

Let's Talk About Faith

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[0 : 00] Thank you for choosing to listen to today's message by Reverend Dr. David Etrie. We know you will be blessed as you seek and serve God. We believe that this message will stir up a desire for more of God even as you listen.

Be blessed. Let's talk about faith. Hebrews chapter 6 verse 12.

I'm sorry, 1 Timothy 6.12. I'm very sorry. 1 Timothy 6.12. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Lord. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life to which you were also called and have confessed a good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Fight the good fight of faith. I'm reading from King James. Lay hold on eternal life to which you were also called and have confessed a good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

[1 : 24] Good confession. Now, let's look at that same text. The word translated confession in the scriptures, in the Greek, the original word is homologia.

Homologia. It is homologia. Oh, homologia. Homo. Not homophobic.

This one is homologia. Homologia is, homo is same. Homologia.

Homologia. Homologia. Homologia. And logia. Logia. Logia. Logia. Logos. Logos. Coming from the Greek word, the original Greek word, which word logos. In the beginning was the word.

And the word was with God. That Greek word was, in the beginning was the logos. All right? The logos is the word. Logos. I always say, that is where you get, you derive the word logic.

[2 : 25] Reason behind things. Logos. Logos. Or logi. Studies. Theology. Theos logi. God studies.

Bios logi. Life. Natural life. Studies. Okay? So, logi. Logic. All is word. Reason behind things.

Study of things. And now, when we talk about homologo. Homo logia. Same reasoning. Same speaking. Same words.

Same words. So, when we talk about homologia, we are saying that say something same. Same as what? So, to have same, you can't have same when it's only one.

If you have same, that means that there must be two. Same is a relative word. So, same as something. Same school. Same as what?

[3 : 38] Same word. Same word. Same word. Same word. Same word. Same speaking. Same thinking. Same thinking. Same as what? What God is thinking. What God is saying.

What God is speaking. You have to say same. Hallelujah. All right? Say what God has said. So, homologia means that saying what God has said.

Confession. So, when we read the King James, put the King James on the screen again. He says that fight. When we say same, we are talking.

So, the scripture I read. Fight the good fight of faith. Okay? He says that fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life to which you were also called and have confessed.

You have confessed. That word confessed is homologia. Do you get it? And have homologia the same. Watch this. And have confessed the good confession.

[4 : 42] You have spoken the good confession. Good homologia. So, other translation. Those of you who have new King James version.

Or new international version. Some of the translations have it as profession. Instead of confession. What is the difference?

The word homologia does not only mean confession. It actually means profession. So, when you come across profession, it's even a stronger word.

When we say somebody is a professional. Or what's your profession? When we talk about profession, I was actually trying to check it in the dictionary. And it says that occupation requires some degree of learning.

Okay? So, if you are a cleaner by profession, that means that you don't just clean. You have actually studied how to clean.

[5 : 45] You've been trained. Not just you observe how to clean. No. You have been trained. You have been tutored. You have sat down under tutors to show you if you are cleaning, put it under.

Put it. Put the whatever. The cleaner in between the space and all that. Do you understand? So, you have been tutored. So, when we say someone is a professional. You can't just be a professional who have not been trained.

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Yes. That's not been trained. Yes. So, some of you can tell you are not professionals. You are a good person.

You have a good heart. Listen, being gifted does not make you a professional. There is a good singer, a very talented singer. It's different from a professional singer. A professional singer has gone through some tutelage or has gone through some training.

But a talented singer is just good. You can wake up and say, you are just a talented singer. You are not professional. So, most people who want to rise in life based on talent fall.

[6 : 54] No. You don't rise in life because you are talented. You rise in life because you have been trained. God can help you outside of the man who has said into your life.

If you can't honor a man of God, you are doomed. You are in trouble. Because God can help you. God doesn't answer prayer because you are screaming. Get this.

Please be educated. Be educated. Carice, we are not doing well because I fast a lot. Don't be deceived. God. This whole week, I did it fast once.

Magadha shakataya. And check and see if testimonies will not happen because of today's service. You are a man of God. You are a prophet. Do you know the secret?

I am heavily tied into senior ministers. I am tied into death. And what is on them is just working for me. It's working for me. It's working.

[7 : 58] Someone shout, it is working. It is working. If Satan wants to attack your life, he will manage to convince you to think your pastor has a problem.

So, listen. I have been pastoring for a long time now. This church alone is 15 years.

No, it's okay. No, no, no. Wait, wait. This church alone is 15 years. And I started doing ministry work in 1993. Some of you were still wearing diapers.

1993. Yeah. Pastor Joshua is saying, he wasn't born. So, what I'm trying to tell you, if I give you counsel, if I'm pulling you to order, humble yourself and know that this man knows something I don't need.

And let me, wait, wait. Sit down. Let me share. We are, by God's grace, pastoring a church like this should tell you that there is something on this guy. Yeah. Yeah. I can see my teacher.

[9 : 07] You know what I'm saying? Yeah. It's something that takes a lot. Yeah. People who are smart, people who are smart quickly will think that there is something on this house and there is something on this man.

Yeah. He said, no man can do this thing except God be with him. John chapter 3 verse 2. No man can do this thing except God be with him.

That's it. So, that alone should advise you. Pastors call me from all over. Some overseas. Some within. As a man of God, we thank God for your life. People can see that there is something working here.

There's something working here. Sir, I can't be a dumb. No, no, no. I can't for me. Well, the grace of God is upon me, but it also requires certain levels of wisdom.

Yeah. Don't think simplistically in life. Some things look simple, but very complex. Life is a very complex thing. Standing here, the amount of scriptures in my spirit, if I start coming, that alone.

[10 : 15] There's so many. It takes so much. And the biggest of all is I'm heavily connected to my fathers. That's my biggest advantage in life.

If God wants to lift you, let me tell you something. In London, when you want to travel, there are several places you can stand and travel. If you want to catch a bus, there are different bus stops, depending on where you are going.

If you want to catch the tube, join the tube, go on the tube, there are different tube stations. Even here. There's one called Pimlico. There's one called Vauxhall. Oval.

And Victoria. Different. Even when you go to the station, depending on where you are going. So the planners, the authorities have made it such that you can travel easily.

So you won't be stranded when it comes to transportation. You can travel by air, by sea, by the river, train, car, bus.

[11:12] When we were going to Birmingham, we went by coach. You can actually go by coach. So there's several means you can go by your own car. Several means to travel so that you are not stranded when it comes to traveling or commuting.

In the same way, God has a system to elevate people. And God's system of elevating people is, listen, are you ready for this? It's honor.

Honor. Who you honor will determine how you rise. You saw the man I just introduced. He will rise because he's just gifted. Because he's an honorable man.

He honors the key leaders who... Somebody put you there. That's right, that's right, that's right. They are key makers everywhere you go. In a company.

They are key makers. Some of you, there's no way you'll be promoted because you are fighting your boss. You have joined the trouble causes in the company to fight the boss.

[12:16] Meanwhile, these trouble causes, they will not promote you. They cannot. And guess what? When they are going to lay out people, you just join. You are likely to be the first to go. Why don't you team up with your boss and fight the others if they need you?

Because he's the one who can promote you. So, let me finish what I'm saying. Give me a clear sound. Let me finish what I'm saying. So, God has placed stations around you.

Watch what the Bible says in Ephesians chapter 6. He said, honor your mother and your father. Think about it. Honor your mother and your father.

Why? That it may be well with you. God said it. Violate that and see what happens to you. Some of you, your suffering is, this is the root of your suffering.

Dishonor. Even in your mother's death, you still dishonor her. She's dead by every time you open your mouth, negative. Even in your father's death.

[13:19] You see, the person doesn't have to be there. It's a spiritual law. Instituted by God. So, it's like a station.

Elevation station. So, God will always, watch this. I'm teaching something very strong. God will always put elevation stations around you. People to honor.

Because God only help via honor. So, Jesus could not do many miracles. Why? Because he says that a prophet is not without honor except in his own house.

So, because they were not honoring him, he could not help them. Jesus, very anointed. No, he can't help you in spite of dishonor. So, Bible, listen to how Bible puts it.

In 1 Timothy chapter 5 verse 17, he said, let the elders be counted. You see, just judge this man. The fact that he's the man of the color. Of the cloth, sorry. The man of the cloth.

[14:15] He's a man of God. He's a woman of God. Just leave him in a setting. He said, don't handle him like you handle everybody. He said, let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of what?

Double honor. Now, watch this. I like what Bishop Ayi said. He blessed me so much. If you dishonor your mother and father, what happens to you? It will be well with you. Now, how about dishonoring someone who is worthy of double honor?

That means that double will not be small or almost a curse. But you will know. You will know because you are full of secular education. Yes, secular. I'm very educated.

I know how to examine things. But the key things that make life work, you don't know. Because Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cambridge, Oxford cannot give you that one.

It comes via the word of God. The word of God. The word of God. The word of God. And I'm submitting to somebody. The reason why I am unashamedly telling you, I am doing well.

[15:14] I am doing well. And the key behind my well-doing, Carice, we are doing well. The key behind our well-doing is the honor factor. Never will you ever hear me say any negative thing about somebody like Pastor Matthew Ashimolo.

These are, it's not my direct father, but these are fathers of the land. Yeah. Fathers whose labors have paved the way for us to also step in. These are fathers. Even the queen.

It is wrong if I say anything negative about the queen. Yeah. Because she's a figure of honor. Yeah. The prime minister. I may not like what maybe her policy or something. But I can dishonor her. Yeah.

Because these are honorable personalities. And God uses them to promote you. To defend how high you go. To defend the limit of your greatness. Yes. Wow.

Honor. Honor. Honor. Honor. So, some of you who were raised in a home of dishonor. Hey. You are not trained how to honor people. No. Your mother kept insulting your father.

[16:17] So, you think that you have not learned how to honor father figures. Yeah. You don't know it. That's your undoing in life. Wow. Yeah. Yeah. Wow. That's your undoing in life.

But you don't know. Because you think it's just interview that guarantees how you go. Oh, come on. Look at you. Yeah. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Some of you have got mothers and fathers who are not that strong.

Or they were somewhere. And you never even the whole year check on your mother, check on your father. Shame on you. And you have joined your other strange siblings and are speaking anyhow about your mother.

My mother. Yeah. Yeah. She may have a problem. But please don't dishonor her because you will suffer the replication. Yeah.

Thank you. profession of faith profession Bible says in Hebrews chapter 3 verse 1 Jesus is the high priest of our profession you don't become a professional without training so if you are going to be a faith professional you must be schooled in faith because Jesus Jesus Christ considered the apostle and the high priest of what our profession he is the high priest of your profession and our profession is one we are faith professionals so it's not just what you say but it's your entire constitution you have been trained to act a certain way to behave a certain way to think a certain way it comes through training schooling in God's word so if you are a faith professional a professional is not a professional only when they are at work when they are at home they understand the subject because they have been trained so they handle life in light of their training so that's why sometimes when a doctor is sick and goes to the hospital sometimes the other health professionals have difficulty handling it because when they give them medication they will say no this one contains this too much this one no no you have to change it you have to prescribe this you have to prescribe it why because when you are professional it affects your outlook of life the way you interpret everything when someone tells you something you filter it through your profession how come you are supposed to be a faith professional and nothing gets filtered through your faith nothing you take it all hook line and sinker take everything they are saying as long as it sounds nice you know there are times someone is being interviewed on a panel on news or BBC somewhere and then there is someone also sitting

[19:20] I hope you are watching and say no no what this guy is saying is not right it's rubbish what you say it's rubbish meanwhile he is being interviewed in the capacity as a professional as an expert but you are listening to the expert and because you are also a professional somewhere you can tell that this is rubbish when you are a professional when you are trained in the matters of faith some people who say some things even though they will be nice sounding you can tell that this is rubbish it's not every subject you can study if you are in university focus on your subject and then finish with it and get your when people are being on the day of graduation when certificates are being awarded they won't get this one as a certificate for everything no if you try to get a certificate for everything you will never finish your course so because of your your amalgamation of certificates in other words it's not physical certificates but I have this idea ideologies amalgamation of ideologies it has left you stranded in life and we can't see any meaningful results yes maybe you have a good job but your life is not together you know what I'm talking about having a good job does not mean your life is okay no there are people who have good jobs and are committing suicide yeah how about that some of your bosses you check they can't live they can't live away because all they have in their life is that job they can't live they will stay they are the first they don't have any life they don't have domestic life they don't have any life they are miserable and when you see them on the train it's like someone is fighting them you okay when you are on the train especially rush hour you realize everybody is angry people are friendly but these are all professionals unhappy professionals yeah because life is not together full of pressure do I look like someone who is not at ease oh

I'm enjoying my life not because of material possession but because of possession of faith what I'm trying to suggest to you is that there's a difference between confession of faith and possession of faith some people just say I say I say but you don't actually possess faith you only confess faith you have to possess it you have it you are professional you have faith Hebrews 10:23 you have faith let

us hold fast what the profession okay shall we already are up front of the screen let's go let us hold fast the profession of our faith without great women for he is faithful and our own just hold fast your faith profession tell someone I'm a faith professional I'm a faith professional because if you have faith you won't be stranded in life the Red Sea doesn't have what it takes to drown you and keep you drowning drown if you have faith you may you may see the Red Sea there's no guarantee you won't see Red Sea there's no guarantee you won't see the wall of Jericho there's no guarantee you just have children when you want

Sarah didn't have a child the time she wanted Abraham didn't have a child the time she wanted there's no guarantee there's no guarantee but there is a guarantee that you will always emerge the winner why do you need faith why do you need faith before I even talk about why you need faith when we talk about faith 1 Timothy chapter chapter 1 verse 19 look at something I want to show you something you see the word faith there holding faith let's all say holding faith holding faith and good conscience okay so let me just I may not get a chance to talk about every genuine faith has four elements every genuine faith there must be these four elements number one conscience faith and conscience are linked together you can't say my faith is healthy when your conscience is bad good conscience he said holding faith and good conscience Acts chapter 24 verse 16

Paul says that I do I hear and exercise myself to always have to have always a good conscience a conscience void of offense towards God and towards men your conscience matters your conscience matters God uses our conscience to speak to us so don't ignore your conscience and what what God lets people do is try to suppress the conscience so suppress the conscience so you are abusing this child and you end up suppressing the conscience no no there's nothing wrong because it's my right I just have to and when you begin to bring the word no no no don't bring the word of God because they know the word of God is going to expose their conscience that's why they hate the word of God like that because their deeds are evil but the genuine thing is that their conscience keep telling you you can't do this you can't do this I can deceive most of you

God forbid I can come and wear a wig and but now wig is very common to get some are nice some are not nice so I wear a wig and come here and do makeup and look like a female and I'm talking so just I can get a chance to go to the ladies and I'm talking to you you know what I can't deceive but me I know who I am you may not know but I know who I am I know who I am you are coming to ask me to pray for you for a miracle job meanwhile you know deeply that you are using false documents for the job but me I don't know so I'm praying for you and you say I have faith listen excuse me so what I'm trying to say is that faith goes with good conscience he said holding faith and good conscience number two second Timothy chapter second Corinthians chapter 4 verse 13 talks about we all have the spirit of faith if it's going to be faith it's always the Holy Spirit is behind it that's why your work with the Holy Spirit is important it will determine the quality of your faith so conscience good conscience the Holy Spirit the third one in Romans chapter 10 verse 17 faith comes by hearing the word and hearing and hearing the word of God so there's never faith in view if you don't have the word of God in mind it is faith starts with God's word how come you say

[26 : 14] I have faith and you don't have any scripture back in it you don't have any word you have heard from God any word God has spoken the sure word of prophecy is here you say you have faith but excuse me on what grounds on what what's the platform of your faith it must be word of God word from God so there can never be faith without genuine word from God good conscience and Holy Spirit and lastly Bible says that faith that works Galatians 5 6 faith that worketh through love faith which works your faith is not working because you have a love issue you don't love God you don't love people don't tell me you you love God but sometimes you have problems with people because if you love God it will reflect in a way you love people you have faith let's know your love a man of faith a woman full of faith you are not full of faith because if you are full of faith anytime it comes to doing the work of God you are the one the first to be seen you you have that's that's what has made me that's brought me here it's not because

I just actually I wanted to be a pastor because I love God so much that I just want to do his work but I've been doing God's work always full on for years years before I went to Bible school years anything church give it to me I'll do it I'm happy I don't I never complain against any departmental leader I never give once give a departmental leader a problem because I love God I love God too much to be taking God's work for granted I love God so you let me suffer let my ego suffer let my pride suffer and let the word of God the work of God go on that was my approach to life so some of us sometimes we have used how God will do it and you are trying to manipulate God with your

emotions or manipulate God with your human rights claims or manipulate God with your suffering or manipulate God with your so-called steps you are taking see God I'm doing well you have to do this but really fundamentally there is a love problem so it's not really faith if your love for God is not in place the four major ingredients of faith genuine faith will always have this what are we talking about what are we doing let's talk about faith man you want to talk about faith let's talk about faith good conscience faith love faith the word of God faith

Holy Spirit faith magadashakata so when we talk about faith why faith because faith makes things happen number one you can never be saved outside of faith so I want to give you seven benefits or eight you want eight or seven quickly eight you want everything yeah the benefits of faith why faith why faith number one because we are justified through faith what does it mean to be justified it means that to be declared just before God Romans chapter 3 verse 24 Romans 3 24 what does it say being justified freely by his grace how through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus Christ so we are justified truly by his grace look at verse 28 verse 28 therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law so it's not so much about

I've done I've ticked this box I've ticked this box I've done this I've done well I've done well it's not so much about that as to how much faith you have in God in Christ so a man is justified by faith not the works of the law not the deeds of the law chapter 1 verse chapter 5 verse 1 Romans 5 1 he says that being freely justified Romans 5 being justified by faith how are we justified by faith how are we justified by faith Galatians chapter 3 verse 24 wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith so the law God gave the commandments ten commandments you may want to call it ten commandments do this don't do it's just like a schoolmaster to draw because when God says don't do you always end up doing it so you have to understand that there let me just say this with there are two types when Bible says faith first Timothy chapter 1 verse 19 when Bible talks about faith listen to this that's why I was reading I went to the conscience holding faith and good conscience which some haven't put away concerning faith have made shepherds watch this have you noticed that there are two where's there faith first one he said you have to hold the faith now that first faith is subjective is the subjective faith which is based on you I choose to believe alright the second one he said holding faith and good conscience which some haven't put away concerning faith the second faith is objective faith is the set of things we believe in whether you believe or not doesn't change those facts so that's why we call the Christian faith before you came to church it's a set of faith we believe Christ died for us we were taught we were taught let's tell you find out that Christ died for us and he was buried for our sins this is a set of faith it's called the faith so Christianity is called the faith which is different from your faith okay so there are times you read the scriptures like Jude chapter 3 chapter 1 verse 3 like Jude chapter 3 it says contending for the faith not your faith it's talking about the faith in 1 Peter 2 Peter chapter 1 verse 1 it talks about like precious faith alright you are all talking about to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us it's a faith that has been passed down to us it's faith that has been given to us so he said concerning the faith some people will make shipwreck concerning Christianity now he said

[32 : 33] I don't even believe in that thing again I don't believe in I don't believe in waiting for marriage before sex you are making a shipwreck concerning faith I don't believe in you know it's not by force to have to go to church you know church is just when you have time because you know life is not about church church church people say imbecile things like when Jesus comes he won't go to church he'll go to the street shame on you so I heard someone saying that you know all these people every time meanwhile you are a big big church musician going to church no club has invited you and paid you you go to churches to sing and now you are sitting on TV saying that when Jesus comes back some of you will be surprised he won't go to church he will go to the streets it sounds nice it sounds nice read your Bible when Jesus asked them who do men say I am and they said you are Christ the son of the living God he said Peter you have sinned and I will build my church he came to build the church we are a product of your work this is big focus is the church he said Bible says the husband love your wife

Ephesians chapter chapter 5 verse 25 husband love your wife as Christ loved the church you love what Christ loves what the church and give himself for the church not for believers for the church so you have become a believer so you will be in the church I put a statement on Facebook the other time and I said that work of the church is to build church the work of the church is to build churches and somebody some religious person said put it there to win souls I said look at you other person I

was forced to respond I don't want to respond to that but I was forced to respond to that the other person the other person said what I didn't remember to make disciples so I responded what is disciple how do you make disciples and what is church get the understanding what's a disciple how do you make disciples you go and gather them in the street and talk to them and run away from them no you have to settle them what we are doing is discipleship you can't disciple outside of church read your bible they were having church

Paul said I did not I did not stop telling you what was profitable from house to house and city to city Paul said that they were gathering in the church and they were having church at home they were having church communally the Christian life is a church life if you don't understand and if you don't want it then you are not a Christian because if you are a Christian one of the things that comes gets born in you is a desire for the things of God which is the church he said don't forsake the assembly of the brethren so some of you underestimate what church is church is cardinal on the program of God that's one and God cannot help you outside of your church exposure he met Paul Saul of Tarsus hey why are you persecuting me he said why are you go go go to the city they will tell you who are they they are people you are persecuting they are church people and then when you went to the city God appeared to Ananias a disciple in Acts chapter 9 verse 11 Bible said there was a disciple named Ananias

God said go and help this guy he needs help if God will help you he won't do it outside of the church I want to show you one more scripture in regards to that it will be a blessing when Jesus resurrected I saw this recently I was so blessed when Jesus resurrected from the dead I mean he should have showed himself to everybody because you see don't preach to me someone said Jesus I have a personal relation with Jesus so I don't need anybody to tell me you are spiritually deluded you are suffering serious delusions spiritually Jesus doesn't talk to people directly he talks to them through agents how about people who saw Jesus and what happened check what happened they have to go to the people who God Christ has committed their doctrines their tenets of apostleship he said we have received apostleship for the obedience of faith he gives Romans chapter 1 verse 5 we have received apostleship for the obedience of faith in whom we have received grace and apostleship for the obedience to the faith amongst all nations so God doesn't just show up and say okay you are like you so I'll be talking to you anytime you see someone who tells you ask for him God speaks to him personally please it's a mental health issue or if it's not a mental health issue listen to this this is very important if it's not a mental health issue it is a spiritual demonic situation that's how courts and all courts start when people have encounters but when the Holy Ghost came there were 120 people in the room then he came 120 and he came Acts chapter 2 it came on them all of them read the Bible every time read the Bible the Bible says that and the Spirit of God came upon all of them they were all because the church is not my Father who art in heaven it's our Father who art in heaven it's a corporate life it's a corporate life they were all they were all so before before you give credence to your personal revelations listen to the corporate revelation and check it verify your personal revelation in light of the corporate revelation if your personal revelation conflict the corporate revelation throw it away even though it's your personal experience

[38 : 06] I can show you two scriptures do you want me to tell you in the book of 2 Peter chapter 1 Bible says that they were eyewitnesses Peter it said we were eyewitnesses 1 Peter I think 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 17 it said we were eyewitnesses of his majesty when they went on the mount of transfiguration with Jesus Christ you remember that story verse 17 of chapter 1 it's 1 Peter okay 1 Peter and call Father alright go to the next verse 18 quickly alright 2 Peter 2 Peter let's go 2 Peter chapter 1 verse 17 and this voice which came watch this came from heaven we heard when we were with him on the holy mountain they were with Jesus on the holy mountain okay give me the new King James I prefer the hymn so that we can have hymn is capitalized alright look at and we we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain that's Matthew chapter 17 from verse 1 to 3 downwards go to the next verse verse 19 watch this and so we have we have the prophetic word confirmed which you do well to heed as the light shines in a dark place until the dawn of the we have a more sure word of prophecy but this is interesting this man said we were with Jesus Christ on the on the mountain when the heavens was opened and his clothes was changed

Moses came Moses represents the law Elijah represented the prophet the law and the prophet showed up to Jesus showed up and the preacher said oh let us build a tent here and stay here Jesus said no let's go we can build your Christian work around an experience come on so that's

why those who shake a lot every time shaking and screaming and shaking and screaming every time shaking most of them they don't grow wow because the quality of your Christian life is hinged on their shaking shakeology it's a shakeological attitude so watch this what did Jesus said don't build your Christian work don't build your the strength of your Christian work around an experience you have to build it says that we have a more sure word of prophecy so instead even though we saw him physically transformed before our eyes we cannot say that that is the most important thing we have to go to the sure word of prophecy which is the word of God that's what it's talking go for verse 20 look at verse 20 knowing this first that no prophecy of scripture you see that the sure word of is of any private interpretation so you can't say ask for me this person let's get it right but holy men of the 21 holy men of God for prophecy came not by the will of man talking about the word of God but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit that's the sure word of prophecy any personal experience you have this is a good one for all Christians listen to this any personal experience you have that conflicts the biblical account please throw your personal experience away it is demonic because Satan can also give you a prophecy because the Bible says that Satan himself presents himself as an angel of light so it's very important to understand now when Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead in Acts chapter 10 from verse 40 and 41 very interesting thing I saw I was so blessed God this is Peter giving account he said him God raised up on the third day and showed him how openly how did God show Jesus openly when did he show Jesus no when on the third day what happened on the third day no before he showed him what happened on the third day

God raised him up on the third day and then he showed Jesus openly but the openly I thought maybe he would put him on a billboard or he would build a platform a scaffold something and then Jesus was standing on the highway and when people like pass he said hey hey hey hey won't it be easy for people to believe yeah people see they will believe so Jesus just stand there you yourself God just show up to this person because when he sees you in your room he will know that this is true listen he won't do that he won't do that Lazarus and the rich man the rich man said send people from hell or from heaven let them go have brothers on earth let them go and talk look after somewhere let them go and talk because if they see someone coming from the dead to witness that this heaven and hell thing is real do you know what father Abraham said father Abraham said that let them listen to the prophets Moses and the prophet pastor David Abraham said to him they have Moses and the prophet did you see show what some of you your prophet is pastor David they have a prophet let them hear them listen to what we are telling you in church go to the next verse watch this and he said no father Abraham but if one goes to them from the dead they will repent is that how some of you think my mother is always complaining I pray that something God suddenly the roof will open and then she will believe and then she will believe he think God has time for all those kind of crap he won't do that he said watch this go to the next verse but he said to him if they do not hear Moses and the prophet neither would they be persuaded no one rise from the dead if you are not believing the sure word personal experience can't help you oh God give me a personal encounter I want one day

[44 : 11] I must leave I want you to hijack me hold me by the belt and raise me on my bed and you know sometimes the Lord lifted me and put me on my feet and he said to me so God give me that encounter and I'll believe he won't do it all it requires to believe is hear the sure word of prophecy which we preach he said what does it say Romans chapter 10 verse 7 8 what the word is near you in your mouth the word of faith which we preach someone must preach it let me finish what I Lord have mercy oh my wife just reminded me I'm still on number one of eight points and

I have five other points after the eight points I have to run up but let me tell you so Acts chapter 10 verse 40 40 again so whom God showed him openly how did he show him go to the next verse watch this not openly but not to all the people oh so who did he show openly to to witnesses chosen before by God even us who are telling this he chose us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead so he didn't show Jesus to everybody he showed it to the people who are going to now tell the story and then you have to choose to believe because you cannot be saved outside of faith so you have to believe then you can be saved look at the next verse and he commanded us to preach to the people you see so God showed him openly to now you go and preach to them he doesn't have to go and show

Jesus alive to people he will show you the preachers and so from that time the preaching has been passed on and on and we believe and we see God and we believe and it is our turn we are also

passing it on so he said whom having not seen yet believe that's Christianity so don't be clamoring or don't be fasting for personal experience you should fast for a change of heart because you are too contentious every time somebody has offended you and you are not doing much for God that's what you should be fasting to don't fast for Jesus Holy Spirit if I can see you Jesus if I see you I will do everything you ask me you are waiting to see before you do what he asked you to do you should fast that God change my heart to obey you even if I have not seen you let me just move back to the faith and

I think I have to tie it up because some of you are tired already point number two so number one is that faith we are justified by faith say we are justified by faith which means that we are saved through faith okay we are justified by faith number two Hebrews 11 6 says that without faith it's not possible to please God how about that you want to please God start acting by faith Bible says that Jesus in John chapter 8 verse 29 Jesus said watch this I think you like this the father has not left me he who sends me is with me the father has not left me alone why for I do the things that please him you want God to be with you always learn how to please him but you can't please him without faith so faith so faith okay Bible says that without faith it's not possible the word is clear

Hebrews 6 it said for without faith it is not possible to please him that's it how can I please God you need faith Leticia without faith it's impossible to please God amen so now I'm making my point short so I can just number number three Mark chapter 11 verse 22 and 23 I like this one Mark 11 22 and 23 I think we should all read it out from the screen who said what did he say why go to the next verse if you say if you have faith you will say to this mountain be removed and be cast into the sea [49 : 26] I don't know what mountain you are faced with you don't always need a pastor to pray for you you don't I'm telling you you don't you bought a new house it's nice if depending on the grace on your man of God or your leader if he comes to stand God with you and bless it's blessed but you need your own faith you need your own faith I get what I'm saying you need your own faith you need your own faith some of the situations in your family I will pray and pray and pray maybe it may happen you but if you have faith like small master you will say to that mountain I declared something last week recently you you are receiving a miracle there is a sister here she has a powerful testimony but she is waiting for other things to join so that they can hear

I told her take your time let the testimony mature she said last Sunday I declared that you will not hear any medical negative news I said it three times she said this is mine I said she received it she went for a procedure very life changing life threatening procedure she went and previously I told her it's a problem she went on Tuesday and the doctor said wow now it's her faith that connected there was a woman in the Bible with an issue of blood 12 years problem 12 how old is your problem 12 years constant bleeding constant bleeding nonstop constant if you bleed for one two weeks you know you get very weak most of the women here when you have a problem with your cycle and especially the flow is too much it makes you weak and her own was for 12 years sister your problem is just break in a relationship why are you behaving like they've cut your head they must break because sometimes it's in your interest relationships will break and they must break some must actually break before it ends up into marriage let me finish this what was the point faith to move mountains faith it takes listen if you want

God to do it then you require faith for the mountain to move don't say if it's God it will happen listen most of the time it doesn't happen when you pray say our father who art in heaven hallowed be your name thy kingdom come thy will be done where on earth ah if it will happen why should you be asking us we should let it down so that means if you don't pray things will be happening in your life that are not the will of God you want the will of God learn to pray faith so it says that if you have faith like a mustard seed you shall say to this mountain be removed get out of my face sometimes still there keep confessing and keep practicing keep confessing some how many how many times do you eat in your life you eat every day so keep saying keep saying that's homologia you just keep saying the same thing over and over the word of God which you believe in your heart keep saying it keep saying it keep saying it keep saying

I'm healed keep saying I'm receiving my healing keep saying I'm not having this surgery keep saying I'm having my healing keep saying my condition is my business keep saying I'm starting the job keep saying it keep saying it keep saying it they told you they want to repossess your house you were praying that this will never happen and now finally letter came another letter came and you said no I won't lose my house you kept saying it and there's no hope you kept saying you ended up in court the judge said you can tell I'm not losing my house he said why because you have to pay I

don't have the money okay let's adjourn it next week you are confessing you even in the midst of the fire maintain your confession it will shock you they can repossess it but two weeks later they said I think we made a mistake here and you realize that that's what you have been saying all along most of you because you haven't said confession either negative confession or lack of homologia Satan is writing on it people some of us you can open your mouth and say I don't know when things work for me he said let the redeemed of the Lord say I'm redeemed say I'm blessed say it's working for me and don't change your confession even when you are so anemic you are so sick and you say that healing is my portion keep saying it keep saying it some of you say it's only short lived you say it's few days that you stop that's why you haven't seen the results you haven't seen the solution but keep saying it tell someone keep saying the word you want the mountain to move keep saying it number four overcome without faith you this is the victory that overcomes the world what is the victory of faith tell someone my faith is my victory so you see if you don't have faith there's no guarantee

[55 : 28] God can't guarantee your victory you be saying oh I know God is good it will happen listen listen listen this don't just happen based on your mood faith is a fact that's number four victory say victory I think number five oh we are kept by the power of God through faith you want God to keep you faith 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 5 it says who are kept by the power it says who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation okay so faith we are kept by the power of God through faith number 6 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 9 that same verse 9 it your faith the salvation of your souls this is a very important thing let me explain this it is the salvation of your spirit salvation is in three ways human beings are three in one you are a spirit you have a soul and you live in a body so there are times you are saved but your body is suffering okay your body is not saved so when you talk about salvation real salvation what

Jesus did for us is comprehensive but it starts with the spirit spreads into our soul and then it affects our body and our body salvation is finally when Jesus returns you won't be able to sin you be sin free now you are born again but every now and then this of sin is troubling you so bad sometimes it makes you feel like maybe I'm not a Christian succumbs to temptation or human nature will always be tempted okay now let me explain so that but the soul salvation of your soul faith helps for the salvation of your soul your soul is made up of your mind your emotions and your will some of us your emotions are all over the place yeah yeah your emotions are all over the place especially when you lose a job or you lose a loved you are receiving the end of your faith which is the salvation of your soul most of us you are not happy with the way you sometimes throw tantrums it's spoiling all significant relationships and it hurts you but you are not in control begin to walk by faith it will save your soul to save your soul to save your soul wow thank you

Jesus all right let me add one more impossibilities with God nothing shall be impossible Luke 137 I need to take faith amen I think I would like to stop here let's talk about faith I said let's talk about faith let's talk about faith I know God is pulling you out of something when our backs are against the wall and it looks as if it is over God makes a way I'm talking to somebody who things have gone all kinds of things have gone on in your life and sometimes Satan makes you feel there's no hope but I'm here telling somebody if you can put your faith in Christ there is hope for your future there is hope for your future let's all lift your right hand lift your right hand lift up your right hand everybody lift up your right hand you want to pray and say

God I choose to put my faith in you I choose to put my trust in you I choose to walk by faith and not by sight I choose to live by faith I choose concerning my career concerning my business concerning the contracts concerning my relationship Lord concerning my housing Lord I choose to live by faith I choose to put my trust in you men may let me down but I know you will not let me down Father I believe in you Father I have faith in you Jesus I put my faith in you I put my trust in you somebody pray that prayer right things are working against you but my sister my brother don't be afraid I know your future will be okay I know the future will be good put your faith in Jesus Christ put your trust in Jesus Christ put your faith in Jesus

Christ put your trust in Jesus pray and say Lord I surrender I trust you I let it all to you I cast all my cares upon you I cast my cares upon you I trust you Jesus I trust you Jesus my faith is rising I choose to work by faith Lord help me Lord I choose to work by faith pray about your marriage pray about your child pray about their children pray about that job pray about your health hey hey pray about the situation at home pray about the situation in their family pray about that situation pray pray about that threat that court case why you not praying pray and tell God that God I believe you

God I trust you my help is in you my help is in you my help is in you my help is in you my help is in
you father we thank you we thank you that in times of trouble you are present help we thank you
that we can call on you at any time and you hear us we thank you that once we have faith in you
you will take care of us thank you that our faith can move mountains we thank you that with faith we
can please you we thank you we thank you we thank you lord that the complexities of our situation
shall be subdued and overcome by our faith father we thank you that we are growing stronger in
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