

Developing Your Faith 1

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It says, Behold the proud. Sorry. His soul is not upright in him, but the just shall live by faith. How do you live?

By the way. By the way. From the scriptures. But biologically, if your heart stops working, your life stops.

[1 : 35] So, when a pregnant woman is bleeding, you know it's not good news. It's not. For a pregnant woman to bleed from her womb, it's no good news.

When a pregnant woman is bleeding, and they go to the hospital, one of the things they check for, they do the scan, they check for their heartbeat.

If their heartbeat is there, it means there is hope. Most of us, there's no, any amount of, spiritual heartbeat.

It's all gone. What's your spiritual heartbeat? Your faith. It says, Because the just shall live by his faith. Not the preacher's faith.

Oh, that's one. My mother believes seriously. My grandmother likes church. No, no, stop that. Can I use your headlamps to drive at night?

[2 : 40] Can I? I'm driving, I'm using your headlamps to drive. No. I cannot use, I cannot use your heart. The just shall live by his faith.

Just like, every one of us lives, put you on the screen, every one of us lives by, by his heart. You live by your faith when it comes to God. God can't actually help you when your faith is not in place. So, when people are asking, Oh God, look at what I'm going through. Why God? Why? Stop, you know what? Stop the why.

Start trusting him. That I know, even though he slays me, I will trust him. Yay! Though I walk through the valley of the shadow, I'm in the shadow of death, the valley of the shadow of death, death has surrounded me all around.

Everything around me seems to be dying. My finances, my marriage, now the doctors say you have a problem, we need to take you to theater. What is it? My children, my child has been sacked from school, and my, everything, my job, my business, everything, the investment I made, the company has gone into liquidation.

[3 : 59] Oh, what is it? He said, when you are surrounded by death, yet though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for thou art with me.

When you are going through the valley of the shadow of death, when you are going through hard times, that is not when you ask God, so why? If you are there, why? Why all this?

I'm not even, I mean, if you don't do anything, I'm not going to judge again, but we still have church anyway. It's just like hunger strike. I'm here to really understand the rationale behind the anger.

Hunger strike, it's, you are the only one who feels the hunger. Yeah. I don't know. You are the only one.

In fact, I never knew about hunger strike because, you know, I grew up somewhere and that place, a lot of nonsense doesn't exist. It's not tolerated.

[5 : 04] Nonsense. You woke up in the morning, I feel stressed. So I'm going to my Jeep, you sign me off for two weeks. You go somewhere and do it, you see.

And you say, I'll see the company. Can you imagine? I'm hoping some of these countries, things are changing.

You can get to the airport and you have just arrived with goods and they say, everything they check, everything is fine. Let me take my goods. Say, oh no, you have to give us something. Today's weekend, give us something. You say, my friend, I will report you. They will laugh at you. Report to me. To who? And you are saying that if you do not release my goods, you will see what I'll do here.

They said, if you don't pay. One day, I was traveling to Togo. Across the border. One day. One day. And Abjakofi was going to preach there, so he sent me and my friend to go ahead.

[6 : 19] This is years ago, I think, 96. So, we got to the border and everything was okay. Checkers, passports and everything. And then this custom officer, after I stamp it, you have to give money.

I said, why should I give money? He said, my friend, give us money before we let you go. Why? He said, stand aside. The other ones pay and then you go. And my friend said, David, yes.

I said, no, I don't see why I should give him the money. And the border shuts, I think, at six or seven. And it was about five minutes to six. I said, no way.

I don't give, you know, you, Lord have mercy. You will stay behind the border and the guy, my friend, decided to pay.

I said, don't pay. He paid. He said, David, let's go. And then we went. But later, I realized that, you know, even though I was in the right, they were not pretty with any particular law.

[7 : 31] And it's going to cost you more because you don't have any way there. You have to go and look for a hotel. The border is shut. Sorry, we can't. That's the law. Now they are in first the law. The border is closed. You can't go. Now go and look for a hotel.

You have to pay any complications. Oh, Lord. They just shall live by faith.

Your faith is so necessary as long as God's help is concerned. In Matthew chapter 9, in Matthew chapter 9, verse 29, Jesus said to the blind, that be it unto you according to your faith.

Be it unto you according. Let's not read here from the screen, please. Let's go. Then he touched their eyes, saying, according to your faith, that it be to you. Give me King James, please.

Let's read it from the King James. Let's go. Then he touched their eyes, saying, according to your faith, be it unto you. How is it going to be unto you?

[8 : 40] According to your faith, not according to, excuse me, not according to my power. The fact that you are crying doesn't mean God must do something.

Not at all. Something you didn't know. See, those religious gurus who taught you all those things, they didn't help you. Oh, that God is like a Santa Claus.

He's just waiting to do somebody good. So, if you are in trouble, then you come there and then help you anything. No, no, no. That's not the God of the Bible. At all. At all.

Pastor, look at how Jesus put it. He said, in the days of Elisha, there were many lepers in Israel, but he, God, no one was healed safe.

Nehman the Syrian, Luke chapter 4, verse 25, that was, Nehman the Syrian. So, how about the people who were in Israel? But, the prophet said, let him come, he will know there's a prophet in Israel.

[9 : 51] So, how about your lepers? Don't they need help? They do. But God can help you if you don't trust him. So, that ideology or that mindset that God is so worried about, the, you know, when a child is not happy about something, can turn to them and cry.

Children have this fantastic ability. They can cry anytime and tears will come. I know some of you are adults who are very good with that. I know quite one or two sisters who can decide to cry anytime they want to.

They will cry and tears will be coming. While some of the men, even when you are sad, you are trying to let the tear come, it's not coming. Children can cry anytime. Now, you can't, you can't cojo God.

Twist his arm because you are not happy. God, you have to do. No, he said, be it unto you according, not according to your cry. Not according to your problems.

We make a miracle. You must make sure your faith is in place. Because other than that, you'll be blocked behind the bar. Yet, God is a way maker.

[11:18] I see God making a way for somebody. So, your faith must really be in place. I came across this also, faith will determine your destiny.

Okay? The second Corinthians chapter five, verse seven says that for we walk by faith and not by sight. The Christian life is a life of faith.

It's a walk of faith. Tell someone, your faith matters. Your faith matters. When I talk about faith, I'm not talking about what is your faith.

It's a Judaism or Shintoism or Buddhists or Catholic.

Yeah, normally they separate Catholic from Christians. That should tell you a lot. I don't know why they should do that, but Catholic.

[12:19] One of the things I just don't appreciate is when you are trying to preach to someone about Christ and he tells you I'm a Catholic. Are you trying to suppose to me that Catholicism is separate from...

Yeah, yeah. All right, so if you're a believer, you have to walk by faith. We walk by faith. Faith. Absolute trust.

That's what I'm talking about. Absolute confidence. Absolute confidence. The trust in God through his word. If it is not founded on God's word, it's assumption.

It's just wishful thinking or hopeful thinking. So we walk by faith. I was reading my Bible. I came across this story which was very, very interesting.

Before I tell you that story, in Galatians, the Bible says that all those who are of faith, Galatians 3, I think 26, all those who are of faith, Galatians 3, 23, said, for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ.

[13:37] Right? Let's go to verse 9 rather, 3, 9, I think. So then, they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Okay? The previous one read, verse 26, said, if you are of faith, you are the child of God. Here, verse 9, it says that if you are of faith, you are blessed with, Abraham is blessed though, was very blessed.

And he said, if you are of faith, the blessing of Abraham is your entitlement. Why won't you enjoy life? By faith, and it will work for you. I read this story and it touched my heart in Luke chapter 7. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Luke chapter 7 from verse 40. For Dan was, he's talking about Jesus who went to the house of, I think, Levi, and he was eating, and a woman came to him.

He went to the house of Simon, and he turned, he turned to the woman and said to Simon, verse 44, said to Simon, seest thou this woman, I entered in thine house and thou givest me no water for my feet, but she has wiped my feet with her tears and watched this, what the action the lady took, she has wiped my feet with her tears with, sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, okay, but she has washed my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, the hair of her head.

[15:40] She used her hair, she was crying, used her tears to wash the feet of Jesus, not to control him. Most of you said, I'm about to say something very interesting, okay, I'm going through so much and no one is supporting me.

Use your tears to control us. I was going through so much and nobody even called me to say hello. I'm not happy, so I don't want to come to the service today.

I'm going through the day. Don't use your tears to control us. You should use your tears to wipe the feet of Jesus, okay? And then she released her hair.

I'm sure she has tied it. And she released it and used her hair to wipe his feet. When he came, the host was supposed to wash his feet.

He didn't do it. The woman came and used her tears and her hair. Isn't that interesting? Jesus said, verse 45, thou gavest me no kiss.

[16:54] So once someone enters your house in that time, you have to work on the kiss the person. She said, when I came, you didn't give me any kiss. But what did she do? She said, you gave me no kiss. But this woman, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet.

Not my anyway, my feet. This woman kept kissing his feet. Watch what she was doing. First of all, wipe his feet with her hair.

Kiss his feet. Verse 46, my head with oil thou didst not anoint, but this woman has anointed my feet with ointment.

Wherefore, I say to thee, her sins which are many have forgiven. For she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loved little.

Lowest little. Verse 48, and he said to her, thy sins be forgiven. Look at verse 49, that's the word, 49 and 50. they that sat at meet with him began to say within themselves, who is this that forgiveth sins also?

[18 : 14] And he said to the woman, let's read what he said to the woman, let's read it out, let's go. Oh, I can't hear you. What did he say to the woman?

Thy favor save thee. I can't hear you. Thy favor save thee. So, all the things that she was doing, tears, wipe, tears, wash his feet, hair, wipe his feet, kiss his feet, anoint his feet, all those things, Jesus said that was faith.

Faith. What she was doing, so long as God was concerned, is faith. This is the actions of faith. Jesus looked at her, he said, your faith, what have I done?

No, these things that you were doing, your faith, your faith has saved you. Someone lift up your right hand and say, my faith will save me. Say it again, my faith will save me.

People may look down on your approach to God, your pursuit of God, they will look at you funny, they say, okay, while the woman was doing it, even the host was marginalizing her, disdain her, saying, why?

[19 : 26] Why is she doing this? If Jesus was prophet, you should have known that this woman is a prostitute, or this woman is not a good woman. So, they have all their own ideas, and saying everything they could say about him, but you know what?

About her, but you know what? God, while she, they were criticizing her, she was busy exercising her faith. They were busy criticizing her, she was busy exercising her faith, and Jesus said, this faith you have exercised have saved you.

Do not always, oh, I like this one, don't always look for human approval in your pursuit of God. Don't look, because sometimes people will disapprove of your pursuit of God, but God will say your faith has saved you.

You need faith. Faith is necessary. Sister, faith is necessary. Brother, faith is necessary.

Sometimes, you may do things, I mean, can you imagine a woman, JP, Jerusalem pilgrim, you went to Jerusalem, even in these modern days, it was very dusty and rocky and and so Jesus used to walk a lot.

That time he rode the donkey, we are told. He was walking, so for him to come into a house, they didn't have paved roads, his feet would be very dirty.

[20 : 49] And what is this woman looking for? Why did you reduce yourself like that? Some of you, sometimes you're perceived to God and just interpret it as reducing yourself. You are not smart. You are not smart, but you know, you are pursuing God.

God will meet you at the point of your heart. Your faith will save you. Tell someone your faith will save you. Sometimes exercising faith may look like you are not being smart.

For those who are very smart, it may look like you are not. Did you hear the lady's testimony? She said that her friends, her mom, her dad.

What's going on? You have given, attended in your resignation January, and you have still not secured a place, a job somewhere, and you are turning down over five, some applications, sorry, some admissions and offers.

You are turning them down. What's wrong with you? She said those schools were not the place I wanted. And when she wrote her testimony, she says that I stood on faith to trust God.

[22 : 06] Trust God. Her loved ones were duly and rightfully concerned. If you don't take care, sometimes your loved ones will love you out of your track of destiny.

Your mother will tell you marry him like that even though he's not serious. Take him because you are growing, marry him, at least have children with him, you see. But your faith tells you that I know this is not the right man for me.

I know it doesn't matter. I know. Sometimes people who love you are so worried that they will advise you, they will lovingly advise you out of your safety.

Not because they are bad, but because they are so worried. I know of a woman, she advised her daughter that that guy you've seen in America, he's good for you.

They've not met, they've been communicated, he's good for you. And the guy said he's an engineer. And the mother was looking for people with high educational attainment to marry her daughters.

[23 : 14] He's an engineer. He's a qualified engineer, marry him. You know, it's not every engineer who is a good husband. You see, you are trained to be an engineer, but not a husband.

Some of the ladies, your makeup is, you are so good. A man will betray his destiny if he chooses you based on your makeup.

You are good, you are good with makeup, but it doesn't mean you are well made up. I would have been surprised if you clapped.

There's, there's, Renee, there's something interesting about marriage. marriage. As soon as you settle down in marriage, this whole buzz excites me about the rumors.

Rise up, sir. I can't leave. It's leaving me to start. You always feel that you always be together.

[24 : 37] So you are looking for a job, which is next job, a workplace, and you can have lunch together during break time. You can go. You're right.

It's in your mind. Listen, as soon as you marry, most of the time, sometimes you don't even get sex. you're shaking your head.

Is it true? There are a lot of angry husbands. There are more angry husbands than angry boyfriends. Over the issue of sex.

Oh, is it not true? Those who are married, I mean, is it not true? Some of you can't be saved because you are worried of your wife. Your wife will tighten the sanctions.

Most young ladies are desperate to marry, but they are not ready to be wives. Most young men are actually, most men are not really eager to marry because they know it's responsibility.

[25 : 58] the reason many men are eager to marry is security. So the woman says security because as for a woman, all you want is the man. And the man, all he wants is your sex.

sex. So if he can get the sex, why must he take on the responsibility to? No.

Would you do that if you were the man? He won't do that. You have got it. Okay, I'm preaching on faith, okay?

I'm wondering when I will stop talking about relationships and sex because as soon as you close church, you will see images of sex.

I forgot it. I even meant the billboards. But Pastor Frank said it would be 26 degrees outside. What's it called? What's it called?

[27 : 02] Batsy riders, you remember? Oh, but sometimes they look nice, but no, it's not a type of motto.

Who told you? So by the time you are going to bed, there's so much sex on your mind.

All right, so now my time is up. So it's so important to understand that if you want to enjoy from God faith.

Now, people will advise you because they love you. They can not always, but for most of the time, if they don't understand how God works, and they are not pursuing God like you are pursuing, they will tell you you are always going to church, go for some parties.

Go for some parties. You know, most sometimes, most of the time, the men and women you find at parties sometimes comes with a lot of challenging packages.

[28 : 19] And the Facebook ones. Some of you are dating somebody on Facebook. I'm not against it. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. I can't say go ahead, but I'm not against it.

Because you know, usually pictures look nicer than it's the pictures now that you take after church you take some pictures selfie and put it on Instagram you put it on Facebook you put it on Twitter Snapchat and I know people who have who met online and it's it can work but sometimes it's a lot of it can be a lot of so it's because if you are online looking for a partner you can be very vulnerable because you are there looking for a partner you are only looking at bodies people pictures faces pictures which have been for sale so you have to be careful this woman did things that were not right in the eyes of men but that was faith so we have to be careful people don't redefine your faith for you let your faith be defined by scripture and not just scripture conviction in

God there are quite a few types of faith we have weak faith Romans chapter 4 verse 19 Bible says he was not weak in faith and being not weak in faith so you can have faith but weak in faith and then we also have little faith Matthew chapter 6 verse 30 or Matthew 8 26 it's Matthew 6 30 wherefore if God so clothed the grass of the field which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven shall he not much shall he not much more clothed ye you oh ye of late this is why are you so worried about what you eat what you drink then he went on to talk about this when you go further than what that is that seek he faced the kingdom of God and all this but he was talking mainly verse

30 again he says that why are you so worried about clothes what you eat what you wear what you security he said if

God takes care of the grass okay shall he not much more take care of you oh ye of what little faith little faith makes you think God is not good enough to help you little faith little faith so you can have weak faith or little faith all right so faith can be weak can be little Matthew chapter 8 verse 10 faith can be great I pray that may you have great faith you don't say amen I say I pray you have great faith when Jesus heard it he marveled this is a man who servant was sick and he asked Jesus to heal the servant and Jesus said I'll come home he said no no no verse I like verse 8 of Matthew 8 he said don't come home only speak the word and the centurion answered and said to the Lord I'm not worthy that thou should come under my roof but speak the word only say the word only say the word only say the word only speak the word only and my servant shall be healed and when Jesus marveled what this you understand and when Jesus heard it he marveled and said to them them that followed verily I say unto you I have not found so great faith say great faith great faith takes God's word as final just the word is enough my symptoms are not good enough the word is stronger what God's word says so long as I'm concerned overrides the symptoms I'm having in my body so if God said by his stripes I am healed and I really believe it that my healing is in him did you hear the sister she said oh

[33 : 22] I like that testimony she said is it graves disease graves something like that not graves so it is graves and and so they put her medication but from January she just believed that God is my healer and so she wasn't even taking the medication and she decided that she was going to take communion every day instead of medication every day in human terms in medical terms doesn't that sound stupid because in chemistry the communion wafer and the bread does not contain the necessary remedial elements you need in your body for your healing so why do you do that faith did it so by faith she said if

God's word says that healing comes through whoever eats my body and drinks my blood will have life I can believe God so she elevated God's word about her condition and she stayed on God's word and then she said I declared I declared that every week we are going to take communion we used to do that so we started this 365 days prayers every day every week we are going to take communion she said aha I got it and so every Thursday when we are going to take communion she vowed she would in when she said when she said because of the nature of her job she normally doesn't come for the evening but every now and I see her I just realized it's the Thursday it's the Thursday she made it a religious responsibility that she will be coming religiously every Thursday because of communion and then after she taking the communion when she goes home she does her own as well but she is taking the corporate one which I declare over her she went to the doctors they checked and said the thing has left you the doctor said the medication he said no it can't be what have been done it said communion he said come right to your feet come come right to your feet go go quickly quickly quickly quickly she this is serious brothers and sisters we are seeing the power of God at work in our midst you you were told to be taking medication and what happened I didn't take the medication as I was meant to I took it every now and again but I had my communion more than I had the medication I had my communion more than I had I had the medication and you when did you go to your doctors on Thursday Thursday and what did they say they said that it's been treated that it's no longer overactive anymore everything coming you elevating God's word above your situation because the problem is some of us have too much confidence in the system in doctors in your education in your certificates in that your good job too much confidence sister I'm happy you are at this age and you are not married I'm happy because you thought you are too beautiful you thought your beauty will sort it out I'm glad you are not married and still you haven't learned sense you haven't realized that beauty doesn't guarantee marriage you don't need beauty to marry you is she not beautiful she's not married please those who told you that is your lips hips and fingertips that will secure marriage for you it's a joke it's a hoax it doesn't work it doesn't work you want someone to marry who you can build future with so please take note of that

I don't want to go into that because when it comes to the marriage then I'm going I'm going I'm going I'm going because you know one of my biggest prayer for you is that your marriage will work do you know broken marriages and relationships can be very difficult when you go through that especially when there are children involved and when you go into a relationship you have had a lot of sex and now there's a break last week if you listen to last week's message you when you sleep

with someone you are not free the person has added onto your life and something of you have gone to the person even though you use condom if condom could do it usually I have broken heart because you always use condom how can your heart is broken so condom can protect your heart do you always have to talk about that yes because you are always going back there so great faith and then we have unfaing faith 1st

[39 : 28] Timothy chapter 1 verse 5 2nd Timothy chapter 1 verse 5 unfaing faith faith that is not polluted and then we have shipwreck faith shipwreck faith so how many of you have known people who were once on fire for the things of God and another time you see them and they've gone off the radar yeah shipwreck faith 1st Timothy chapter 1 verse 19 shipwreck they'll make shipwreck your faith holding faith and a good conscience which some haven't put away concerning faith have made shipwreck shipwreck 2nd Thessalonians chapter 1 verse 2 and 3 talks about verse 3 exceedingly growing faith I pray that that's what your faith will be your faith will be exceedingly growing so that you see faith can be little but faith can grow because that because that your faith grows exceedingly so faith can be little and it can grow faith can be weak the last one

I'll mention here is strong faith Romans chapter 4 verse 20 Romans chapter 4 verse 20 he says he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief but was what shall we already out from the screen shall we already let's go one more time louder so he was strong in faith strong you need strength in your faith strong faith strong in faith you cannot be a cheap victim in life if you have faith telling you the truth you cannot be you cannot be I've seen people doctors have said all kinds of things about you can't do this you can't do this this will happen to you this will happen to you and by faith they have been able to prevail when we were married in the first year of our marriage second year of our marriage third year of our marriage no child and

I was very strong Christian I didn't but I couldn't be bothered because I know it is not possible for me not to have a child first year third year fourth year fifth year sixth year no child those who are members of this church it was not once said let's pray for pastor for child birth no I never was worried my wife no it wasn't a prayer topic to be worried about the good oh god give my children no why because I knew how I even knew one day I was in my office I was praying and I saw myself in a labor ward carrying a baby so that was I think about the first or second year in our marriage so I knew I have seen myself carrying a baby that settles it it doesn't matter how long it takes it's going to work without the help of medicine my first child landed landed without the help of medicine we didn't need any human help no no no human help was needed but I did some things

I saw some seeds to prophets and released the thing she was born and when you see her even that day in fact I realized that my wife was not too happy when she gave birth because the baby looked too much like me where's Emilia she not here Eunice when they came to the hospital and they said this spitting image of pastor David everyone said oh pastor David in fact one day she was about two years or something and then I went for her we did a program some people came in and no I think I went for pastor conference or so and then one guy I knew years ago he came to me I seen your wife this child they saw the child he doesn't know me but he saw the child said this one is definitely the child of why and the devil was trying to bring in special oil from some funny prophets from Ghana that we should apply the oil before we meet the devil is a liar and my wife said what you what is this he said it a physician cannot heal himself so I I didn't even see the oil I told my wife don't let me have any sight of that oil throw it away what oil do I need who which other kind of prophet and another sometimes this rubbish is too much so much as I speak some of you have all kinds of special waters that you add to your food every time before you because it was blessed from Ghana or from Nigeria or Zimbabwe and they brought it to that devil is a liar they Michael would you believe this prayed over by some small girl prophet that we should take that water and put it in our garden when it is I think 3 50 or 3 30

[45 : 22] AM and then leave it there for some time when it is 5 we should take it and face the heat and say something and drink it you see of your problem you will suffer many things in the hands of many people because of your challenges I look all over heaven I look all on the earth there was nobody found ready to break their skull but he said Johanna don't weep Johanna don't cry John don't cry because the lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed shout yes shout yes those who are waiting to see you go down let them keep waiting let them keep waiting they will see you rising they will see you rising I will rise I prophesy to you

I announce to you that you will not go down into hospital you are rising it shall be well with you your business will do well you will excel in your career your marriage will not fail in the name of Jesus

hallelujah please be seated exercise your faith believe in God Jesus told the woman who have been suffering 12 years issue of blood she said Bible said she said to herself if I may touch the hem of his garment I shall be made whole and she pressed and touched and she was healed Jesus said who touched me then when she realized she could not hide she came and told

Jesus this is the situation in Mark chapter 5 verse 34 Jesus said to the woman daughter be of good your faith has made you whole not my power your faith has made you whole I said to you lady I said to you man that your faith shall make you whole your faith is making you whole your faith in God is making you whole somebody shout Lord I believe don't believe everything the devil tells you don't believe everything they can say one thing that your situation is hopeless but search yourself in the Lord that your situation is not hopeless because there is hope for you God is on my side Lord I trust you listen my testimony one year I was trusting God two years I was trusting

God three years but I didn't flinch I was not weak in faith but rather growing strong do you know why Bible says that Abraham believed God Bible says that he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief but was strong in faith giving glory look at verse 21 that should be your story 21 it says that and being fully persuaded he was fully convinced fully persuaded he was fully convinced that what God has promised he is also able to do what God has promised he is also able to do it God is doing it for you God is doing it in your family in the name of Jesus please be seated this this one is testimony she said

God prophesied and declared that nobody will end up in hospital you won't end up in hospital and she tapped into it Amelia came and told me last Friday as soon as she closed the service she came sister Amelia said hey you are a prophet you are a prophet he said there's a prophet in the house I said what is it she said because last Friday one of the people I prayed for I said come I need to pray for you God that she had been given some serious scholarship and I came you picking that we have to pray for her man of God she was a prophet she was very excited when a declaration from God comes it's in your interest to hold on to it may

[50 : 45] I say this this is where my time listen I have gone past the stage of waiting for your acceptance of validation to know God has called me if I give you a word whether it happens or not I know whom I have believed and I don't give a word to impress I give a word to create room for God's glory to be saved because I will not say if I have not heard and so I am not waiting for your testimony hey it is for me to feel validated no but for it to happen your faith is a necessary requirement I see God doing it for you I see God doing it for you shout my faith is growing shout my faith is growing those problems

I heard bishop said this morning bless me he said there are some challenges that have lasted too long in your life when an overstayer is caught what do they do to the overstayer why do you allow your problem to overstay he says that weeping may endure for a night why is you going to the morning and afternoon still you are weeping he said weeping may endure back for a night for a night for a night for a night joy counts in the morning so if you are weeping in the morning something has overstayed his permission he said for your affliction 2nd Corinthians chapter 4 verse 17 for your afflictions which is but for a moment so if your suffering has gone beyond a moment God is not endorsing that some of you the conditions in your family must change situations in your family must change it must change I'm telling you we may not know how much things are bad but you know and you have you why would come to church and we can't see the effect in your life because oh we know you go to church so I don't do sex I don't do sex with I married no no no that's good but it's not good enough it's not good enough let's let's let's see the hand of God in work let's see the miracles let's see the manifestation let's see the breakthroughs because the reason why you don't do some things is so you can work with God now if you work with God when the Lord turned again in captivity we were like them that dream then it was said some 126 then it was said among the hidden people outside saw that God has helped them why is it that you are walking with God but we can't see it you see evidence

God is God is going to show his power God is going to show his power in your life in the name of Jesus shout yes Lord yes Lord please be seated yeah yeah yeah someone shout I believe I believe yeah they say things like oh oh yes believe anything not anything what God has said that's why Satan's my one target is to fight the word of God some of you have attempted reading your Bible a few times you always sleep you can watch action movies romance stories love movies or whatever for seven hours throughout the night and you don't even sleep you take your

Bible within 10 minutes you are gone Satan will have to supervise your sleep because if the word can enter you it's bad is for the devil because it's the word inside this is moving me to how you develop your faith you need to grow your faith your faith is little but you need to grow it how do you grow it number one the word Romans chapter 10 verse 17 is that faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing and hearing and hearing of the word of God listen if what you are thinking is faith is not born from the word of God is fake if your so called faith cannot be rooted in the scripture it is fake it is not faith faith must be born from the word of God the word of

[55 : 59] God that's why you have to expose yourself this one was written by men I don't have that kind of time to be wasting my time in trying to prove I don't have to prove God his powers in my life his work in my life will defend itself those people who try to fight for their God their God is not a wise God why would you why would you why would you employ a security officer you have to fight for football coach coach why would you sign on a player you have to go and replace on the field why will I worship a God I have to fight for what kind of God is that I have to kill people for that God God is telling you it's an idol it's not a God because idols can fight for themselves that's the truth that's the truth that's faith comes say faith comes faith comes

Romans 10 17 say faith comes faith comes shout faith comes faith comes I can hear you shout faith comes that means faith is not always resident because if faith comes if I say Nana come that means Nana is not here so if Nana said why would I say Nana come so if faith comes that means faith is not always there faith is always coming based on the word that is getting into you and he said faith comes by hearing and hearing of the word rise to your feet sister this morning testimony amazing testimony he said what's the problem I was just shivering and cold everywhere you were shivering and cold everywhere I couldn't stand I felt like I couldn't move I couldn't even hear myself just cold everywhere and strong pains in my stomach pain I was shivering everywhere pain and feeling cold everywhere and you couldn't pain in my stomach and in my back and what happened and so

I prayed with my K-Grip leader but I didn't feel any better so I put the message on before I laid down what did you do I put a message on what did you do I put a message on see you are watching EastEnders what kind of message bread of life bread of life is a message the title of the message is bread of life I preached it and you put it on at night and what happened and so I was listening to it throughout and through that I was able to sleep and you woke up and everything was just fine that's why when you come to church listen it's in your own interest in your own interest not coming to church doesn't affect not not you know what in the sunny you can wear winter coat does it affect the sun it doesn't affect the sun you can you can take off your coat and wear short sleeves or sleeveless something and shorts you know and some sandals be walking and you feel cool why because you enjoy the sun while you see somebody wearing the winter coat and a hat and scarf and gloves does it affect the sun not making it for church is actually at your own expense that's why I encourage you to come in car no I just I'm interested in your well-being but church is not like Tesco church is not like a shop where you want to be treated like a special customer customer service is wonderful it is the word service that you should focus on yes come on we are preaching she said she played the message over and over I don't understand why you are sick you really are sick in fact it is even worse when the doctors tell you they can't do anything about your situation it's serious when doctors said they can't do anything about our situation what would you do say okay then let me prepare to die why don't you find how that means try believe in God but me I only wait for doctors I always will believe God I always believe God what was your testimony that that thing is high what is it called

CRP was very high normally the regular the normal ratio of it lady the regular one is supposed to be what less than 10 less than 10 and yours was 195 how many of you know that's a serious situation what did you mean that something was swollen or something was it means that either there's an inflammation there's an inflammation in the body or an infection now even if it is 50 it's serious because the normal is 10 and you have gone more than 100 195 what 100% is 20 300 or 200% increase is 30 but your owner has gone more more about 1000% or whatever high and so she went for the blood test and they called her you need to come back to the hospital because the level is so high we need to do something about it if we have to check it again if it's that high we have to admit you and what did you say you remember the word the word that you said yes so you said that the blood of

[62 : 11] Jesus will cover me before I prayed for you I've been declaring that none of us will be hospitalized you I'm prophesying none of us will be hospitalized wait wait wait wait wait I'm coming I'm prophesying that none of us will be hospitalized Bramian Shepherds I'm prophesying none of us will be hospitalized can I finish now or I should continue none of us will be hospitalized wait wait you're sitting now amen I consent my brother my brother stop trying to impress us because we don't even know you are here may I say it in a very interesting way it's going to take your time the devil is a liar but I say it's a very interesting wait watch watch watch watch watch you don't matter when it comes to my receiving from God excuse me you don't matter you don't matter if we are in a boat and people are drowning and you choose to to be lying

I don't care I just need help she said and I've been saying that that none of us will be hospitalized you will not be hospitalized and she has been tapping into it tapping into it and so her faith has built based on that word when the doctors gave her bad news she said no I know I won't be hospitalized because I received that word I tap into that word she calls me I pray with her the blood of Jesus can bless you she goes back and the thing has dropped to 30 and I prophesy over your life that it is dropping to the normal state in the mighty name of Jesus so shall it be shall amen I take advantage of this atmosphere anybody who is sick here I profess your healing I profess your healing I release your healing

I release your miracle I release your healing in the name of Jesus shall Lord believe please sit down hmm hmm I have to finish now Anne Marie this morning's testimonies amazing testimonies Anne Marie said my friend put a message that is going to what what what what what did your friend say sorry he was going to commit suicide my wife was here announcing anything just go just go but I believe she was crying for help he was crying for help believing

God for help and what happened so I took a screenshot of it first and I asked him are you okay because and he didn't respond he didn't respond so then he didn't say anything and then you started sending him scriptures scriptures what scriptures or scriptures from my notebook from what do you get a notebook from from I take it to evening prayer so every time we are preaching you don't record anything you are sitting like a supervisor like not you he has a look look at your shoes look at your watch and is there is your notebook you have listen you have to what I don't understand is when a Christian tells you that when I open the Bible I don't know what to read one is the kind of pastor you have we must always everything we say in church we do in church must have strong reference from scripture not tradition scripture anything outside of scripture is a killer it will numb you and anesthetize you to the help of

God Satan is butchering you and you realize it because the scripture is not alive in you so you decided to be sending him scripture upon scripture and what happened and then he didn't reply that evening but you noticed that he had read them he read them because it shows you and then in the morning he actually he miscalled me so I was thinking okay I'll call him back but he didn't pick up and he called me at 730 and then he just said that oh my god like thank god I don't know what I'd have done you saved me I'm going back home to my wife and child and I was like and then he said anytime he comes to London he's going to come and visit the church that I come to why he sees me sharing sharing it on facebook things from church not Bob Bob Marley church cry cry cry you smoke you don't know the thing you are playing with the thing my friend you better turn that ring to know anything that will send God's word inside you is what you should pursue pursue things that will send God's word that is your only guarantee for tomorrow is the word because everything was created by the word and it took the word to sustain everything hebrews says that he sustains all things by the word of his power sharius

[68 : 05] I feel like preaching the word how does faith come the word that's why every church if you go to a church it's not just it's just music the music is nice music music my friend find somewhere you can get the word yes because they are killing you with just the music yes sir very soon we have to reduce the number the time of our music yes and every evening can you imagine for the past one today is day number 137 or five 37 from the beginning sister from the beginning of the year every day I'm preaching every evening I preach every evening every and we enjoy that's what she's been getting the notes from I'm not you can tell that when I'm preaching I'm just telling I'm not telling stories I don't have time for stories we must go into the word a wordless Christian is a very a very vulnerable Christian ineffectiveness in a Christian work is predicated on wordlessness your faith can only your faith can only work if the word is working in you

I'm ending now I have four points but I'll leave it I'll just end on this same faith comes by hearing if you want your faith to develop listen to the word tomorrow I'll continue it maybe this week or not Tuesday or something I'll continue if you want to develop your faith get into the word there's this woman who received one of the please one of the nicest testimonies in the bible she she had an issue of blood for 12 years if you if it's your season as a woman and you have the blood you are bleeding and you bleed more than one week some of us even three days say you're okay some of us four days say you're okay some five days depending on your your body system so but if you bleed for two weeks how many of you know it's a problem if you listen I can't shut up any woman here who has been bleeding irregularly

I terminate that irregularity in the name of Jesus in the name of Jesus and every woman any woman here who's you are not in menopause but you don't bleed maybe comes once every five months I command the cycle to become begin to bleed regularly and normally from now from now from now from now in the name of Jesus the woman was bleeding pastor bleeding for 12 years bleeding for 12 years she spent all her money but she could not get better bleeding and then when she said that Jesus was coming was coming and look sorry Mark chapter 5 verse 28 Bible says that she had for when she had what when what

I can't hear you let's read the first line read it out loud let's go when she had heard of Jesus is that how loud you can read it louder let's go when she had heard of Jesus how can they be saved unless they believe how shall they believe unless they hear how shall they accept the preacher faith comes by hearing what God can do for you is a function of his word you hear what you hear the woman heard of Jesus that's where her miracle started the miracle started when she heard of Jesus one day Paul was preaching in Acts chapter 14 verse 7 to 9 and there was a man at Lystra he was crippled in the leg he was crippled and he was listening

Bible says that and there sat a certain man at Lystra impotent in his feet being a cripple from his mother's womb who never had walked it's a serious problem go to the next verse and see the same talking on this man the same did what I can't hear you I can't hear you the same heard Paul preaching that's where the miracle started started from hearing the same heard Paul speaking who Paul now that's Paul who steadfastly beholding him and perceiving that the guy had faith for his healing why did he get the faith because he was hearing listening to Paul so as he was listening the faith was coming he was listening the faith was coming he was listening the faith was coming he was listening the faith was coming suddenly the faith was mature and Paul look at the man he saw that the man had faith to be healed because he must have seen some give me the check again he must have seen some things about the man hurry up hurry up my time is up hurry up this man was crippled in his feet and he was sitting there and no I think he wouldn't be sitting on a chair he was crippled and so as Paul was preaching then he got to a time he felt like

[73 : 50] I want to walk I want to walk I want to walk so I like this one listen to this and the same man who was preaching to him which brought the faith the same man said to him go to the next verse and then said with the loud voice Paul said stand upright on your feet and he lift and walk so the way he was listening brought faith when Paul saw he had faith to be healed Paul said Paul said and I'm saying to you you are not ending up in hospital I am saying to you you are not losing your job I'm saying to you you are not losing your marriage I'm saying to you you are not losing your money I'm saying to you help is coming to you I'm saying to you help is coming to you I'm saying to you help is coming to you in the name of Jesus if you believe in shout I believe I believe please be seated Mark at I head for preaching as you hear God's word some of us you have such a nice car but there's nothing worth of God in the car nothing even the music you play nothing glorifies God nothing nothing go to church you have iPad you have downloaded all kinds of music on your iPod on your phone and you play it always in your car at least download some preaching message hear the word you are going for hospital appointment you are going for an interview you are going to meet your father you have never seen in life and you are going play preaching let something enter you it's not it's not ideas that are getting into you it's God's powers

God's spirit is entering into you preaching is no ideas it's no idea the word is life that Jesus said John 6 63 he said the words that I speak to you are life and power and spirit the word is spirit so as you hear the word some of you the reason why you feel certain way you feel you feel like you can take on this challenge now you can take on yes because the word has entered spirit it's the spirit of God that's working on you listen I am not attempting to convince you I can't do that because you are too intelligent for me to convince I'm sending God's word into your spirit not into your mind into your

spirit and once it enters your spirit something begins to take place something Satan doesn't like it but you see what you are made up of the word I prophesy over your life that your days of unending afflictions are over your days of sorrow are over your days of constant setbacks are over in the name of

Jesus so shall he be somebody shout amen you receive something lift up your right hand high everybody bow your head begin to pray Lord I trust you pray about the situation in your life pray about it begin to pray pray Lord I put my confidence in you I trust in you I shall not be put to shame my help is in your name my help is in your name my help is in your name begin to pray pray pray for yourself pray for yourself say Lord I believe in you I'm going to move by faith I'm going to put my confidence in you because my help is in you concerning this case around my life concerning the situation in my life concerning this issue that sorrows brings me sorrow and worries me and disturbs me thank you Lord

I receive grace I receive grace to build my faith in Jesus name please bow your head you are here you want to say pastor put your hands down please maybe you are here you want to say I want to I'm about to close now my time is up but you are here you want to say pastor pray with me I need you to pray with me because I want to start afresh with Jesus I want to be a man of faith I know God is talking to me I want to be a woman of faith pastor please pray with me I want to give my life to Jesus I want to start afresh with Jesus I want to be born again if that is your genuine prayer please slip up your right hand so I can sit and pray with you slip it up God bless you as you do that slip it up so I can sit and pray with you you want to say pastor pray with me I want to start afresh with Jesus I want to be born again I want to give my life to Jesus I want to invite Him to be my Lord and my Savior because my time has come.

I'm ready to walk by faith. If that is your journey prayer, lift up your hand quickly. It's personal. It's not got anything to do with others. It's between you and God. And if you are here to, maybe you have done that before but you have backslided. You have lost fellowship with Jesus and you want to rededicate your life. You want to, you've been born again once, you've done it before but you know that you are not in a good relationship with Jesus. You want to rededicate your life to Jesus. [79 : 21] You need to lift up your right hand. By faith. Lift up your right hand. The woman used her hair to wipe the feet of Jesus and Jesus tells you, this is faith. This is faith and bless her. Your time has come. Lift up your hand quickly so I can pray with you. God bless you. God bless you my brothers and sisters. Lift up your two hands as we pray as a son of surrender. Say this to me.

Say after me to God. Say Lord Jesus. Thank you for dying on the cross to save me. I know I'm a sinner and you died to save me. I ask you to forgive me for my sins. From today I make a commitment that I will save you.

I dedicate my entire life to you. I invite you into my heart to be my Lord and my Savior. I will save you. I will walk with you.

Take joy in my life. Thank you Lord. Satan, get behind me. I don't belong in your camp again. I am a child of God. Wash by the blood.

In Jesus name. Amen. Father, I thank you so much for these precious brothers and sisters. They heard your word. They heard your voice. And by faith, they took the step to embrace you.

[80 : 34] I pray over their lives that their heavens will remain open. I pray over their lives that they will grow stronger in their faith and in their work with you. And major testimonies will begin to manifest through their lives.

I give you praise in Jesus name. Amen. Hallelujah. Thank you for listening. For more resources, please visit caries.org or call us on 0207-740-9960.

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