## The Works Of Faith

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We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen. Quickly, I want to talk today by God's grace about the works of faith.

The works of faith. Most of us have not been helped in a lot of ways at all.

[1:18] I will explain what I mean. It's like a soldier. The Bible says no soldier goes to war at his own expense.

It's like a soldier who has been sent to the battlefield to go and fight with people using machine guns and they give you sword to go and fight. You are ill-equipped. Most of us, for some reason, as you're growing up in life, you have been informed and you have made a way that there is God.

And God is all-powerful. And God can help. But what you have not been taught is how to access the help of God. And as I normally say, every day is God's day.

It becomes your day when you believe. As I've been saying, it doesn't take time. It does not take time.

It takes God. I can't hear you. It does not take time. It takes God. It takes God. Tap someone and tell the person, God is here. God is here.

[2:43] I mean, there are times you go through some terrible situations in life and it looks as if it's over. Monday, they said cancer is back.

Radical. In the booms. Between Monday and Wednesday, within 48 hours. Within 48 hours, the story was different.

Wednesday, they said no. There's no cancer at all. Why? Because prayer had gone on the behalf of somebody.

I've seen people who have come to the brink of divorce. But God turned everything around.

People who doctors have told you cannot give birth. There's no way. If you're talking about mothers, forget about yourself. Or possibility of having a child for God, forget about you.

You are not part of those people. And yet, God made a way. But what makes us to understand that? Faith is the substance of things hoped for.

And the evidence of things not seen. And that by faith, Hebrews chapter 11 verse 2, By faith, the elders obtained good reports.

They obtained some translations. They obtained a good testimony. Testimony. And so, like the ladies and the gentlemen who stood here a few moments ago and testified to us.

Faith said they are already, the Bible says there are people in the Bible who have stood in the witness books and have testified. So, it says, by faith, Abel, say Abel.

Abel. Hebrews chapter 11 verse 4, By faith, Abel, offered a more excellent sacrifice. And then, verse 5 says that, by faith, Enoch was translated.

[5:09] And then, he chipped in, he says that, why was he translated before? Because before he was taken, he had the testimony. He had the witness, God witnessed, he testified, he said, he had the testimony that he pleased God.

Ben 6 said, no, but without faith, you can't please God. So, actually, it was faith as work that made him please God. And God said, you please me so much, I want you all of myself. Then, verse 7 said, by faith, Noah.

Noah, when he was instructed, he moved. Verse 8 says, by faith, Abraham. So, you can see, we have Enoch, and we have Noah, verse 7.

Verse 8, we have Abraham, who we know in the scriptures as the father of faith. Abraham. And then, verse 11, he said, I like it, he said, by faith, Sarah herself. Oh, this was my husband.

My husband, okay. God, God promised my husband. You see, you know, anything that happens to the husband, invariably, means that it's impacted. All right, let me put it this way. If a husband is looking for a child, all right, if a husband is looking for a child, and the wife gives birth, who has got the answer?

[6:20] Is this? So, a husband can have a child, and the wife says, no, it's not mine. I still need my testimony. Do you understand what I'm saying? But, so, by faith, Abraham could dare believe God.

But Bible says that Sarah herself also. Because, to give birth is one thing, or to believe God for a child, for your wife is one thing, but for your child to be in the position, strength, it takes strength.

If you are old, Sarah was old, so she knew that she should have been counted out. Sarah. She's, she's out. Bible says that, Hebrews chapter 11, verse 11, nice text to remember.

Hebrews 11, 11, by faith, Sarah herself, hmm, also, received strength to conceive, when she was past age. Maybe your time has expired, but I'm telling you, your faith can bring things back.

Your husband told you, it's over, he's joking. You are the one who determine whether it's, it's over for, no, you don't fight, you don't, we don't fight, we faith.

[7:28] Amen. No, no. May I submit to you, that the one who has faith, has an upper hand over the one who has the fight. Yes. I say that again.

The one with faith, you are, you have an upper hand. So, the devil's job, is to make sure you can run by faith. If you try to operate by faith, you have an upper hand over situations and circumstances, because Bible says that, we understand that by faith, the worlds were created.

Everything you see, is subject to faith. But faith is a higher realm, it's a God realm, it's the realm of God. That is why you can't, be an ordinary person, and operate by faith, because, you don't operate by faith, with normal thinking.

So, he said, by faith, Sarah herself, verse 11, and then he jumps to verse 19, and he said, by faith, Isaac, are you counting the number of people, who are, who are in the witness box? Number one.

He said, by faith, Abel, by faith, Enoch 2, by faith, Noah 3, by faith, Abraham 4, by faith, Sarah 5, by faith, in verse 19, Isaac 6, by faith, in verse 20, by faith, Jacob 7, and then, that's verse 20, 20, and then he says that, by faith, Joseph, so by faith, Joseph, and then he went on to talk about, by faith, Moses, the parents of Moses, not Moses, golly, read very carefully, by faith, Moses, this is not the faith of Moses, brothers and sisters, this faith, was not the faith of Moses, but it was the faith, of those who hid him, by faith, Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months, by who?

His parents, and need some parents, who have faith here, I am here to submit to you, your faith, will determine the outcome, of your children's future, it's not their health, medical records, it's not their school reports, it's not their friends, but your faith, as a father, your faith, as a mother, it is not the kind of, private school, they attend, it is good, it is good, but I am here to tell you, your faith, will determine, the outcome, of their future, shout yes, by faith, the parents, are you counting with me?

No, ma, by faith, the parents of Moses, they hit him, and watch this, this, we have to come back to this, not afraid, King James talk about, I think, he just says, not fearing, not afraid, why?

The king has given, a decree, has made a decree, and they flouted it, not afraid, because faith, was at work, faith says, bring it on, normal human, sensibility, says, normal, you have to be careful, you have to be careful, it's scary, it's dangerous, no, you can't do it like this, by faith, the parents of Moses, and then verse 24, by faith, Moses, he married, this one, not Moses, so this one, this one, when he, when he was of age, when he was now a man, why are you so worried?

Why are you so afraid? And you are letting situations, dictate the outcome of your life, don't make yourself a victim, of circumstances, when you can work by faith, faith makes circumstances, bring circumstances, under your control, but I don't know what I'm going to, I don't need to know, because, he makes a way, and how, when we don't know how, your problem is, you know too much, you know too much, you know so much, about how things can't work, you know, you know so much, about how people, women of this age, and have been through this surgery, can't give birth, you know so much, about how, a man around this, or someone without this qualification, can't get this kind of job, you know so much, you know so much, and in United Kingdom, we, and in the West, we pride on what we know, and most of the time, we are victims, because of what, we think we know, which is blocking us, from higher realities, we don't know, go out on the street, try to talk to somebody, about Jesus, and those of you, who have been out, you realize that, junk and the rubbish, and the levels of, imbecility, the levels of, ignorance, people turn out, in confidence, in confidence, how can someone, reasonable man, stand and say that, oh you need a wife, to have a son, so if you say,

Jesus is the son of God, are you trying to say, Jesus is the son of God, come on, do you always need a wife, to have a child, some of you were, children of unwifed, and it doesn't stop, you being beautiful, being handsome, being intelligent, being great, amen, so, right there, you could tell that, people decide, to take a tangent, and block their minds, from being realistic, about other things, like pastor Frank, was telling me, he met someone, yesterday, a certain lady, said, what did she say, I don't believe in God, he said, all these stories, about in the beginning, he said, I don't believe, oh this is rubbish, and pastor Frank said, so you actually believe, in the beginning, there was nothing, and one day, nothing just became something, and she said, yeah I choose to believe that one, watch this, and yet you tell me, that having faith, is unreasonable, having faith, is unscientific, no what you are saying, is rather unscientific, let's, let's, if you like, let's, let's go into science, you realize that, faith makes more sense, than just ordinary science, faith, watch this, faith is not contrary, to science, never, faith and science, has never been, on collision, cause, a collision, never, because, faith is reasonable, faith is factual, just that you, are limited, with your understanding, with your insights, with your knowledge, so you think, things are this way, but you didn't realize, that things, are the other way too, some of you, thought church, was a boring thing, you realize, that you are wrong, haven't you found out, you are wrong, some of you, thought we are miserable, in church, no you realize, that you are rather, very miserable, without church, you are miserable, with double M, in front, miserable, they don't know, they don't know, they don't know, it's your ignorance, that is killing you, and yet, very confident, about one thing, you think you know, by faith,

[15:13] Moses, when he became of age, he made his own decision, by faith, it wasn't by his education, ladies and gentlemen, it was by faith, don't forget, it has, all what we are seeing, in the witness box, nobody has made reference, to their personal acumen, personal skills, and personal abilities, they all is referring to, how can a woman, who is old, how can a woman, who is, at the age, of 90, give birth, and in fact, when it was announced, to her, to her husband, your wife is about, to give birth, she actually laughed, she said, can a woman, who is at my age, have pleasure, and give birth, are you listening to me, it looked impossible, it looked, it looked as if, it could not happen, that's your problem, you are so restricted, with sense perception, sensory perception, what appears, on the surface, you must know, that not every hair, you see, is actual hair, if those, yes professionals, remember, listen, most people here, when they get home, they remove their hair, it's true, if those, who don't remove it, after her, they have to go for them to be unwoven.

So, if you're making your decisions based on what you just see, you'll be grossly mistaken. As for me, the kind of woman I want is the woman whose hair is all over, up to her waist.

That's easy. So you keep making choices based on the hair that's flowing here. You go home and find out that actually this one is sweat.

Are the sisters still in the house? Most of the cars people are driving don't belong to them.

It's good you just can't know people's age.

[18:17] But most people, their ages, some people, their ages on their documents is different from the day they were born.

Your father is called Adekule.

And you are telling me you are called Stephen James. Don't know that you are not Stephen James.

You are not. Maybe it's your nickname or A.K.A. Also known as Stephen James. But when your mother is upset at once, she says, Papa, where are you?

Hey! Hey! Hey! So, what most people have been trained to live by, or human beings live by, is actually on a collision course to trouble.

[19:44] The reason why your situation has been like this is because you have been missed or diseducated about how God gets involved. Think that God is just there and he's just tacit.

Tacit. No, no. You see, sometimes it's sad, but I need to mention this, that many people think that God needs them. Now, if you don't believe, it doesn't affect God.

It just affects you. But I can't just, that's why you are so sad. I can't just believe this like that. That's why you are. Where you are is a combination of your beliefs which influences your decisions.

So, why don't you start believing something else? And something authentic. Not something irrational. I'm going to show you in a minute.

So, the witnesses. Moses himself. Huh? Moses. Someone say Moses. Moses. Say Moses.

[20:51] Moses. By faith. By faith. Moses, when he became of age. He used to be called. Son of Pharaoh's daughter. Verse 27.

By faith. Moses. Forsook Egypt. Not fearing. Say not fearing. Not fearing. Say it again. Not fearing.

Say it louder. Not fearing. I'm going to visit that word. That is most of us. That is your biggest disadvantage. Is this thing?

Fear. Fear. False evidence appearing real. Real. Your biggest problem. Is not your inability to pray.

Your biggest problem is not the certificate you don't have. Your biggest problem is not your habit which you can't stop. The addiction is actually not your biggest problem.

[21:53] Because your biggest problem is this thing. That is what gives Satan grounds to operate. So for him to be able to forsake Egypt.

He has to make sure. He's not fearing. But most people try to gather boldness. But you can't just walk not fearing. It starts from here.

It's faith in your heart that gives you the audacity. Not to fear. Not to fear. I know you're afraid. Therefore you're afraid.

About the prospects of your marriage. The prospects of your career. The prospects of your financial situation. Some of you are very worried about your health. The way things seem to be going. And Satan has already started giving you suggestions.

Listen. Satan operates through suggestions. Suggestions. He can't enforce something. He has to come and suggest to you. The way your ear is shaking. Don't you think you have got ear cancer?

[22:59] Then he reminds you of your brother. What happened to your brother? As though that was never. He said remember your uncle. It's the same thing. Your uncle. His was even the eyebrow.

But he went to the ears. And the way he also asked. Some of you are here. With some medical issues. And you even conclude before you go to the doctors. At the age of 38.

You are already prophesying menopause. Because of the way you felt in your body. You are now becoming very sure. You are becoming very sure.

You've got menopause. What's your business thinking you've got diabetes? Doctors have not even said it. Now I know of a man.

His name is Papa. Bishop David Oedipo. One of his relatives. A doctor. He said no. Let me just take your blood pressure. Years ago. This is about 20 years ago. Because the man works hard.

[ 23:58 ] And the doctor told him. His relatives. I have all the whatever. Let me use it to just check your blood pressure. And he put it. He said alright. He put it on his wrist.

Check the blood pressure. And the thing was skyrocketing high. The man said hey. You have to go to the hospital. He said what is it? He said your blood pressure is very high.

He said you've got high blood pressure. Bishop Oedipo said. He didn't say I don't. He said I cannot have high blood pressure. Why? Because I will be very stupid to go to hospital.

Look at me. And then you meet me from the hospital. I'm very down. I'm very sad. He said Pastor David. Why are you down? He said I just tested pregnancy positive. I went to the hospital.

They said I'm pregnant. And so I'm worried I'm pregnant. Ah. A man. Can you be worried you are pregnant? A man. Under no circumstance can a man be pregnant.

[24:58] So you can say I am not pregnant. I cannot. There's two different things. I cannot be pregnant. Pregnancy cannot happen to me. I'm not saying every pregnancy test that you are worried about is not true.

Because some of you. The stuff you have been doing with. Somebody's husband. Oh. Hey. I think I should stand around here.

Oh. Listen. I have a word for somebody. Amen.

Yes, sir. Pastor, I will tell you. Since the beginning of the week. Last week and the beginning of the week. It just will not let. I don't really spend time listening to music.

Right. Because I have too much information. Revelation. To come to me. I don't have time to entertain myself. Some of you.

[26:04] Can afford to do that. I can. When I open my mouth. A lot of. Sensible. Spiritually sensible. Stuff. Must come out. So I have to keep stuffing.

Regularly. So I actually. Don't play music. To listen to it. Once. In extreme. Maybe there's a song. That is so strong. Mad. And I say. Let me just play this song.

Let me just play this. But then. I don't play music. To listen. Because I have to be hearing the Bible. Right. I have to be hearing preaching from. Bishop Oedipo. Senior. Before we.

Bishop Doug. I have to be hearing everything. It must always be going inside me. And so sometimes. I don't just remember songs. But. The whole.

Of the past 10 days. Before God. In press on my heart. That teach on faith. This song will not leave me. When I back serve against the wall.

[ 27:00 ] And it looks as if it was over. You. May. May. So I told the choir. This is the song. We have to sing today.

Watch this. But it's because of somebody. It's not for entertainment. It's for enrichment. It's to change somebody's story.

It's somebody's prophetic word. Tell me. And as I'm ministering. Watch this. As I'm ministering. The song is still playing my spirit. Still.

It's a spiritual thing. By faith. They pass through the Red Sea.

Verse 29. By faith. They pass through the Red Sea. As by. Somebody's about to go through the Red Sea. Hey. Somebody's about to pass through the Red Sea.

[28:02] Hey. All right. Let me just guess. By faith. They pass through the Red Sea. As on dry land. By. I like the next one. By faith. The walls of Jericho. Hey.

Hey. Hey. Hey. By faith. The walls of Jericho. Came down. Hey. Hey. Hey. Hey.

Hey. Hey.

Hey. Tell someone, don't be afraid. God will help you. So, by faith, the walls of Jericho came down.

[29:05] Are you ready for the next one? By faith, the harlot. Listen, listen.

Isn't it interesting how Bible didn't mention Rahab the harlot. But it says, the harlot before her name. Her job description, who she was before her name.

By faith, the harlot. I don't know who you are. Religion tells you that you don't qualify. Religion tells you that God can't help you. Drop that religion and by faith, move forward.

Drop it. Drop that religion. Most of you, what is killing you is religion. When you talk to people, they are afraid of church because of religion. They are afraid of church because, ah, ah.

And so sometimes you don't even need to talk to people about church. Because many people have all kinds of, they have actually been bullied. Religious, with religious dogma and requirements and demands.

[ 30:08] And many people, I met a gentleman about three weeks ago. He said, I don't think when I come to church, I'm welcome. You are not welcome. He said, I'm a pagan, so I can't, the church will not accept me.

I told you that. Actually, people like you qualify more to come. Listen. Listen to what the Bible didn't say. The Bible didn't say, by faith, the ex.

She was still operating. Excuse me. She still had her job.

Yes. Yes. I know some of you, you are still doing porn. I know some of you still have girlfriends and boyfriends.

I know some of you, you still have been involved in some dodgy stuff. I'm not saying it's good. By faith. But by faith, if you can look up to God. God will give you attention.

By faith. It's only religion that tells you that you don't qualify because of what you have done. It has never got to do with anything you have done. It has everything to do with your faith in God.

That's where it starts. I said, that's where it starts. By faith. By faith. Everyone will say, by faith. By faith. By faith.

You are a divorcee. And so what? Who cares? Who cares? You think God is afraid of you?

No. You are a divorcee. God said, come. Come. Come. The one who left you. Come. They will regret later. Which of you parents would your child go to school and fail in the exam and say, don't come home again.

You have left you. Even if you, as wicked as you are, as malicious as you can be, you won't do that. How much more God will give up on you because of some bad stuff you did?

[32:36] You are saved. You are saved through faith and not of your works. You are saved through faith and not of your works.

So don't come with works. Hallelujah. Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8. It said, by grace are you saved through faith and not of yourself. It said, by grace.

That's already allowed. Are you ready? Are you ready? Yes. I want you to read it out very loud. Ready? Let's go. For my grace. You have been saved through faith and not of yourself.

It's a gift of God. One more time. Louder. For my grace. No. Let's start. Louder. For my grace. You have been saved through faith and not of yourself.

It's a gift of God. Look at verse 9. It says that not of works lest you can boast. Not the things you have done. Lest you can say, yeah, you see me.

Yeah, I tried. Yeah, I tried. Come on. Bring it up. God said, get out of here. Your good works cannot help you when it comes to salvation. Neither will your bad works be able to help you.

Salvation is not work dependent. It's faith determined. It's faith. Lest any man should boast.

Lest any man should boast. By grace you have been saved through faith. Faith. And not yourself. Not yourself.

We get saved by faith and we live by faith. Did you hear what I said? Yes. Because that the just shall live by faith. Romans chapter 1 verse 17.

Or Galatians. Let's go. Galatians 3.11. For the just shall live by faith. The just shall live by faith.

[ 34:34 ] I can't hear you. The just shall live by faith. So we are saved by faith to be the just. And then we live by faith as the just. Why do we praise God in church?

Because of faith. We do it because of faith. Not because we want to impress anybody. When you come to church you are dancing. Dance by faith. Yes. When you are giving. Give by faith.

Yes. When you are hearing the word of God. Hear it by faith. When you are working. You are serving. Serve by faith. Don't look for people to applaud you. Serve by faith.

Work by faith. The just shall live by faith. You want to get married. Get married by faith. Don't. Sisters. May I give you an advice. If you want God to help you find a husband.

Please. Stop placing emphasis on your good parts. Confidence. In your good parts. Because others have got gooder, gooder parts.

[ 35 : 46 ] Have you realized that. Every year. The miss whatever keeps changing. There's always someone who has the better.

Are you talking about hips? Lips or fingertips? Someone has it better. Your fingertips are not long.

Others are very long. That's right. So if you are going to depend on that. Someone will outdo you. Isn't it your hips? There are bigger ones.

You have put so much emphasis on painting your lips.

Today is red. Today is good. And then even some of you. Sometimes the paint is even on your teeth. You have invested so much money in your makeup.

[ 36:57] All right. Let me finish this. Watch this. I need to finish this. It's okay. It's okay. I mean, makeup is not bad. All right. Give yourself a good treat. Just give yourself a good treat.

I listen to what I'm saying. Give yourself. Even if you are going through bad times. Don't let it show on you. Yes. Why? Yes. That's right. Yes. That's right. That's right. That's right. Yeah.

I admit that people dress the way they look on the inside. So if you want to know who people actually, how they are, look at the way they dress. Some people wear small, small, small dresses.

It's because they need attention on the inside. So that somebody was excited. They have to have as little on as possible so that they can attract attention.

Don't condemn them. It's just there's a need on the inside. Some men dress like women. Pink socks.

[ 38:00 ] Pink socks. And flower here. And necklace there. And rings here. And, you know, don't condemn people. You know, it's just someone is crying for an attention.

It's a condition on the inside. Red hair. Blue hair. Green hair. All those things. Don't condemn people. It's not what determines who they are. It's just a condition on the inside.

We walk by faith and not by sight. By faith. Someone say by faith. By faith. All you need is God.

And all it takes is faith. That's all. God is powerful. God can do it. But he can't outside of your faith. Now when we talk about faith.

Let me do this quickly. When we talk about faith. Alright. I'm not talking about the faith. In the scriptures you see the faith. Like Titus chapter 1 verse 1. First Timothy chapter 1.

[39:04] Titus chapter 1 verse 1. Or Romans chapter 14 verse 1. There are quite a few scriptures. Or 2 Corinthians chapter 13 verse 6. Put in Titus. Any of them. Receive. Which one is this?

Titus chapter 1. Okay. Romans chapter 1. Watch this. Watch this. It says that receive one who is weak. Where? In the faith. Now when you see the faith. It's not what I'm actually talking about.

I'll explain it in a minute. Titus 1. Titus 1. Quickly. Paul. A born servant of God. And apostle of Jesus Christ. According to the faith of God's life.

The faith. Say the faith. Say the faith. The faith. Okay. So you see the faith. You see. I think 2 Corinthians. Let me show you this as well. 2 Corinthians chapter 13.

Alright. 1 Corinthians 16. 13. Sorry. 1 Corinthians 16. 13. Oh. See what it says. 1 Corinthians 16. 13. Watch stand fast in the faith.

[40:04] It's different from walk by faith. Stand fast in the faith. Are you getting what I'm saying? So stand. He used the word. There are quite a few texts in the. 1 Timothy chapter 6.

Verse 10. 1 Timothy chapter 6. Verse 23. It all talks about the faith. 1 Timothy chapter 10. Verse 10. Let's go to verse 10. Said. For the love of money is the root of all evil.

For which some. Have strayed from where? The faith. Not from the walk of faith. But the faith. So that's the. What faith are you? The faith. Christianity is so much.

The walk of faith. To the extent that the Christian. Walk is called the faith. Right. The faith. We are the people of the faith. The faith.

Right. Defender of the faith. Not faith. Not faith. The faith. It's talking about Christianity. In the Bible. Christianity is sometimes referred to as the faith.

[40:59] So they have strayed. They have heard from the faith. 21. By professing. By professing. Some have been strayed. Concerning what? The faith. There's a few. So the faith.

Which is different from. The just shall live by faith. Didn't say the faith. Okay. So the faith. When it's presented as now. And now.

It's talking about Christianity. But when it's presented as action. Or when it says faith. Have faith in God. It's talking about an action step you have to take.

So it must have works. The faith is now. It's there. But faith has works. And it's possessed by somebody. So the Bible defines. Hebrews chapter 11 verse 1.

That faith is the substance of things hoped for. The evidence of things not seen. It is. Faith is. No was. No will be. Faith is.

[41:55] The substance of things hoped for. The evidence of things not seen. So it's very important to understand that. The just lives by faith. You walk by faith.

Things happen from God. For you. By faith. When your faith says yes. God will say yes. Now. As I was preparing.

I had a very interesting. I gave a particular interesting definition of faith. As being faith. I said. Is. Faith is. Conviction.

Okay. Is conviction. In God. Resulting. In works. In works. Conviction. In God. Resulting.

In works. Conviction. In God. Resulting. In works. Shall we all say that together? Conviction. In God. Resulting. In works. Say it again please.

[42:53] Conviction. In God. Resulting. In works. Quickly. So. If you have faith. Watch this. If you have faith. There cannot be faith. Outside of God. This faith we are talking about.

Because there must first of all be a good factor. Yeah. And there must be someone being convicted in God. How do you get convicted in God? Based on his word.

So the word of God comes to you. And watch this. It's not your mind decides. It's not mental assent. Okay. Mental assent. By the theologians.

You can call it. That's the ascensuous aspect of faith. Faith has three aspects. We have the noticia. The notai. The data. So you can't say I believe.

I believe in what? There must be something you say. I believe in God. I believe that God does this. I believe in forgiveness of sins. I believe in miracles.

[ 43:47 ] I believe in this. I believe in that. So there must be content. Content. That's why I said. Faith is not unreasonable. It's not unscientific. There must be content. So you say.

I'm a believer. I believe in what? I believe God works miracles. Yeah. That's not talking. I believe. But you must have. What's your basis for saying God works miracles? So it must be scientific. You must have basis.

You must have basis to say that. When I pray. Things will change. What's your basis? And your basis should not be your schooled. Natural schooled reasons.

Because your natural reasons. Most of the time will conflict faith reasons. So faith. Hey. Faith is not unreasonable.

Faith is actually reasonable. Oh. Faith is against reason. No. It's not against reason. It's reasonable. But it is reasonable based on God's word.

[ 44:44 ] So you must be able to find your faith movement from God's word for you to say. I've got faith. If you can't have. If you can't trace it to God's word.

Sister. Brother. It's not faith. It's assumption. Assumption. And God can't back an assumption. You can't go to court with an assumption. You've written some things that I assume you will do that.

No. Sorry. We don't do that here. You must have facts. Evidence. You must have evidence that this is what the law says. So that's what we call noticia.

But noticia is not enough. Noticia alone is not enough. Because the content. You must then have the ascensors. You agree that this content is definite. That you have ascended to it.

I agree. Because that's why you preach people. They say I know Jesus lived. But I don't agree that he can save me. I know some of you here. You believe God does miracles.

[ 45:42 ] But you don't agree that he can do your particular miracle. That's where you go off. So you say I believe. But you think that your own is too complicated for him to help you. So right there and there.

You count yourself out. You see. So you can't be operating by faith. When your ascens to what God can do. Divorces what God can do. Or your ascens to what God can do.

Is negative. Or what God can. You divorce what God can do from you. Because somebody was almost about to die. 21 years of. 31 years of liver problem.

They prayed about it. And God has that. And then somebody said. So God can do for you. But I say no. My own is no liver problem. My own. The heart is actually being replaced. My own is heart.

Lungs. Liver. Pancreas. And intestinal problems. So. So. Then you qualify that your own is. See. The problem is. You believe your situation is too complicated for God to help you.

[46:38] And so you. You agree. That God can do it. But not your own. Right. Right. That's where the problem is. Can you walk on water? Jesus walked on water.

He said you can't do it. But ah. Ah. And no. They can do it. But not me. And some of you. Satan has done a very good job on your mind. By telling you that you are too dirty. By telling you that you are too filthy.

By telling you that you are too. You are too stinky. You stink too much. By telling you that you are. You are too. You don't look churchy. You are not. See.

Satan is doing a good job. That's why you can't afford not to hear God's word. Satan is doing a good job on you to keep you in bondage. To keep you in subjection.

But the devil is a liar. I want to. I want to help you. You have to take this approach. That if God can do it. Then he has to do it for me. That's it.

You may be here. And your wife has left you. She has actually divorced you. And divorce has gone through. Things can turn around very quickly.

If you can't believe God. You may be here. Doctor said that you have got cancer again. Monday. Within Wednesday. They said no. It's gone. I mean.

It's too short. Yeah. We see it. You know someone who's got cancer. You are thinking. I haven't made my sickness. I have this pain in my neck.

It comes very rarely. But God doesn't seem to want to hear. No. No. No. No. Don't say God doesn't want to. Okay. No. No. No. It has everything to do with you. I know the religious was.

It said. But. But. What if it's not God's timing? Continue suffering. I want to talk to someone who will believe that is God's timing. I'll believe. Do you understand that? Don't give me this religious crap.

[48:32] Oh. Maybe. Maybe you know. It's the will of God for me to go through this. No. How does that glorify God? How does your pain honor God? How does your losing your marriage? How does your losing your child?

How does your losing your job glorify God? And you are telling me it's the will of God. No. No. It can't be. The devil has been advising you. Yes. Yes. Yes. Show me.

Show me where in the scripture says there is the will of God for you to lose your job. Oh. But God says sometimes if your job is taking too much of you away from him. Then he may have to lose.

Then tell that it's not his will for you to lose your job. But it's your lack of balance. Yeah. It's your lack of balance that has necessitated the fact that you probably have to change this job.

But God glorified you losing your job. You losing your child. You losing your husband. You losing your wife. You losing your health. The devil is a liar. Don't. People say that everywhere he went he was doing good.

[49:31] He was healing as many that were sick. What makes you think that he can't heal your sickness? Maybe my sickness is just for the purpose of God. Come on. In what way is it going to be for the purpose of God?

The man who was born blind. And Jesus healed him. And he said that for this purpose. That God will be glorified. Now so your healing is actually is to bring glory to God. Somebody's receiving healing now.

Somebody's receiving healing now. So we have the noticia as census. But what makes it actually work is the fordukia.

The fordukia is when you begin to now accept and take steps based on that. You are living it. Putting your hope and your trust in it. And living as though that's the fear of facts.

Then you have activated the powers of faith. Now so when we talk about the just shall live by faith. Definitely your faith must have content. It doesn't matter.

[50:33] I believe anyhow. Believe what? Somebody say. I don't know. I don't care what anybody says. I believe in Jesus. So who is Jesus? Who is he to you?

What is he to you? I believe he's God. He's good. And that's all. That means that there's a problem there. He said the God who you serve without knowing.

He's the one I'm declaring to you. You have to know him. You have to know him. He's real. For your faith to work.

Because when you look at Hebrews. The Bible says that by faith. By faith Abel offered. By faith Enoch pleased God. By faith Noah moved.

By faith Abraham obeyed and went. By faith Sarah received strength. Because she judged God. By faith Isaac. By faith Isaac also.

[51:29] Verse 19 of Hebrews chapter 11. Isaac blessed by faith. Jacob blessed by faith. Moses parents hate. By faith Moses himself also refused.

By faith Rahab. So by faith there must always be something. So faith is action. You can't tell me you have faith.

And we can't see it in your actions. You can't tell me I believe in God. And there's nothing. Nothing around. There's no step you are taking. And every. You sit at home.

And miss so many church services. It tells me you don't believe in God. It tells me about your. The extent to which you believe in God. Somebody said last week.

I had this testimony. She had an emergency exam. She didn't know. They told her you are writing exam tomorrow. And yet she was preparing to go and take. Bible studies. And she's now had to choose. Do.

[52:25] Do I do this. Or I go and do the Bible study. Do I prepare for the exam. He said no. Let me obey God. And when I finish. Let me do. No obey God. Let me do my commitment to God. When I finish.

I'll just. Just spend the time I've got. To prepare for the exam. Now. In your estimation. That may not be wise. By an estimation. That. That was. Her trust. And faith.

And commitment to God. So let me tell you. When you decide to walk by faith. Someone will think you are being stupid. There are some of you people think you are stupid for coming to church. They don't know how ignorant they actually are.

People think you are stupid for coming to church. People think you are stupid for giving. Why do you give? I don't know how ignorant they are. I don't know how ignorant they are. And yet. You seem. After keeping giving. You are doing better than them.

So. When you. Watch this. When you take a step of faith. Someone will deem it unreasonable. It's always like that. But it doesn't mean it's unreasonable.

[53:27] Because I'll show you in scriptures. He said. Oh. God. Shit. I don't know. He said. Let me just quote it. Because of my time. So. Okay. Let me just. God. So for faith to work. Watch this. For faith to have works.

And for it to work. First of all. Someone. Must. Hear God's word. Because. Faith. Is conviction. In God. And his word must come for you.

To know what it is. All right. So. Faith. Is conviction. In God. And then. Secondly. After hearing God's word. Or you can't even put it this way. God's word. Is what tells you. The promise of God. So.

Abraham. When he heard the word of God. And. Romans chapter 4. Verse 20. Put it on the screen. He did not. Waiver. At what? That's Abraham. So. You need God's word.

You need God's word. Through unbelief. But was strengthened. In faith. Giving glory to God. All right. So. The promise must be there. Before you think of. You must have.

[54:21] You read the Bible. Don't read it like a storybook. Read it like a manual. A message from. From God to you. And I should read it. Or when you hear a message. I should read it. No. No. No. And Jesus healed the sick.

Ah. I'm sick. Then Jesus can't heal me. I had a story recently. Last week. About a gentleman. Years ago. Someone was telling. A preacher. Years ago. He said there's a gentleman.

Who had a big house. A big land. And part of his land. Was mountainous. Or there's a big hill. He wanted to develop the place. For something. But the hill was so big. I mean. Real. Like a mountain.

And every time. So one day. He read the Bible. And he saw that. Bible says. Jesus said. If you have faith. You can say to the mountain. Be moved. And it will be moved. Ah. So he also went. He went to the mountain. He said.

Mountain. I command you to move. Some of you say. But that's stupid. Because that doesn't work. That doesn't work. I mean. How can the mountain. Practically. He said it didn't mean mountain. It meant problem. So you can't.

[55:14] Okay. So the man just took the word of God. Roll. Say roll. Say roll. When you want faith to work. Take the word. Roll. And swallow it all. Take it.

Roll. And swallow it all. So the man went. He said. I command you. You be moved. Be moved from here. You move. And then. Obviously the mountain didn't move. Obviously. Do you think it will move? I know you think it will move.

But it didn't move anyway. So. He kept. Every day. Every time he gets. The mountain you will move. He kept declaring. He kept speaking. He kept speaking. For years. One day.

A certain company came to him. And said. We want to see you. But we are developed. We want to. We are building a highway. Or something over here. And the mountain is in our way. But we want to. We want to move. But we know it belongs.

Part of it belongs to you. So I want to ask your permission. Is it possible. We remove this whole mountain. So that we can. He said. Sure you can. They brought in the equipment.

[56:09] The machinery. And removed the mountain. And guess what. His confession. Became his reality. Somebody was mocking him. But he was being celebrated. Shariah.

Keep speaking. Keep speaking. Okay. I'm coming. I'm coming. So. One. You must have God's word. So when you read the word. Take it as personal. Okay. Right. Number two. You must believe.

Say believe. Say believe. Believe. The men came to Jesus. Blind men. They were crying after him. Jesus. Heal us. Jesus. Heal us. Matthew chapter 9. Verse 28.

Jesus looked at them. Jesus said. Do you believe. That I'm able to do it. And when he had come into the house. The blind men came to him.

And Jesus said to them. Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said. Yes Lord. Do you know the next thing he said. Watch this. Watch the next thing. He said. And he touched their eyes and said. According to what?

[57:05] The faith. So the belief was hidden here. I have to explain this. There's a slight difference between belief and faith. Not real difference. But I will explain it. Sometimes when the Bible says believe.

It actually means faith. But listen. Here. They were following Jesus. When you read the text. They were following Jesus to the house. And Jesus asked them. These actions you are doing. Is there actual real belief behind it?

So faith. Is when you believe. And you act on your belief. But there are some people who will be acting. But they don't have belief. So it's not every action.

That connotes faith. But you can't actually have faith. Without actions. So when they came to Jesus. Jesus said. You can be healed. But I need to check.

Is this thing faith. Or just actions. On the surface. So he asked. Do you believe. It's your belief. If your action. Stands from your belief.

[58:00] Then it's faith. Right. Am I going to get something to somebody? Somebody is receiving your healing. Oh no. Every time your leg is problem. A problem.

Every time. You have a problem. And so. You can't walk. Sometimes. Just get up. I'm healed. Try. Just keep it. Believe it. No no. First of all. Don't just walk without.

Pastor says I should walk. No no no. Some people come and ask me. Pastor. The doctor says I should take medication. I should take. I should take this. I should take this. Should I do it? You don't have to ask me this question. Because faith is conviction.

So if you don't have the conviction. I can't give it to you. I can't tell you. Don't take your medication. That's very irresponsible on me. What if you don't have faith. And you don't take the medication.

You will die. You will die. And we will have to bury you. In the name of faith. Oh I have faith. I have my faith. No that's not faith. That is presumption.

[58:56] That's presumption. She went to the hospital. Did the test. Before she came and said. It's her liver. The result is zero. She went three times.

So I can't just conclude. Because we prayed for you. Don't go to the hospital again. That's it. Hey. He said. No no. And then start. They said don't eat this. Because if you leave. I tell go and eat. No. I can be teaching you how it works.

But as to whether you practice it. It is based on your personal conviction. Nobody can take steps of faith for you. It's conviction. So when you come and ask me.

What should I do if I do it. Is it lack of faith. It tells me that I can't tell you. Because actually. You lack faith. That's why you have. But if you have conviction. Sometimes. They are telling you don't do it. But you get up. You know that you have to do it.

You just know. This is the right thing to do. So Jesus said. Why are you fearful? That leads me to the third point. Faith. It must defy fear. Fear. Fear. Fear. Fear. Fear. Some of you are too afraid.

You are too much afraid. I know it. You are afraid. You are afraid. That something negative is about to happen. You are afraid. That the thing they said will happen. Will happen. You are afraid. So sometimes you hear some reports.

And the first thing that comes to you is fear. How many of you have lost your job before. And you knew that if I lose my job. There is no way I can survive. And you lost your job. And you were busy serving God. And for three.

For three years. Let me assume. Even three years. You didn't have a job. And still. You were living normal. Wow. God can take care of you. I'm not saying go and lose your job. But the point I'm making is.

The point I'm making is. You are too much afraid. You are too afraid. Why? Who told you you can't be married? You are too afraid. Don't entertain that fear.

Amen. Believe in God. Believe in God. You are too afraid. Yes. I'm daring somebody here. Yes. You are too afraid. Yeah. You actually. Your fear is undermining our prayer.

Oh. Oh. You are right. You are too afraid. You are right. And then you come and say the prayer is like. No, no, no. Your faith is destroying what we're doing. That's right. That's right. Because faith is so personal. Yeah. When you.

You have to believe in God personally. It's just like your heartbeat. No one can use their heartbeat for you. Yeah. The church. Okay. We want to check your heartbeat. And see how.

No, no, no. No. So when they told Bishop. We had to put that. He has. He said. I can't have it. And you know what he told the man. He said. Maybe. The man said. But the machine is saying that you have high blood pressure. He said.

Excuse me. The machine is touching. Both of us are touching the machine. Maybe it's really your blood pressure. Not my own. Because I cannot have it. Sir.

In Mark chapter 4 verse 40. Is someone learning something? Yes, sir. Let's read it out. Let's go. This is. This is what Jesus said to them. Let's go. Read it out loud. He said to them.

[61:43] Why are you so fearful? One more time. When he said to them. Why are you so fearful? How is it that I'm afraid? You see.

He didn't. Look. Listen to this. I'm about to do a bit of logic here. Why are you so fearful? That means that. When you have God. It's actually unreasonable to be afraid. It's true.

There's no reason why you should be afraid. Why? Why are you afraid? May I ask somebody a question? Why are you so fearful? As though your entire life is coming to a halt. Why? Why?

Why are you so. Think. Just think what God can do. And don't be that afraid. Why are you so fearful? In Matthew chapter 8 verse 26.

He said the same thing to them. Meanwhile. He. Watch it. Go back. Let me show. Look at verse 37. They were in the. In the storm. Mark.

[62:39] Mark. Okay. It's okay. Stay in Matthew chapter 28. Let's go to verse 25 quickly. Verse 25. Verse 25. The same thing. Then the disciples came to him. And woke him out saying. Lord. We.

Save us. Why? We are perishing. Do you know why they say we are perishing? Do you know why they say we are perishing? No, no. Verse 24. Look at that. And suddenly a great tempest arose. So that the boat was covered with the waves.

Right. Right. When you read verse 37 of Mark chapter 4. The Bible said that it was filled with water. Right. When you are in a boat. And it's filled with water. Why won't you be afraid?

Yes. You will. Yeah. Seven of Mark 4. Why won't you be afraid? And grace tom arose and the waves beat so that it was already filling with water.

Right. Their demise had arrived. Yeah. So, humanly speaking, they should be afraid. Yeah. So, your fear kind of is justifiable.

[63:39] But if you want God to help you, you have to switch into the state where you just put your trust and confidence that God will do it.

Right. God will do it. Right. God will do it. God will do it. God will do it. God will do it. Yeah. Yeah. Are you getting what I'm saying? Yeah. Yeah. When they told Jairus in Mark chapter 4, verse 35, they told him, your son is dead.

Leave the master alone. Verse 36, Jesus said, fear not. Only believe. Don't be afraid. Mark 5, 36. As soon as Jesus heard those words spoken, he said to the ruler of the synagogue, do not be afraid.

Only believe. Can you do me a favor, please? Look at someone. Tell the person into their eyes. Look at their eyes. Tell the person, do not be afraid. Only believe. Some of you didn't say it.

Tell the person. Minute, minute. Tell the person. You are too afraid.

You are too afraid. And I'm very concerned about your fear. Or your afraidness. Yes, true. I'm very concerned about it.

I'm very concerned about it. And some of you, you are surrounded yourself with books, friends, neighbors. Who feeds that fear? Watching all kinds of TV programs that are feeding that fear.

Internet searches that are feeding your fears. And you want God to wave the magic wand and then happen. It doesn't happen like that. The God they told you does that is not the God we are talking about.

The God of the universe doesn't invade people's lives. He doesn't force himself on anybody. He doesn't do that. He said that just shall live by faith. If you choose not to believe, it doesn't change his status.

It doesn't change who he is. You suffer and he continues. I don't believe in God. I don't, come on, take your sorry self away. It doesn't change who God is. I feel like telling some people that, listen, you are too insignificant for your opinion to change who God is.

[ 65:47 ] I met a man in Peckham the other time, I think two weeks ago we were preaching. And I met a man, he was telling me a whole lot of things. I said, brother, brother, brother, forget about this theology and this religious thing you are talking about.

You have issues with your health. God can heal you. Let's bring it home. Your issues, there are questions on your mind you can't answer. You are telling me, if Jesus is the son of God, shut up.

Let's talk about the real situation. Leave the religion and look at the problems you are dealing with. Look at the addiction that is in your house. Bottle, bottle, bottle, bottle is controlling you.

Porn is controlling you. I see the oil has gone down. You see? So everybody out there, oh no. I tell you. Hey, pornographers in church, oh yeah, they are here.

They are here. Not that that's what they love doing. Sometimes they even get up when I'm preaching. They're there. If anyone gets up, it's likely.

[67:00] Let's finish. Quickly, quickly, quickly. Watch this. So he says, he says, watch this. So instead of being afraid, watch this. Instead of being afraid, watch this.

Instead of being afraid, this is what you got to do. You have to, the faith, the word you have believed, start to speak it. Speak the word. Talk to me, quiet. Did you hear?

Mom. Mom said, I prayed and I said, God is going to use you to heal somebody. She went to the sister and the lady was very, can you imagine? You must have been through a lot.

You lose your dad on the 13th and then on the 17th, I told you I have cancer. People go through things. But God has got the answers. God has got the answers.

Quickly, my time is up now. So she went and she said, no way. My pastor said, you will have cancer and I prayed for you. No way. I'm praying. I'm declaring. You'll be okay. You'll be healed. You won't have cancer.

[67:56] Speak it. Don't be quiet. Speak it. That's how faith works. First, second Corinthians chapter four, verse 13. He said, we have the spirit of faith and so therefore we speak.

Said, if you have faith like a master's seed, you will sink to the mountain. Chapter four, verse 13. He says that, and since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believe therefore what I spoke.

We also believe and therefore speak. You have to speak it. Don't be quiet. Don't be worried about people who don't understand you. Actually, it's higher than their comprehension. So don't, don't.

Some of you are so concerned about people who think this about me and so what? When you are dying, what do they think about you? I'm preaching to somebody. He says that with your, with your heart.

That's the last scripture. Now I finish because there's so much loaded here. In Romans chapter 10, verse eight and nine, he said with their heart, man believes. With their mouth. Verse eight.

Yes. The word is near in your mouth. The word of faith which you preach. Verse nine. Verse nine. Okay. If you confess with your mouth, Jesus Christ, the one I'm looking for is the best. So you have to confess your mouth.

But look at verse 10. What does it say? Verse 10. Let's all read it out. For with the heart, for I believe in the super-christness, and with the heart of the church is made on salvation.

One more time. Louder. For with the heart, for I believe in the super-christness, and with the heart of the church is made on salvation. Ah! Lord, I believe. Lord.

Say it. Don't be quiet. He said confession is made on salvation. Onto. Onto. Don't take that word lightly. You make it and it happens.

You are making it onto. It's your saying, homologia. Speaking the word that lands you into salvation. If you don't speak it, salvation can happen. Even though you believe in your heart.

[69:54] Faith works by believing and speaking. Defy your fear and speak. Speak. Keep speaking. But nothing is changing. The condition of your faith, that is what Jesus said.

Mark chapter 11. Mark 11, 22. It says, have faith in God. Tell someone, have faith in God. Have faith in God.

Say it again. Have faith in God. And Pastor David, or Reverend Dr. David Aintry said, have faith in God. Is that what he said? Who said this?

Who said this? Jesus. So why is it that you believe in Jesus, and he said, have faith in God, and you still don't have faith? You choose. Have. Jesus' answer said, have faith in God.

Then he breaks it down. He says that, for watch this. Whosoever. Okay. Verily I say unto you. Whoever. Say whoever. Whoever.

[70:52] Watch this. Including the halot rehab. Whoever. Including the thief. The fornicator.

The arm robber. Including the bad you. Whoever. Don't take it lightly. Whoever. Says. Whoever does what. Say. Whoever does what.

Say. Whoever does what. Say. So why are you so quiet? When we come to say, say, hallelujah, I think you are doing it for a preacher. No. Whoever says to this mountain.

Be removed. And be cast. Into the sea. Watch this. And does not doubt in his heart. But believe. That those things which he. Those things.

Believe that those things which he says. Will be done. He shall have what? Whatever he says. He shall have what? Whatever he says. I can't hear you. He shall have what?

[71:46] Whatever he says. He shall have what? Whatever he says. So you see. The ball is in your hands. It's in your court. Whatever you say. He says you shall have it. Whatever you say.

If you can believe in God. So that. Faith is conviction in God. So your conviction must be stemmed out from what you have heard from God. You believe it. And you begin to say it. You say it.

You say it. You say it. You say it. They are mocking you. But God is making you. They are mocking you. But God is making you. They are mocking you. But God is making you.

Amen. And over a period of time. You look at yourself. You look at them. You feel sorry for them. They are so envious of you. Why? Because you chose to believe and to say.

For your faith to work. It must be based on God's word. For your faith to work. You must actually believe in what God has said. For your faith to work. You must defy fear.

[72:44] Fear will always be with you. But you have to defy fear. And choose to believe God. And for your faith to work. You have to make sure you are speaking it. Just speak. Just speak.

Act on your faith. Do something. Do what is in your heart. Just take a step. Some of us. When it comes to tithing. It is done by faith. When it comes to giving offering in church. It is done by faith.

Not because someone needs your money. God forbid. That is a lie from the devil. Not because someone needs your money. But it is because you need your. The blessing of God.

And you are walking by faith. If you don't believe. You can't be saved. I want to pray with somebody. I have said a lot. Because God wants to help somebody a lot.

The word is near you in your heart. It is so simple. If you can believe in your heart. As I was preaching. You heard God talking to you clearly. You know you heard it. You know God has been speaking to you.

[73:40] Through this gentleman. God has been telling you things. And today. You have made up your mind. That you will walk by faith. You will make a choice of faith. You will make a decision of faith.

You want to say pastor. Please pray with me. I am the one. I am the one. I want to take a step of faith. I want to say. Lord Jesus. Come into my heart. I believe in you.

Dedicated and yielded to you. If that is your genuine prayer. You know God has been speaking to you. And you want me to pray with you. Regarding that. Can you please lift up your hands. As a sign of surrender. That you surrender to Jesus.

Say Lord Jesus. I know I am a sinner. And I have sinned against you. Today. I have heard your word. I believe. I believe. That you died.

On the cross. To save me. From my sins. And I invite you. To come into my heart. To be my Lord. And my Savior.

[74:36] From today. I receive you. By faith. And I choose. To walk with you. By faith. I don't care. What anybody thinks.

I will serve you. Thank you. For this privilege. In Jesus name. Amen. Father. I thank you. For my brothers and sisters. Thank you. That you have purposely prepared today.

Because of these precious ones. I bless them. I pray that they will grow strong in you. And they will do exploits in you. They will do exploits in faith. They will work by faith.

Grow by faith. Do everything by faith. And have strange testimonies. Pointing to your goodness. I bless them. In Jesus name. Amen.

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