormy situation they found themselves in because of an underdeveloped faith, even though Jesus was present. A person of little faith lacks the manifest authority to get significant results though he has been sent with all authority. With little faith you end up average in life! Secondly, with stunted faith, your response to life's storms is usually fear and panic. That's why many end up with health issues arising from persistent anxiety. Thirdly, When your faith is little, you will always have to seek outside help through others every time. Not only that, receiving God's help through others also requires mature faith, so little faith will also hinder the receiving of God's power through others.

Though Jesus helped the disciples in this storm, He didn't expect them to always require outside help every time for a

lifetime. Jesus expects them (and us) to grow in our walk of faith. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 “We...thank God...because your faith grows exceedingly...” So, be like the Thessalonians today. Step out from little faith by studying the word, reading books on faith like this one and by praying. A lady had recurrent post delivery bleeding which was abnormal & lasted a while. One day she came for a service ready to discuss the issues with me. However in the course of the service before she ever told me, I spoke by the Spirit about her condition. She walked to me after the service & I declared that she was healed. She left believing that word and that was the end of her condition. She has even conceived and delivered after this healing without post-delivery eventuality. Grow your faith and step into greater results in Jesus name.

#### KEYPOINT

***Growing in faith is a responsibility every believer must diligently discharge in order to experience the fullness of God's word here on earth.***

# 15

## GREAT WORKS: THE OUTCOME OF GREAT FAITH.

*The Lord spoke to me one day that signs & wonders will happen through our ministry. I promptly stepped out in faith & obedience to turn an already scheduled meeting into a miracle service. Since then, unusual signs & wonders in health, finances, etc have followed our ministry.*

### **Matthew 15:22-28**

*"...a woman of Canaan...cried out Have mercy...O Lord... My daughter is severely demon-possessed. But He answered her not a word. And His disciples...urged Him...Send her away, for she cries out after us. He...said, was not sent except to the lost sheep ...of Israel. Then she came...saying, Lord, help me! But He...said, It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs. And she said, Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus...said to her, O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire. And her daughter was healed from that very hour."*

### **Matthew 9:29**

*"...According to your faith let it be to you."*

The overall result of your life is not the product of happenstance but the product of your faith. This woman of Canaan found herself at the center of life's violent storm. Her daughter was vexed with an incurable ailment. Rather than leading to a sorrowful end for her, this sad story began a bright future for this woman of an equally violent faith. ***Her overall outcome through this situation was not determined by the severity of the vexatious illness but by the strength of her faith. She had GREAT FAITH!***

***Great faith is able to produce great results because it overcomes great obstacles.*** Look at the obstacles this woman faced. Firstly, Jesus did not even respond to her at first. Next, the disciples told Jesus to send her away. Thirdly, she overcame the emotional hurt of being likened to a dog. Fourthly, she was excluded by birth from partaking of God's power at this moment in history because she was a gentile. Yet she was so bold and kept crying after Jesus, above the disciples' head, even when she got no response initially. What presence of mind she must have had! People of great faith get into places their birth status or background does not qualify them for. They are like Daniel in Babylon and Joseph in Egypt. Rather than moan your background, develop your faith and you'll overcome the odds that may be stacked against you. Act 6:8 *"...Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people."* Stephen, who was not even an Apostle, stepped into great wonders. The Lord spoke to me one day that signs & wonders will happen through our ministry. I promptly stepped out in faith & obedience to turn an already scheduled meeting into a miracle service. Since then,

unusual signs & wonders in health, finances, etc, have followed us everywhere. This is your portion as you step out in faith. That great obstacle turns into a great triumph in Jesus name.

**KEYPOINT**

***Great faith is able to produce great results because it overcomes great obstacles.***

# 16

## TAKE A SEAT WITH ABRAHAM.

*Whilst facing a tight business deadline a while ago, a brother sowed scarce money in response to a prophetic word God had given me for the ministry. On the very day of his deadline, after initial disappointment from other sources, a project that was in limbo suddenly came alive and money was paid into His account in all about ten times the amount he sowed.*

### **Matthew 8:5-13**

*“Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came... saying, Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented...Jesus said...I will come and heal him...The centurion answered... Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed...When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ... Then Jesus said to the centurion, Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you. And his servant was healed that same hour.*

We largely owe the description of what Jesus called the greatest faith in His days to the actions of this centurion. The centurion inadvertently painted himself as a thoroughbred professional. Matthew 8:9 "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ~Go," and he goes;" **Firstly, this centurion was not a preacher but a career person and yet had the greatest faith in Israel.** Therefore, any career person, any business person, anyone, can stand in the place of the centurion in this 21st century and function in uncommon faith. If a Roman soldier could have the greatest faith in Israel, then a businessman/woman can have exemplary faith in any nation. I challenge you today, step up and grow your faith to uncommon levels, it'll pay off with uncommon feats in your life.

Secondly, in acknowledgement of this rare event, **Jesus revealed his (centurion's) placement in God's Kingdom; on the front row with Abraham, a row reserved for those with the greatest faith in their generation,** including Isaac, Jacob and others in Hebrews 11, etc. This honor's row is open to every man. Matthew 8:11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" Those stepping into this row, leave giant footprints on earth by the greatness of their impact on history. That's the arena where God has destined you to function.

Whilst facing a tight business deadline a while ago, a brother sowed scarce money in response to a prophetic word God had given me for the ministry. On the very day of



his deadline, after initial disappointment from other sources, a project that was in limbo suddenly came alive and money was paid into His account. This money was about ten times the amount he sowed. This brother took a bold step of faith that brought him great victory. It's time for you to rise up into great faith, leave the chickens and soar with eagles of great faith. You are destined for greatness in Jesus name.

**KEYPOINT**

***He was not a preacher but a career person and yet had the greatest faith in Israel.***

# 17

## CHECK YOUR FAITH AND KEEP IT HEALTHY.

*A lady had experienced delay in conception and a miscarriage after the first conception. So during a particular service, I called all married couples asking God for the fruit of the womb and I ministered to them & declared they were coming for their baby dedication a year later. This lady believed hers will even be faster than that. So it was. Her baby came about 3 months earlier than the 12 months timeline I had declared.*

### **Matthew 9:29**

*"Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."*

To enjoy the finished works of Christ here on earth, it's important that a believer walks by faith and that he/she continually matures in faith. You can't function in continuous victory outside of faith. Your level of faith today, will reflect in the quality and impact of your life tomorrow especially if you plan to live by the righteous standards of God. That's why "The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:17. As

believers, Faith is how we live and function and win. It's vital for us to keep our faith healthy and growing, by guarding against the little faith syndrome which is what happens when growth in faith is stagnated. Take a look at the signs of little faith so you can recognise it and avoid any prolonged stay at this elementary stage of faith in your own faith journey. This is sadly where many believers operate.

Matthew 6:30-31 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ``What shall we eat?" or ``What shall we drink?" or ~What shall we wear?" **Firstly, a person with little faith worries a lot about the basic things of life.** Stop getting worried when you can't afford what your colleagues are wearing or driving or eating or where they are living, etc. A person of faith knows those things are his already and will manifest in the process of time. Worry and anxiety makes your mind underperform, bringing the very worries into fulfillment. Phillipians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" Stand on the word and pray in faith rather than worry in fear.

Matthew 8:24-26 "...a great tempest arose on the sea...His disciples came...Lord, save us! We are perishing!...He said...Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?...He...rebuked the winds..." **Secondly, people of little faith respond to storms in life with fear and panic. In panic, people say wrong things like "I am perishing" They think it's realism but alas it's little faith and does not change anything.**

Respond in an emergency by speaking God's Word and standing on it. This brings victory! Don't permit these two signs of little faith to remain a permanent feature of your life. Leave the arena of little faith into the place of great works! Hallelujah!

**KEYPOINT**

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not change anything.***

# 18

## CHECK YOUR FAITH AGAIN AND KEEP IT HEALTHY.

*A young lady was having recurrent miscarriages early in her married life. The miscarriages started after she had a dream in which something was taken from her. During one of our healing services, she came filled with faith. As I prayed for her, she fell into a trance and saw an angel return what was stolen from her. Thereafter she conceived and gave birth to her first baby, followed by another baby.*

### **Matthew 15:28**

*"Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire. And her daughter was healed from that very hour."*

It's faith that enables you achieve your desired outcomes in life, so long as they align with God's will for you. When your faith is alive and working, your goals become realities rather than remaining fantasies. Thus faith is crucial to the success of a believer here on earth. We must guard against the little faith syndrome where faith remains stunted and unhealthy producing no results. Take a look at another three signs of

little faith so you can identify and avoid a prolonged stay at this level of faith.

Matthew 14:29-31 “So He said, Come...and Peter...walked on the water to go to Jesus...But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, Lord, save me!...Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” **Firstly, people of little faith are unable to sustain a miraculous occurrence to its logical conclusion.** They usually get stuck after a supernatural start. E.g They may have gotten and proven their healing, only to permit the feeling of disease symptoms to lead them into accepting the illness as still present. They usually leave Egypt headed for the Promised Land but get stuck in the wilderness. Avoid little faith like a plague! Receive your miracles by faith and keep on maintaining them by faith!

Matthew 16:5 “...His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten...bread...Jesus said...Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees...they reasoned...saying, It is because we have taken no bread...Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, O you of little faith, why do you reason...because you have brought no bread? Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?” Jesus told the disciples, they need not regret their forgetting bread because by faith He can still currently multiply bread. **Secondly, People of little faith, rather than focus on miracles that can be done now by faith, inspired by miracles of the past, they wrongly focus attention on their present problems and**

**forget past miracles.** They operate much like the Israelites in the wilderness. Forgetting all the mighty miracles of the immediate past, they only focus on the present need.

**Thirdly, People of little faith also pay undue attention to regrets. They permit present regrets arising from personal mistakes to obscure their view of the powerful miracles that can be repeated, even in the present.** Truth be told, in faith there are no regrets! What God did yesterday, He can still do today, even if the miracle needs to be repeated because of your mistake. Dearly beloved, unshackle yourself from the negativities and failures of the past or present. Focus your attention on possibilities of the present that are guaranteed by God's Word. A young lady was having recurrent miscarriages early in her married life. The miscarriages started after she had a dream in which something was taken from her. During one of our healing services, she came filled with faith. As I prayed for her, she fell into a trance and saw an angel return what was stolen from her. Thereafter she conceived and gave birth to her first baby, followed by another baby. This lady did not dwell on her pregnancy failures. She focused on the power of God that was present in that moment to heal her and she got her miracle. Even today, stay focused on God's power that is able to deliver your miracle to you according to your prayer. Receive that miracle now in Jesus name.

**KEYPOINT**

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# 19

## IN FAITH, FOCUS ON GOD'S BEST FOR YOU TODAY & TOMORROW.

*A young man once who had studied as a lab scientist, upon graduation felt led by God to go into the field of stress management coaching. Despite the limitations of his background, exposure & education, he obeyed God in faith. When he gave his first coaching lecture, they gave him a very little sum for transport. He came to me with that as a seed and I prayed for this new career line. Thereafter, he wrote a book that became a hot seller, doors opened for him on the national and international stage, he has since gone forth into success.*

### **Matthew 15:22-28**

*"A Gentile woman...came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord...For my daughter has a demon...tormenting her. But Jesus gave her no reply...his disciples urged him...Tell her to leave...She is bothering...Then he said to the woman, I was sent only to help the people of Israel...not the Gentiles...She came...pleaded again, "Lord, help me!" "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs," he said. "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even dogs are*



*permitted to eat crumbs that fall beneath their master's table."...Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted*

Many folks have faith that is stunted by the limitations of their background, their education, etc. They believe God just to get by in life with the basic essentials. Some even think that the good things in life are the exclusive preserve of those with privileged parentage. They abandon their personal responsibility to grow their faith, to believe God and to experience God's best for them. Some think they 'll never own a car or build a house because of their background. I present this Canaanite woman today, as a challenge everyone, to believe God for God's very best in your life. Talking about God's people, Joel 2:3 says "...The land is like the Garden of Eden before them and behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them" That's God's desire for us, He wants none of the good things He's placed ahead of us to escape us.

Back to this legendary woman of faith; in the metaphor used by Jesus, Jews were the masters, she was like a dog. Jesus was sent by God at that time with goodies for the Jews. Though this woman was excluded by her birth status, she had enough faith for the things that were reserved for the masters table. **She believed for and partook of the best God had on offer in her day. You too can believe for the best God has on offer today.** God's best is not for you to remain dependent on financial aid from men of goodwill, it's for you to have abundance and be a blessing to others. He wants you to become an employer of labor rather than a professional applicant. So step beyond the limitations of

your birth status or your education, believe God and take action. You have been pre-qualified for God's best. 1 Samuel 2:8 says "He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory."

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I pray you record such testimony and even better in Jesus name.

#### **KEYPOINT**

***She believed for and partook of the best God had on offer in her day. You too can believe for the best God has on offer today.***

# 20

## FAITH ATTRACTS FAVOR.

*I heard the story of a young man who had problems with getting university admission for many years in a particular school where he was vehemently opposed by the registrar. Having believed God for this admission, he approached the University Vice Chancellor and spoke boldly. He resolved not to give-up till he got admitted into that university. Of course, his faith got it and he eventually became friendly with the Vice Chancellor.*

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While Jesus walked here on earth, few gentiles partook of the healing anointing upon Him. Among this gentile populace however, this Canaanite woman above was an exception! She requested for and received what people in her nation had rarely received - Jesus' healing power. Among her people, she was distinguished by the favor she had gotten. Her qualification for this favor was none other thing than her faith! **Jesus could not despise her faith. This is because faith has a tremendous gravitational pull for favor. Favor gravitates towards faith.** I heard the story of a young man who had problems with getting university admission for many years in a particular school where he was vehemently opposed by the registrar. Having believed God for this admission, he approached the VC and spoke boldly. He resolved not to give-up till he got admitted into that university. Of course, his faith got it and he eventually became friendly with the Vice Chancellor. Faith pulled favor into his direction.

Look at Queen Esther. She undertook what was nothing more than a suicide mission in an effort to save the Jewish nation. Esther 4:16 "...And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" Esther 5:2 "So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand...And the king said to her, " What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you--up to half the kingdom!" Just like the Canaanite woman, Esther stepped out in faith and the King's favor enveloped her. So many are yet to receive favors because they are yet to step out in faith.

One of our brothers had been having a slowdown in his business for a while when one morning upon being prompted by the Holy Spirit and encouraged by his wife, he went to go see a former boss. On getting there, to his surprise this former boss had sent a person to inform him of an upcoming contract bid. The person refused to deliver the message but rather went to prepare his own candidates. Thank God the Holy Spirit delivered the message through this prompting. He contested and won the bid which turned out to be their biggest contract till that time in tens of millions of naira. He took a step of faith after being prompted by the Holy Spirit and He was met with favor. I encourage you, take that step of faith today, favor awaits you on the other side. In Jesus Name!

**KEYPOINT**

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# 21

## REQUEST FOR HIGH GROUND.

*I went to pray over a brother's business premises one day and spoke prophetically that international help was coming to them. Two weeks later, a major global funding opportunity domiciled in San Francisco, arose for this young man who was desiring to expand his business to world class levels. They needed a miracle to be in America in under one week, even when they were yet to get a visa in Nigeria. God moved on their behalf and it happened. Though there was fierce competition for this opportunity, they were awarded this life changing opportunity for a non-american company. Today, that business is taking more and more high ground.*

### **Joshua 14:6-12**

*"...children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh...said...I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me...to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart...So Moses swore on that day, saying, ~Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance...because you have wholly followed the LORD*

*my God. And now...the LORD has kept me...these forty-five years...I am this day, eighty-five years old...just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war...Now therefore, **give me this mountain...**"*

It's amazing that most people believe God and pray for only the bread and butter issues of life. Matthew 6:31 "...saying, ~What shall we eat?" or ~What shall we drink?" or ~What shall we wear?" Not that it's wrong to trust God for these normal things, only that it's limiting, if that's all what you trust God for. The Abrahamic covenant of which we're partakers gives us responsibility not just to survive but to bless nations. God expects us to believe him for big things that influence cities, nations, etc. Psalm 2:8 "Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession." He wants us not only to have faith to send our children to the best schools but to send underprivileged children alongside, not only to believe for a good job but to become a provider of good jobs to thousands.

Against this background we see Caleb's unusual faith. Although he had other options, he chose on behalf of Israel to pursue arguably the most difficult campaign in their conquest of the promised land – dispossessing giants on a mountainous terrain. **Like Caleb, it's time for you to think and believe BIG. Believe for the best things in life. Take a stand in the Abrahamic blessing and fulfill it. Believe for God to use you for your community, industry, nation, etc.** That's the example we see in Heb 11:33-35 "who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained

promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire...Women received their dead raised to life again.”

As we pursue the ministry of supernatural evangelism, we have taken a giant leap of faith to bless other churches and ministries through organizing crusades in collaboration with them. These crusades have cost us tangible resources, yet our ministry has received no direct benefit other than seeing God’s Word taught, God’s Power manifested and God’s Glory revealed. As we pursue this outreach assignment, we are believing God not just for meetings but for cities. We have witnessed incredible signs and wonders to His Glory. Nations and Cities are opening up to the Glory of God upon us. We want more high ground. You too can request for high ground. Seek to be empowered by God with such influence and resources that make you a blessing to cities and to nations. Hebrews 11.33 “...who through faith subdued kingdoms...” This is your testimony in Jesus name. Amen!

#### **KEYPOINT**

***Like Caleb, it's time for you to think and believe BIG. Believe for the best things in life. Take a stand in the Abrahamic blessing and fulfill it. Believe for God to use you for your community, industry, nation, etc.***



# 22

## PRAYER FOR SALVATION & HEALING

### **PRAYER FOR SALVATION**

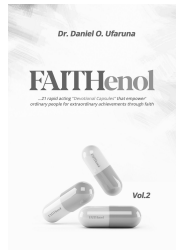
Dear Jesus, I yield myself to you today. I surrender my life to you. I ask for and receive your forgiveness. I receive your Grace to live by your righteousness. Use me for your Glory. Fill me with your fire. I receive your help to continuously follow you. In Jesus name.

### **PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Having finished this book, I believe you are ready for your healing or that of your child. Get into a quiet place, lay your hands on the affected place and read this prayer out loud. Father in Jesus name, I take authority over this body, I bind the devil and his agents. I rebuke the spirit of infirmity right now and command it to take his hands off your body. We release the Healing and miracle power of God right now. Every damage is reversed, every abnormality is corrected, tumors disappear, every body part begins to function normally. I call forth creative miracles for missing body parts now in Jesus name. They are replaced ... new organs, bones, etc. In Jesus name, you are healed.

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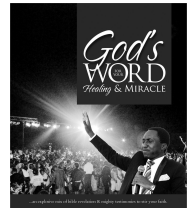
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