

## Developing Your Faith 2

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Economy of God. How many of you would love to hear that? You think I'm talking about the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The economy of God. But I don't think God gave me the release yet. So hopefully by next Sunday I will have the release.

[ 1 : 22 ] And I realize that I haven't finished the message of faith. And today being the first Sunday, let me finish developing your faith. Developing your faith because he's turning it around for you.

I said he's turning it around for you. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. In the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 2, 1 Corinthians chapter 3, And I, I'm reading from King James.

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with the excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my speech, say my speech.

[ 2 : 43 ] My speech. And my teaching were not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but with the demonstration of the spirit and power.

He said, my speech and teaching, my speech and teaching. Shall we all say that together? My speech and teaching. Say speech. Speech. Say teaching.

Teaching. Say it again, please. Speech. Teaching. Say speech and teaching. Speech and teaching. One more time. Speech and teaching. Louder.

Speech and teaching. All right. He said, my speech and teaching. Because in Corinthians, they were used to having, they had public gathering places.

And it was very normal in those days is that eloquationists, eloquationists, people who are trained to speak in a certain way to impress people will come and say all kinds of one-lineness, wise things, amazing things.

[ 3 : 54 ] In Corinth, those times, in Corinth, that's the norm. That's the order. So when people go to a public gathering, whether it's church or anything, they are expecting, it's just like you come here and then the place is very cold, no heating, or the other way around, whatever, no heating, no proper lighting, there's no speaker, no microphone, no speaker.

You know, normally when you go to a public function and there are quite a few people there, you expect to have microphones, it's the norm of the day. So those times, when you go to a public gathering, you expect the speaker to be an eloquationist, the speaker to be very eloquent, to be able to articulate his words with such finesse and such attraction that you are odd, you are awestruck, you just look at him and you are flabbergasted.

You just, so like sometimes there are politicians doing stuff like that, you have a way like Obama, you don't like him but when he finished speaking you will like him.

So, Paul went there preaching and they were, they invited friends and the guy has not got anything to say exceptionally and you know he didn't have the finesse and he said, when I came to you, my preaching and my speech, actually use the word speech.

Okay, so go back to the verse one, verse one, right, when I came to you, I came not in the excel, you see, excellency of speech or of wisdom declaring the testimony of God.

[ 5 : 44 ] So that, I like this, this is the, the testimony of God can do the job by itself. That's why I expect pastors just teach the word.

The word is good enough to work on the hearts of men. Hmm, I've said this before a few times and I'm saying it again.

No good preaching can change people. No good preaching. It doesn't take good preaching to change the hearts of men. It changed the Holy Spirit.

It takes the Holy Spirit. Say the Holy Spirit. Say the Holy Spirit. Excuse me. It takes the Holy Spirit.

So, when Paul came, he says that my preaching, I didn't come declaring the testimony of God so that the weight of the testimony will be predicated on the eloquence of my speech, excellence of my speech or the wisdom.

He says that I don't, I did not need that. God didn't need that. That's why he spoke before then in the previous chapter that Greeks, Greeks look for wisdom, wise things, the, the intellectualism but, and the Jews look for science but he says that but, so to the Jews who are looking for science, the preaching of the gospel is a stumbling block.

[ 7 : 11 ] I want a sign. What is this? And to the Greeks, he said it is foolishness. God, I want something that appeals, oh, like this, something that appeals to the mind.

That's the problem with our generation. We have become so intellectual. Something, it's, everything must appeal to the mind first.

So even when God is touching your heart, you try to shut your heart down because your mind is the one that must be appealed to. Faith is not of the mind. Faith is of the heart.

Most of the people who have been convinced and been, been impressed more and, uh, uh, impression have been made strongly on their heart and they try to do the things of God, follow the things on their mind, sorry, follow the things of God based on the impressions on their mind don't last.

somebody may not have a lot of understanding and knowledge and, uh, deep insight but because the, the heart, the faith, you know, there are illiterates, uneducated people who have more faith and God is using them more than people who are so educated.

[ 8 : 23 ] I'm not saying it's going to be educated. But what I'm saying is that faith and godliness is a function of the heart, not the mind. So, our job as pastors or people who handle the oracles of God, the word of God are meant to be able to bring down God to appeal to your heart, not your mind.

The heart, when the heart is changed, then the mind will be renewed. Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

But it says that with the heart man believes and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Salvation comes from the heart. It was Paul in Romans chapter 10 who said that for with the heart man believes.

Romans chapter 10. Then salvation, it didn't talk about mind. It's heart. Then chapter 12, it said from verse 1, I beseech you therefore brethren that ye present yourself as the living sacrifice, holy and acceptable with your reasonable service.

And then the next verse says that be ye transformed but the mind comes later. Are you trying to say that there shouldn't be any kind of reasoning?

[ 9 : 45 ] Understanding, watch this, understanding, even spiritual understanding, you must have a certain level of mental ascent. you can't be born again without a mental ascent.

So intellectually, it may make sense. Christ died for us. That's why we teach, we explain. But all this teaching and explanation is actually meant to push or bring God, infuse God, inject God into your heart because God communicates to your spirit, not your soul because God is a spirit.

So the thing is meant, that's why you can't be a good pastor if you are not praying. You can be a good teacher of God's word if you don't pray.

You may be able to convince people but you won't change anybody. The results that come from preaching God's word doesn't come because it has been nicely presented.

Wonderful submission, glorious presentation. That's not what God backs. God does not back glorious presentation. He backs heartfelt, heart-touched, full of revelation inside from God.

[ 11 : 02 ] presentation. So if you don't present something that is influenced by God, inspired by God from your heart, it doesn't change. That's why you can preach on fornication and if it didn't

come from your heart, people would even do it more.

Wow. Wow. All right. So, wow. Wow. Okay.

So verse 4 says that my speech and my teaching. I like that bit. Hmm. Okay. My speech and my preaching. My speech and my preaching was not enticing words of man's wisdom but what? Demonstration. So the preaching and the speech was with demonstration of the Holy Spirit and what? And power. Why? Verse 4. That's why I've been trying to go and I've spent about five minutes talking about.

What word is that? What word is that? That's what faith All right. Let's not read it out. Let's go. That's what faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

[12:11] One more time. Louder. That's what faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. All right. So your faith can either all right can can either stand in the wisdom thing.

The wisdom thing is coming back. Your faith can either stand in the wisdom of men or in the power of God. Preaching is not advice.

It's not advice. It's unveiling of the mysteries of God. Declaration of the oracles of God.

So that your faith will not stand in the wisdom of God but in the power of God.

Now my focus here is this word. Right. Faith. So when we preach it's supposed to affect faith.

[13:15] Either build faith in a certain direction or either towards the direction of God's or the power of the Holy Ghost or in the direction of wisdom. But preaching and speech in church is meant to build faith.

Why? Because without your faith you ain't getting anything from God or going anywhere with God. So we come to church not just to have a good feeling but we come to church to hear the word of God so that faith can be born or can be stirred up in us.

Say faith. Faith. In the book of First Timothy In the book of First Okay let's do Titus first.

Titus chapter 1. Titus chapter 1 verse. Thank you Holy Spirit. Titus chapter 1 from verse 1 it says that Paul a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's elect.

You know what it means God the word the phrase God's elect. You know what it means? The people of God. Those God has called. Those of us in church. Those who are born again. Those of us who are saints.

[14:48] He said I am a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. What's the basis of that? According to the faith of God's elect. How does NIV put it?

Oh no no. Amplify. Amplify it. A born servant. A born servant of God and an apostle a special messenger of Jesus Christ the Messiah to stimulate and promote the faith of God's chosen ones.

So what's my job? I'm to stimulate your faith. I'm to promote your faith. Not promote go and tell people that your faith works but you yourself by the time I'm finishing your faith has lifted.

See that's why he said that I do not want to preach in such a way that your faith when after your faith is lifted is lifted and the platform is the wisdom of men. Because preaching is meant to lift faith.

So he says that I have to me the preacher I have to preach in such a way that I have to do my things in such a way that the Holy Spirit gets a clear access to your heart that his ah thank you Holy Spirit that the Holy Spirit is not eclipsed.

[15:58] When we are preaching that every good godly preaching is supposed to make sure that the Holy Spirit is not eclipsed by something nice and something else. That is why he says that he said that the testimony of God when I was the testimony of God just nothing I just came declaring without wisdom or not based on wisdom or excellency just the testimony of God is strong enough just the Holy if people can see the Holy Spirit the most stubborn of men will change.

It's the Holy Spirit. So he says that when I preach I know your faith is going to come alive. I know when I preach I know I know because I'm a godly man when I preach and I'm going to preach from the word of God when I preach your faith is going to rise your faith is going to be built but what he's saying is that that your faith will not be built or stand in the wisdom of men or wisdom of men and here he said Paul a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ was the purpose to stimulate and promote the faith of God chosen ones and to lead them to the accurate discernment and recognition of the acquaintance with the truth which belongs to belongs and harmonizes with and turns to God you know sometimes I spoke about the difference between godliness and morality all these things must end that's why I can't wait to teach the economy of God it's all about godliness when we talk about godliness most of us think it's morality niceness behaving in a certain way

nicely or properly no no no

I'm not talking about prim and proper behavior when we talk about godliness when we talk about godliness we are talking about the plan of God the purpose of God being fulfilled so it is godly for you to be in church this morning it helps fulfillment of God's plan and programming with your life it's godly sometimes some decisions may be good but not godly the fact that something is not godly doesn't mean it's evil it may not be evil it may be excellent it may be good but not godly for instance for instance can I those of you were in church yesterday yesterday was amazing amazing was it not amazing was yesterday's word a good word now yesterday I just oh I'm going back on myself is that okay is that okay I go into that yesterday's word pastor I want to come down now pastor John yesterday I was sitting on take it like that

Jacob can I recap it a little bit because there is a man in the bible called Jacob Jacob God said I am the god of Abraham the god of Isaac and the god of Jacob Jacob was a very significant man and Jacob in Genesis chapter 29 came across a certain beautiful woman bible said the woman had form she had figure and pretty bible said not me bible said her figure was stunning and she was pretty and Jacob said ah Jacob fell for her and Jacob went to her father and went to work for her father when he went to live with the woman's father he asked the woman's father I need to get you a job to do because you are my relative so I can't just leave you and then the woman's he asked I want your daughter to marry he says that okay if you work for me seven years I'll give you my daughter to marry and some of you know the story he worked for seven years and then they gave they gave him

Leah Leah Genesis chapter 29 they gave him Leah and he said why did you give me Leah if I when he finished working when he finished his work like seven years he went to Jacob sorry Laban and said to Laban now I've paid my dues give me my wife he didn't say give me the woman he said give me my wife so I can sleep with her straight to the point he wasn't beating around the bush the other time I was counseling a couple getting ready to marry and I asked the gentleman do you look forward to meeting the lady go into her yes he said no we have to call off the wedding why are you lying to me why are you lying to me why would you marry someone you don't look forward to someone works seven years for the same thing hey listen it's part of marriage okay it's part of marriage and it's good marriage and sex is very sex in marriage is good is it it wasn't no good oh we know we expect that if you haven't done it is wrong so you have to go and drink it's normal so he said give me my wife give me my wife so I can go into her sleep with her and they tricked him and gave him

[ 21 : 32 ] Leah and in the morning he went into her at night that's what happens and then in the morning he woke up he said who is this what are you doing here he said I'm the one you're married he went to the father-in-law he said why have you done that to me I I paid for Rachel he said no in our family we don't do that the older one must marry before the younger one so he said you can work for seven years again so he worked for seven years another seven years for the same woman so in how many 40 years he didn't work for seven years and he never worked for Leah he worked for Rachel okay his target was Rachel why Bible says because he loved Rachel that was yesterday's message but what we didn't know is that according to the providence of God Leah is the one that was supposed to be his wife

Leah Leah read your Bible I can't go into that I've thought on that already Leah was the one according to God's plan who was supposed to be his wife not Rachel it's Leah and so how come he ended up with Rachel because he likes her body desire his personal desire be careful some of you are married and you are not happy with your husband or wife take him like that double hashtag take him like that sister there's nothing you can do about your nose double hashtag take him like that I don't want to preach yesterday's message your legs may not be like others but you are using it to walk so take it like that there are some things you can't change for instance my hair is gone one day my daughter asked me daddy why is it that she said her friends in school

I believe your daughter is one of them told her your dad does not have hair your dad because you know their dad has I wasn't I didn't find it nice because I didn't want people to laugh at my daughter but what I can't do anything about it so I have to take it like that I would have laughed some hair and I would have done my hair like the way brother Robert does some curls or this brother and yours is heavier some curls don't you think I also look good in something like this I used to do it and my hair was even nicer than his because my hair was smooth curly very nice oh you remember very nice oh when you see me you think I'm a Somalian you think I'm a Libyan or something and that's how I got

my wife but Jacob had his personal interest in ritual and so

God's plan and God's program was struggling but one thing I like about Jacob because his heart his greatest heart his heart desire was to pursue the blessing even though his personal desires got in it didn't take him away from the blessing and so God's plans could still be fulfilled but just that his desires brought extra charge and yesterday I was explaining that he when you read your Bible Genesis chapter 30 Leah gave birth God gave Leah one boy second boy third boy fourth boy Rachel nothing and when Rachel saw that she was not giving birth she took Bila her maid and gave her to her husband and he said sleep with my husband so that she can produce children for me my maid sorry my maid sleep with my maid so that she can produce children on my behalf who did it it was

Rachel and so Bila gave birth to two children Gath and Naphtali two children and guess what after they gave birth to two children Leah at that time had also finished giving birth had stopped Leah said ah me to have got a maid so brought her maid and Jacob also took Jacob will take it doesn't have problem I'm sure when he finished ask any other one gave brought her maid and Jacob laid with her she also gave birth to two children so so you realize that even this maid four children coming from the maid was not actually really should have been if he had just stayed with one wife and the one God had for him it was Rachel who introduced all these things and finally Rachel had [ 27 : 06 ] Joseph and when Rachel had Joseph come say you remember Rachel had Joseph am I preaching yesterday's message and Rachel where is Benjamin come so this is Rachel Jacob Rachel Rachel eventually had Joseph and then that's why the father Jacob loved Joseph and made him coat of many colors why because he has always loved Rachel and so he loved Rachel so much the child Rachel produced was actually his son but the measure never came through Rachel's line he came through the line of Leah Leah Judah Leah Leah and so he loved her sorry him so she gave him him Joseph who means addition loved him and then she gave birth to Benjamin when she gave birth to

Benjamin after Benjamin was born she died in labor after when that was born she died God had to remove this beloved the guy was loving these people too much but God had a plan so your taste is likely to cost you most I was telling them yesterday sir that when you buy a new car from the factory some of the cars a Mercedes Benz can cost about 15,000 pounds so why did they say some are expensive A class can cost 15,000 I don't know I'm just assuming can cost 15,000 pounds another A class can cost 48,000 why additions I like this I like headrest especially so it's the extras you add on that brings the cost on your life when I was telling them that you do not pay for breathing do you do you pay for your heart to beat you don't why because it is part of your assignment your packaging in life most of the greatness

God has packaged for you it don't cost you too much it is your interests your personal choices the things that you are attracted to the women you like the kind of man you want to marry is what is about to cost you the kind of man you want to the kind of woman you want the kind of house you want to live in the kind of car you want to drive there's nothing wrong with cars there's nothing wrong with women or a wife or a husband nothing wrong but you may so you may have her you may have him you may have that house and it will not disrupt the program of God but just that it's going to bring extra cost on your life Jacob said Jacob's biggest problems in life was attached to these two boys Joseph was sold the guy almost died he aged Joseph was sold and then in his own age now Benjamin was taken why his love for the problem started from his love for Rachel and yet when Joseph died

Jacob died he said he was buried where his wife Leah was buried so they buried Abraham and his wife there Isaac and his wife there Jacob and his wife Rachel were buried there where is Leah sorry you know what Jacob and his wife Leah where is Rachel she was buried somewhere because she wasn't God's original plan thank you be careful this your the tips and desire you have it may not be evil it may not be evil is there anything evil desiring maybe you you earn a lot and you choose to buy red soul what's wrong with that there's nothing wrong with that you deserve it you can pay for it you deserve it but the red soul may come with a special polish and one thing so by the time you realize there's so much extra cost on your life which has not actually disrupted

God's program for your life but it's actually brought in unnecessary weight on you as you are running to fill God's program Jacob Jacob take your husband like that take your hair like that take your legs like that faith it's so essential that a good preaching births faith in the hearts of people he said that I am an apostle of Christ apostle of Christ a servant of God called for the faith of God's

elect so this preaching that we come to church and we keep hearing is meant not just to do miracles for us but why do we get testimonies out of preaching so your faith will rest in the power of the [ 32 : 25 ] Holy Ghost so the object of the preaching is your faith but sometimes the backing of supernatural power testimonies are just in to draw your focus the focus on the and the platform of your faith to the power of the Holy Ghost not just nice preaching preaching brings faith why because faith is essential your faith is necessary other than that you can sink anytime and we scream where is God why do you know why the gentleman sank in Matthew chapter 14 verse 28 he sank into the water into the sea into the river whatever Peter when he walked on the water he started sinking because his faith was waning and he cried he says that but when he saw the wind was boisterous he was afraid and he began to sink he cried saying

Lord save me he cried saying Lord so why are you not saying for whoever shall call on the name of the Lord whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved Lord Jesus any challenge that is persisting in your life learn how to call on the name of the Lord over that situation call the name of the Lord over that medical report before he kills you stop looking for I don't understand why someone will sit at home and call a preacher on TV to pray for you I'm waiting call I'm waiting call and you are praying and you are calling and get get up from your backside go to the house of God and go call on the name of the Lord so the man called on the name of Jesus and Jesus verse 29 and Jesus see what verse 20 but when it verse and then alright well okay sorry let's go 31 verse 31 and immediately

Jesus stretched forth his hand let's read let's go let's read that let's go and said unto him I don't hear and said unto him and said unto him is the littleness of your faith that is costing you the intervention of God oh thou of little faith why did you doubt little faith so if we can help get your faith to grow you you will walk on the water what others are sinking in you will be floating on because you don't float you don't float by boat you float by faith it's a prophetic word for you do you understand that you don't float by boat you float by faith hey you float by faith you float by faith so if you don't embark on faith building adventure you are likely to sink you sink with all your nice hairstyle all your nice jewelry all the nice things you have and yet you be sinking recently or not too recently a boat ocean liner

Concordia oh not too long about five years four years ago and those those those those stuff are very expensive and you can imagine the top quality stuff inside all sunk when the plane crashes everything inside their money their food their you know a lot of things it all perishes so the way you are so busy amassing physical things why don't you also at least to protect those physical things in your life why don't you also amass faith build your faith it will save your marriage some of you if you think very carefully something is in your blood line that's why when you go for checkup they ask you any sickness in your blood line did your mother have diabetes did your father have this mental illness or this this that and by the time you realize a child is born who is fighting taekwondo the child it's not funny

I'm telling you but you can imagine David Cameron sadly he lost a child but the child was born sick money doesn't guarantee this you can say okay because I'm very very posh I'm determined no medical science can't go that far but your faith can go further medical science can go that far but your faith can go further did you hear the lady's testimony that she didn't qualify but she built faith by the testimony she had she built faith in fact she normally when she's on duty she normally stays upstairs but she begged that can I come inside to be hearing what is going on so that my faith I can connect and my faith come alive she built her faith and she said and I got it

[ 38 : 35 ] I got it your faith your faith what you are going through it's not a threat to your future it's your faithlessness that is a threat to your future this is a nice one to tweet can I repeat it what you are going through what your family is going through is not is not a threat to your future it is your faithlessness that is threatening your future that's why I have this mandate to teach God's word so that your faith can be built when your faith Jesus said Simon Simon Satan has sought to shake you like wheat he has sought Luke chapter 20 23 verse 32 or 21 verse 32 he said Luke 21 22 32 or 22 31 rather 22 31 whatever Satan has sought to shake you or sift you like wheat but I have prayed for you

Luke 32 32 32 ok 31 Satan he said Simon Satan has sought to sift he has desired to sift you like wheat can you imagine Satan shaking you like wheat that's worse than what a terrorist can do Satan is shaking you like wheat everything around you will begin to fall apart your wig will be fried somewhere your lipstick will be here you know when you are driving and it's top speed or something

and then you're trying to do makeup in the car somebody is driving and trying to do makeup in the car but you're stopping and by the time you realize the lipstick has gone here you know what I'm talking about when Satan is shaking you your makeup is scattering your hair is flying wig is flying but

Satan won't be able to shake you Jesus said Satan has desired he has asked for his plan listen it doesn't matter how nice you are Satan has plans for you now you're threatening no I'm not Jesus was the one who was threatening you he's telling you the reality in fact critical it used to be severe the threat against your life used to be severe now Satan is now that he realized that he wants to take all serious he's moving it to critical Jesus said someone Satan has sought to sift you like quids but what did he say what is the answer let's read let's go but I have prayed for thee that that faith will not he should have prayed against Satan no Satan no

Satan is not a problem if your faith is in place I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail let him bring all critical severe most critical whatever let him bring it your faith will not fail he will shake you and you will feel it it will be like a bed standing in the storm things are moving but the bed is not moving that's what your faith can do for you that's what your faith can do for you tell someone let your faith come alive shake the person on their shoulder shake the person harder some of you will not do it even do it I said shake somebody let your faith come alive hallelujah

I know it will happen here but there sometimes because when you are going to shake somebody on the shoulder you have to also check if you're a man and a lady and is wearing shoulder less don't be doing let your faith come out all right okay good today I'm working with time so you don't have faith you don't have faith who said tria so now I'm coming back to what I've been teaching since last week two weeks developing your faith how do you develop your faith the word number two rehearse that lady where is she grace grace grace testimony is very very significant not the results but the means to the results she said that

[ 44 : 12 ] I heard somebody's testimony I've been applying for jobs and applying for jobs and applying for I thought she was also resting that we have rested I've been applying for jobs and applying for jobs and applying for jobs and I'm not getting anything but I came to church and I heard someone say and Papa declared and I decided to tap into it and then I was upstairs I was supposed to be standing upstairs and that to that to Charlotte put me over there and I was standing next to the door and everyone was looking at me why are you standing leaving on the door but I decided to listen to the testimonies because when we're serving we don't always get to listen and enjoy the service and hear people's testimonies so that week almost everyone that came up with Papa declared miracle jobs and I've got a job and I've got a job and I'm thinking it has to work for me and what happened so see yes

Claudia Claudia said that you can go thank you Claudia said my son drank what milk his father has been drinking a lot of milk I think so what detergent hope cleaner he opened it in his own jacuzzi he opened it and had to go and add mom to her but that's serious that's serious how many of you know that's a very disturbing situation but she said no Papa she started speaking Papa has been declaring that none of our children will be victims she remembered yes that's it she remembered she remembered the declaration so she rehearsed what testimonies have been going on and what has been said she kept rehearsing it rehearsing it think about think about what God did think about what God is doing think about those things enough of what the documents you are showing with everybody is what they are saying and you sleep with it a guy a guy

I know the doctor says something about no not the doctor psychiatrist said something about him and that he's got signs of some sickness and he went home very happy it's a disturbing sickness but happy that at least I've discovered who I really am and for he went to do a research on that illness the different shades when you speak to him he will lecture you this one is like this illness my own is this particular time very interesting instead of rehearsing what God has said you go constantly pondering rehearsing what the negativity of the situation and the shame that is coming so you begin to okay so what am I going to do now that this is coming now that this is coming now that this is that's all that you are preoccupied with the negativity and the grimness of the negativity on the situation but rehearse the word of God that's why you got to come to church please anyone who tells you you come to church to encourage a pastor has deceived you because some of you at a point in time we are not in church is it not so there are people here who last week you are not in church do you think we are waiting for you to have service oh no we had a good time proper good time yesterday some were not in church because obviously as for 365 not everyone can make it

every day but yesterday oh yesterday it was good how about Friday Friday was something else and Thursday coming oh Wednesday ha deep Tuesday amazing Wednesday Pastor Frank and Pastor Charles handled powerfully I was the whole day in Monday sorry I was in Birmingham with the Birmingham church powerfully having good time so people's absence doesn't actually stop the move of God but the truth is just nice to see you tell someone it's just nice to see you so tell the person make sure we always see you that's the biggest benefit we get from you just see you you know it's nice and your yeah thank you and your smiles and when they say shake someone the way some people it's nice to shake them so it's nice to see you look at the smile on your face it's nice to see you when you are preaching you see smile okay when you are preaching you see

Phil it's nice to see you that's that's that's about it that does not determine my miracle that does not determine my blessing but your presence will determine your faith your presence will determine your miracle your faith will determine your future your destiny your faith it's not God's word that determines your it's your faith that determines the outcome of your future it's serious so rehearse so listen to God's word let the word of God keep coming to you number two rehearse rehearse past victories rehearse the good things God has done number three what Holy Spirit learn how to walk with the Holy Spirit number four number four judge God faithful can I hear the man say it judge God faithful we are saying judge God faithful can I hear the man say it judge God faithful how about ladies judge God faithful

[ 50 : 34 ] Thursday those of you who are not there sometimes you encounter situations just judge God faithful he will help you stand on his word how many of you have been through bad rough times before very rough times and sometimes it looks like there's no hope some of you are going through very difficult times as I speak listen just judge God faithful if he said he will help you he will judge God faithful so the more Bible says in Hebrews chapter 11 verse 11 God receives strength sorry Sarah herself receives strength to conceive because she judged God faithful so when you judge God faithful your faith comes alive I would like to put it this way when you judge God faithful you become full of faith or faithful you judge God faithful judging God faithful makes you faithful full of faith your faith comes alive and what's the last one I gave confession confession

Claudia don't sing go says that when the child drank the thing she was rehearsing the word of God she said the message that we have preached said Papa has declared that none of us will not bury our child she was declaring it confessing it and then she said she confessed the word of God let's look at Mark chapter 5 verse 28 Mark 5 28 this is the story about the woman with the issue of blood the scriptures say that she heard about you remember last Thursday she heard about Jesus and when she heard about Jesus she decided to come and touch the hem of his garments and when she was coming this was she said for she said if I may but touch his clothes

I shall be whole she said the point of entry of her faith was what she was saying I taught last Thursday that your faith can never grow above your confession where your confession ends that's where your faith ends if you want your faith to go up higher lift start confessing higher what the devil will tell you is our but you know it's not true no I not you have to confess what God has said so God says let the weak say that's why we have been calling the name of Jesus because what comes out of your mouth sets the pace and the tone and the level for your faith I know things are hard but it's okay stop saying things bad things bad things bad things bad things bad things bad

I'm there though I'm dead even don't tell your husband or your wife or your child who is making you laugh you kill me this child kill me no please for heaven sake it's careless statement in Matthew chapter 12 you have to see this text in Matthew chapter 12 verse 36 he says that everyone will be judged but I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof of the day of judgment idle words I didn't mean it by an idle word careless talk don't say that I didn't mean it no you'll be judged with what you say yes I'm dying I'm dying okay maybe things look maybe things look like you are dying but the truth is do not say that I am dying don't allow something to come out of your mouth don't allow it a woman of faith a man of faith don't allow in fact you have to consider it very unacceptable so long as your personal ethics and your personal values are concerned you have to consider it unacceptable for some statement to come out of your mouth some of you are the reason why your children are not doing well in school you have said it over this boy over and over and over you are not doing well at all you said it over and over and it keeps going down and down and down because you have designed his future with your ways so watch what you say mind your ways in fact you have to write in front of your mirror or some of you fridge is better

because your best companion is the fridge every time you are going every two hours you have to go to the fridge not to go and drink water so that you can have something to masticate but you have to put it in front of your fridge or some part of your computer at the top or your television your 70 inch screen you have to type

A4 and put it on the side mind your ways mind your ways tell someone mind your ways watch what you say last Thursday I said that it said in March chapter 11 verse 23 verse 22 verse 22 starts by saying have faith in God have faith in God have faith in God then he went on to say that for watch this have faith in God why because this is how it works so that means the faith he's talking about is the speaking faith verse 22 verse 22 and Jesus answering what the issue about the fig tree he cursed he spoke to a tree and within 24 hours the tree has weeded from its roots so [ 57 : 44 ] Peter said master look the tree you cursed last night it's already dead and then he answering said have faith in God because this is how faith works faith works by speaking so then he went on to say for why should I have faith in God for for for verily I say on Jesus for Jesus to say verily it's your situation for verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say you don't have to be a pastor to say for heaven's sake you don't have to be an apostle you don't have to be born again for 800 years or for 3 years 5 years 7 years before you can say something no whosoever say whosoever who is whosoever over here so you don't have to wait for someone to say for you so whosoever shall say no shall pray say what you say matter say what

God has said say sometimes you may be crying but keep saying what God has said sometimes you may be done but keep saying don't let your downness stop you from saying because your future your blessing your security is in your saying food I don't know how many of you have been sick before ill before and couldn't eat and they are forcing you to eat especially if you live with your mother mothers are so nice they say please just a little at least eat a little why you don't feel for food but listen you have to eat your system is not looking for food the last thing you want is food because the way things your system your appetite has shut down sometimes when you even eat you throw up everything that goes in cancer but they still put it into you why because you still need it now listen sometimes things are so bad you feel like even in that state keep saying what

God has said keep saying because it is necessary for your survival it is necessary for your rising it is necessary for your victory say what God has said keep saying it things will discourage you you are saying it and it will be looking worse but keep saying it the point here is the child is throwing up but still eating you say we should still keep the child some food to eat yes because it's different from taking a medication and reacting confession is not like medication and you react and stop let me stop this thing no it's like food the body needs to work so when you confess confess what what you confess what you confess when you confess God's word or what you have heard from God you hold on to it even though things are contrary even though things are not the way you thought it should be keep confessing

God's word stay on the confession you know when they give you medication sometimes they tell you that take it for this number of days and maybe for 10 days and the first five days nothing has changed would they tell you to stop the course is 10 days so just finish the course and let's see the results and the course for confession of God's word is lifetime because because you keep confessing I'll be married I know my husband is coming I know my wife is coming I know I have a good marriage and there's nobody in the horizon I know my marriage will be great I know my marriage will be great and confessing marriage scriptures and be confident I know my marriage will be great and you grow one more year my marriage will be great two more years and you keep growing don't stop the confession even if you are 72 because by faith

Sarah herself oh Sarah herself oh by faith Sarah herself received strength to conceive when she was past age because for all you may know for all of us we know that human the span of some activities in your life must be within a certain season but Sarah's own was outside of the season it was it has entered that's death that's menopause that's death so you should have that's from childhood you can't conceive until puberty after puberty now so Sarah had all this the largest part of her life it didn't happen so she has gone past menopause and she entered here getting ready to die and then because she judged God suddenly Bible says that who would have said to Abraham Sarah would have nursed a child for you but why she judged

[ 63 : 23 ] God faithful it doesn't matter how bad how worse how extreme how far things go you got to learn how to maintain your confession Harriet learn how to maintain your confession learn how to maintain your confession God that is what will keep your faith alive whosoever shall stand to this

mountain be removed because into the sea and shall not dance in his heart but believe that the things that he said your belief is not about what will happen but what you are saying your belief your belief believe that but but and shall not die in his heart but shall believe that those things that he said shall come to pass he shall have whatever whatsoever whatsoever whatsoever they say no the doctors can say something the government can say something policy makers can say what you say by faith based on

God's word is what eventually happens for your future shout amen grow your faith confession or the word of God rehearse the word of God the Holy Spirit your confession your confession your confession and last to which I don't comment much on act on your faith exercise your faith it makes your faith grow and then the last one let me give you a scripture for exercise your faith would that be okay man it's a nice scripture in the book of Luke chapter 17 Luke chapter 17 verse 5 would you be able to help me read that from the screen is that okay alright let's read let's go I can't hear you what am I talking about developing your faith so you're not the only one who actually wants your faith to grow they went to Jesus and said sir increase our faith do you know Jesus' response what did Jesus say verse 6 and let's go and God said give me thy faith and give me thy faith and give me thy faith and give me thy faith you will say to Jesus' come on tree be thou plucked up by the roots and be thou planted into the sea initially if you have faith like a mustard seed watch this watch this if you have faith like a mustard seed mustard seed in those days was the smallest known seed in those times if you have faith like a mustard seed you will say and things will happen now so when they say increase our faith he said the little you have use it the little you have act on it and your faith will be growing does that make sense the little faith you have act on it pay your tithe he had the latest testimony that's is that Suzette was it you he said she said that if she paid she she didn't have enough money after she received her pay if she pays her tithe she gives her tithe it means that she won't be able to cover some bills but she what do you say you decided to do don't come don't come don't worry you decided to to do obey God promptly that's the word

I remember you decided to to do what to obey God because you when the money I had it just for the bill so I said the Holy Spirit said pay your tithe pay your tithe so I did it did it and then after the after the service someone walked to her who did the person know that you have just paid the person they didn't know someone walked to her and handed her an envelope and she didn't even open it went home she opened it it was exactly would you say exactly the amount she needed the exact amount not more no less exact amount she needed to pay that bill because she was a big one yeah I want to get your attention some people are sleeping so act on your faith the little one act on it take a step you are feeling sick in your body don't lie down try and walk because you are confessing by stripes

I am healed walk try and take yourself if it's too much you rest a little bit act on your faith that's how your faith grows and then finally Hebrews chapter 12 verse 1 sorry verse 2 so let's let's mention let's enumerate them again the points how do you grow your faith number 1 the word of God number 2 rehearse number 3 Holy Spirit number 4 just God faithful number 5 confession number 6 act on your faith number 7 Christ said tenderness focus on Christ focus on Christ because do you know why you should focus on Christ Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2 let's all read the other let's go one more time today some have decided they will not read is it because

I preached on fornication two weeks ago or something let's go let's read the other let's go last time can you imagine when you are running the race he said don't look on the track don't look on the track look on to Jesus keep your eye on Jesus as you run why because it takes faith to finish the race and if your faith can come who is Jesus the author and the finisher of your faith so the more you look up to him the more your faith comes alive look up to Jesus look on to Jesus I know sometimes it looks like everyone has passed you by sometimes it looks like there's no help for you don't worry look on to Jesus how many of you sometimes know that sometimes things can be so hard there's someone here you've been crying all your eyes out the whole week been crying and crying and crying and crying

[ 70 : 40 ] I have good news for you look on to Jesus because human beings men may not be able to help you how many of you have been let down by men I don't mean gender men but human beings men how many of you have been let down before by people you thought will be there for you people you thought they said don't worry as soon as I get the job you are the first person who is coming and when you got there they said can you bring your CV and you gave your CV to them they tweeted that they didn't even mind you they changed their number oh David you remember oh

this person you my friend and today is that see human beings have been designed to let you down so that you'll be forced to look up to God so looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross despising the shame and he sat at the right hand of the throne of majesty look unto

Jesus look unto Jesus your health is covered sister look unto Jesus your marriage is covered my darling look unto Jesus your health is taken care of your finances are covered your business is covered your children are covered your children are covered your children are covered may I say this again in conclusion I'm prophesying on this matter there's no woman in this church who is permitted to be fruitless childless no woman I said no woman stays in this church and remains childless it cannot be it cannot be no woman if I my wife could not be childless you cannot be childless and as you stay with God and serve in the house

I take it to another level you will not bury a child you will not bury a child you will not bury a child in the name of Jesus thank you Jesus I put my faith in you lift up your right hand please say Lord Jesus thank you for the work on the cross thank you that you are the utter and the finisher of my faith I look unto Jesus I look unto you for my faith to rise oh Lord my faith is in you oh Lord my confidence is in you oh Lord my hope is in you and I know I will never never never never be put to shame oh Lord show your power in my life

I know you have taken care of me I know you have gone ahead of me I know your power is working for me you are turning it around for me you are turning it around for me I receive your help I receive your help I receive your help in the name of Jesus thank you Jesus in Jesus name please let's bow our heads thank you thank you let's bow our heads you are here and you want to say pastor pray with me because I want to start afresh with Jesus I want to invite Jesus in my heart I know God has been speaking to me I do not have time to postpone anymore pastor pray with me that's your genuine prayer it's from your heart you want to actually start afresh with

Jesus you want to start afresh with Jesus you want to let Jesus come into your life to be your Lord to be at the steering wheel of your life so that your faith can be in God and you can walk with him fully by faith if that is your genuine prayer you are praying the pastor pray with me I would like you to pray with me I would like you to pray with me for me to start afresh with Jesus if that's your genuine prayer lift up your right hand high so I can sit and pray with you lift up your right hand you want to say God bless you please lift up your hands if you are standing in front God bless you lift up your two hands high as a sign of surrender and say Lord Jesus say after me from your heart say Lord Jesus I know I'm a sinner and I've sinned against you but I believe that you died on the cross to save me today I've heard your word I've stepped out in faith and I welcome you

[ 76 : 26 ] I invite you into my heart to be my Lord and my savior I'll obey you I'll save you I'll be faithful thank you Holy Spirit for giving me this opportunity help me to understand it more as I grow in Christ in Jesus name amen father I thank you for my precious brothers and sisters who you spoke to and decided to be humble enough to obey your word after they have stepped forward I pray upon them over their lives that they will experience open heavens that Lord you will raise them for amazing work use them to bring glory to your name anything that have gone wrong in their life or any direction of their life that need to be changed I pray for grace and strength that they will be able to realign to your purpose for their future I bless you with the peace of almighty

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