Living Faith

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[0:00] Hallelujah. We thank God you've tuned into this message by David Entry at Caris Church. No hand can help you with the fulfillment of your destiny, but the Word of God. May God's hand align you further into your destiny through this Word.

If the just shall live by faith, I need us to get this very clear. It is very easy to think faith is an idea. Okay, okay, that's your opinion.

Hey, faith is not an opinion. Faith is not an ideology. Faith is not an idea. Faith is not a theological or philosophical supposition.

Faith is not an idea. Faith is not information. Faith, actually, watch this, faith is an act.

Faith is action based on a word from God. So two things that define faith. First of all, what gives birth to faith is a word from God.

[1:07] If there is no word from God, you don't have faith. It might be faith. It might be faith, but not faith. You don't have faith.

If it is not based on a word one head, it is not the faith we are talking about. For instance, we found out, we read in the book of Romans, verse chapter 4, 17.

Bible says that Abraham, talking about Abraham, that it is written, I have made you a father of many nations. In the presence of him, who he believes, God, who gives life to the dead and calls the things which do not exist as though they did.

The next verse says that, who Abraham, talking about Abraham, this is the key where I'm going. Who, contrary to hope, King James says against hope. In hope, in hope, against hope, believed in hope.

That he might be, watch this, he might be, he might become the father of many nations. That is where faith came in. According to, so his believing was not just out of the blue.

Okay, what, what can I, okay, what can I try? All right, all right. No, no, no. His believing was according. On the basis of what was said.

That which was spoken. Where does faith come from? Comes from hearing what has been spoken. If you are, no one is preaching it, preach it yourself to yourself.

Bible says, the woman with the issue of blood, for she said to herself. Her condition, Mark chapter 5. Her condition couldn't afford to wait for a preacher.

For, Matthew chapter 9, verse 7. He said, for she said to herself. She said to herself. Faith comes by something that has been spoken.

So, Bible says that. Faith comes by hearing. Abraham had the faith. Oh, let me put it this way.

[3:27] Abraham had the audacity. At that age. At that age. That's madness.

Baris Salaam. Clear, clear cut madness. At that age. You, you, you want to have a child?

No. He didn't want to have a child. He didn't want to have a child. He heard the word that said, you are going to have a child. God. A word came.

And he, Bible says that. He chose to believe the word. Against all other options. Against all odds. He chose that I'm going to believe this word.

And so, his faith was born by a word he heard. He said that according to that which was spoken. You can't afford to exclude yourself.

[4:24] From being in a place where you hear the word of God coming. It's too risky for what God can do in your life. It may give Satan a field day in your life.

Why? Because God, there are things God wants to do. But as we heard in the previous sessions. He will not just do it because, because someone wants him to do it.

Because someone is in need, then God must do something. God, where are you? Do something. God, where are you? Do something. He said, I'm waiting. I watch over my word to perform it. Give me a word. Stand on my word.

Hold on to my word. If I said it, it's settled. God says it and it settles it. And so, Abraham heard a word. One of the reasons why when we come to church, you have to minimize, determine that distractions will be minimum in your life.

The word of God can only be received by somebody whose heart is open to God in reverence. So, if there is reverence, you won't allow other things to cheaply.

[5:33] Some distractions are unavoidable. Some are intentional. Some, you actually go and bring it on yourself. Do you know why?

Bible says Satan put it in the heart of Judas. Sometimes, when you are getting close to your testimony, Satan will just trap you.

Satan made David count the people, number the people of Israel. So, Satan. David, don't do it. God has told him, stay on this track. One day, Satan moved the heart of David.

He provoked his heart to number the Israelites. Something that he shouldn't have done. Satan inspired him. Satan triggered it. Satan moved him.

In the same way, Satan moved Judas. Yes. Now, Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. Satan did it. Satan entered the heart of Judas.

[6:30] Come, go. Go and have discussions with the enemies of Jesus. Go. Tune into their online shows. Talk. Say something. Say something. Comment. Satan moved their heart.

So, Satan can move your heart. And it will not be clear that it's Satan. You might think, oh, I just thought. I just thought. Let me just, let me just. Yeah, let me just check what's going on.

Because I know they just had elections there. And you mean in church service? When the word of God is coming, you are surfing. That's why you keep staying on the surface.

Because you keep surfing. You can't dive deep. Abraham had faith according to that which was spoken.

And the Bible didn't keep us in the dark about what was spoken. So shall thy seed be. That was the word.

[7:35] They took him out. God showed him the heavens. And he said, you see the skies? So a childless man. A childless man. And he's now too old.

He's gone past the stage of childbearing. When he was healthy and active, he produced Ishmael. God said, I don't like this one. In fact, initially, watch this.

He suggested that my wife cannot have a child. And because my wife cannot have a child, it means I cannot have a child. And so he said, chapter 15, Genesis.

A lazer of Damascus shall be my heir. God said, don't say that. Because one from your own loins. What God didn't say is one from your wife's womb.

It's said from your own loins. But legitimately, it implies with your wife. Then the wife in Genesis 16 came to him. It says that God said it's from your loins.

[8:36] Let's make use of your loins. So the wife gave recommendations and referrals. And Abraham and the wife, like Ananias and Sapphira, they agreed to do it, to help God so God doesn't look bad.

And it worked. And so finally, somebody has come from my loins. God, thank you. God, where are you? God, thank you. God went silent. God, thank you.

I can't see you, God. For 13 years, God went silent because you did what he didn't ask you to. And God said, okay, I'll wait. So God waited. When Abraham was 99 years and everything had shut down.

Everything had shut down. Then God came back to him and said, you shall have a seed. He said, God told him, so shall thy seed be. And then Abraham, according to Romans chapter 4, Abraham believed God.

And it was accounted to him for righteousness. And so at that age, he was able to have a child because of what he heard God say.

[9:47] At that age, he was past having children because his body was naturally dead. And that was things taking its natural course.

Without interruptions and interference. Things have taken, and they have all accepted it. I believe that his body was dead around 85 or 80.

So potentially around 85. Let's even take it further. Around 90. It's gone. Then God waited 99.

Then God came at a time when there is complete darkness. Because God still oppraised the system of post-tenebrous lacks.

After darkness, light will come. I don't know who I'm talking to. But after darkness, light will come. Stay with God. Stay with God. Look at how Jesus puts it in the book of John.

[10:44] He said, as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. John 8, 12. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Jesus is saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness, but he shall have the light of life. So if you can stay with Jesus, post-tenebrousness, last.

Light will certainly come at the end of that darkness you're going through. I don't know who I'm preaching to, but I believe I have a word for somebody's marriage. I have a word for somebody's finances.

I have a word for somebody's ministry. I have a word for somebody's business. There shall be light. Light is coming. Light is coming. That is the word. God will wipe your tears away.

And light will dawn. And testimony will come. If you believe, he shall hear slow. Yes, Lord. Please be seated. So, Abraham.

[11:42] Abraham definitely had a word. That's where his faith came from. It wasn't because he had determined, I'm not going to have a child. But when he had finished, God comes to him.

He said, look. Look at this. This is how you're. And Abraham said, oh, okay. I believe it. Abraham believed it. and so even though his body was dead he did not stagger at the promise of god so things were looking negative around him but he still held on to the promise of god he said things can shake the promise of god will not shake in my heart god is too faithful to say faith bible said faithful is he who collect you who also will do it faithful is he who has promised who also will do it i don't know what satan has picture satan has showed you it's all false and fake whatever satan has showed you god's truth supersedes it faith when we talk about christian faith we are not talking about assumptions presumptions ideologies faith is none of these but faith actually is action based watch this based born by a word from god so you saw the scriptures we read bible says in hyptical chapter 11 that by through faith but that's verse 2 the elders the elders by it the it there is faith for initially said now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen then he says what for by it by so faith is the instrumental cause of their testimony it's not their connections it's not their miserable state god if you can do something if someone came to jesus he was so the man was so down down not many many of us can imagine could happen to us he was very down down down down down down down down down he tried the disciples of jesus they couldn't help and even made the situation downer yeah so when jesus came he brought his hand he brought his hand mark chapter 9 from verse 21 he told jesus this is the situation of my son every now and day demon tries to put him in fire and he's trying to kill him then he added a statement the verse 22 he said he said often it throws him down into the fire and all that but if you can do anything have compassion with and please help me oh god look at how i'm suffering god i don't have a job god no one wants to marry me i don't have a one to marry god they are throwing me out of my hands oh god listen that doesn't guarantee answer a job you are being employed to do something and what they are looking for is your competence when it comes to god and you want god to do something for you your miserable state is not what moves god first is your knowledge your basis on his words what you are claiming for him to do do you have any word reason i have faith i have faith yeah okay faithful what paul was preaching he saw that the man had faith for not for prosperity faith has a target faith is is going some way so he said he had faith to be healed some of you here i can see faith for church growth is growing some faith for doing well in your exam is growing some faith for financial breakthrough is growing there are people here faith for healing is growing

faith for your marriage is growing faith for your business to break through is growing faith is raising faith for something faith paul saw this man had faith to be healed faith the faith he had is for him to be healed paul reacted to the man's faith to be healed why before the faith came the man was listening to god's word he was listening to he was at the faith camp oh i can't wait to see the kind of testimony you are about to share after faith camp like this after faith camp like this so shall he be please sit down let me just quickly round through this point so by it the elders obtained a good report you will also obtain a good report then he goes on to talk to us in the verse 4 about enoch sorry abel and what did he say look at that let's see let's read the first line to god okay let's read let's go go one more time one more time for the last time tell me faith is thinking is wishing he did something he did he did abel did abel did the next one felt like he didn't do anything bible said by faith enoch was translated that one he didn't do anything right but bible says that before he was translated he had the testimony that he pleased god and then by said then that's where first six comes he says that but without faith we know that it's not possible for whoever comes to god must believe that he is and he's terrible so he took some steps coming to god and god was so pleased by his steps that god chose to translate him so really he was translated by god by the instrumental cause was faith and not just faith a faith that had legs faith that was moving action faith action your faith if it doesn't have life is fake faith must have life it must move it must do something so if you say you have faith how can we can't see any action in mark chapter 2 verse 5 and when jesus saw their faith ah can you see an idea you can't see an idea if faith is an idea then you can't see it but this one when jesus saw their faith in luke chapter 5 verse 20 when jesus saw their faith faith so it was faith at work the faith that works is the faith at work faith that works must be faith at work oh i believe i believe i believe so what are you doing yeah yeah so what are you doing then that's no faith verse 7 by faith noah is there hebrews chapter 11 by noah moved with godly fear the movement is what the faith was connoted so by faith when he was warned

he didn't see that oh god you are all-powerful don't let you happen no he moved because he was warned he moved verse 8 by faith abraham obeyed how did he how did his obedience play out he went out these are actions actions bible says that he verse 9 by faith he sojourned by faith he dwelt he did something then verse 11 said by faith sarah herself received strength to come in why because she judged god when you are judging somebody the actions you take will tell us how you trust the person you can't say i trust him and then you are there no you will do some things you will do some things you will do some things so sarah herself he just she judged god faithful and through faith the king james uses true faith for sarah but all the rest by faith by faith he used true faith for the elders obtained a good report but the rest said by faith by faith by faith by faith by faith and guess what in the verse 17 by faith abraham offered isaac offering is an expression of faith never desire that in the church you will be seen as a donor people who give by faith are not donors no no no when it comes to church god's work you're giving it's not about just you being a nice person you like giving you are a man of faith your your devotion your worship is full of confidence in god by faith is someone learning something by faith abel that's verse 19 by faith abraham 17 sorry by faith abraham offered isaac verse verse 20 he brings isaac him isaac was blessing by faith that this thing will work he invested his strength into this boy knowing that it's work jacob also by faith jacob also by faith jacob was 20 20 was by faith jacob when he was dying he he blessed both of joseph's sons they were not born within his territory and i was jesus they were born in egypt these are kind of almost egyptian boys he blessed them so that they were they were integrated into the into the and grafted into the covenant community he just did it knowing that god will honor his word he blessed them by faith so you see verse 8 talks about abraham verse 9 talks about abraham verse 11 talks about sarah verse 17 talks about abraham verse 20 talks about isaac verse 21 talks about jacob verse 22 talk about joseph by faith joseph when he was dying he gave commandments by faith he did something by faith and then verse 23 talks about the parents of moses by faith moses this is not about this is not moses by his parents by faith moses when he was born was hit who hid him his parents three months because they thought that this one is a good boy moses parents hid him then when it comes to 24 moses himself by faith he did three things by faith bible says that by by faith the first thing he did was to refuse by faith by faith he refused by faith he refused by faith he refused verse 25 by faith he he refused and he was chosen 26 esteeming so by faith chose refusing esteeming but all these are the actions of faith then verse 27 says he forsook egypt by faith moses did something so why is it why is this faith that you have that doesn't do anything faith must be an actual faith

by faith he forsook egypt not fearing the king's wrath what what are you talking about by faith he kept the passover fight by faith they crossed the red sea by faith the walls of jericho verse 30 the walls came down by faith because what what did they do for the walls to come down they shouted people will be laughing you are these are these mad people marching and shouting marching and shouting all these shout shout shout give that seven days faith will bring this wall down i don't know what wall of jericho has been built against your life but i know that that faith your faith action of faith your action faith your action faith your action faith is about to bring that wall of jericho down your action faith is about to tear that wall down if you believe in sharemen by faith rahab 31 by faith rahab did not perish when she had received so she received the spice by faith these are spice you why are you receiving them what if they turn what what if they turn on you so it wasn't more about the strangers but it was more about her business and her imprisonment or execution for accommodating spice and the king sends information and she lies to the king and said they are not here that was very risky so she risked her entire life by faith but when you take a step by faith faith people are saying that everything is a risk faith is a faith is not a risk faith is an assurance it's an evidence substance of things so it's not a risk if you don't step out in faith you are actually at a risk by faith then bible run out of pages to add so verse 32 he just what more shall we say that will not fail that will fail me to talk about gideon talk about barack talk about samson talk about jephthah talk about david talk about samuel and of the prophets now who through faith subdue kingdom rot righteousness obtain promises stop the mouth of lion quench the violence of fire escape the edge of the stone out of weakness were made strong what valiant in fight tend to flight the enemies of the aliens women received their death i mean he said the list goes on do you know why he said the list goes on because you are the continuation what do you mean i mean we are the continuation the bible says in the verse 40 these were all made were not made having provided a better thing for us that day without us should not be made now perfect that day without us should not be made sure that that means complete their story is not finished without your parts that is called in the bible the chapter of faith theologians call it the hall of faith it is only people who have attained some level there are no halls of miracle workers check your there's no chapter dedicated for miracle workers peter didn't appear here there is no chapter dedicated for people who did miracles dedicated for people who did sacrifices dedicated for people who obeyed god if your obedience if your sacrifice if your move if your miracle is not directly linked if your prophecy is not directly linked to an action of faith say we don't need you because this whole thing when you look at the old testament everything god has been doing all the people god used much as his spirit came upon them they also had faith to work by faith so they are not complete

[28:05] without you because you are next in line so that means set you are certain's target to block you from working by faith that's why you can't afford to surround yourself with naysayers doubt is 12 10 out of 12 said it cannot be done yeah two god has never been a god of the majority with god majority doesn't come doesn't doesn't uh carry the vote with god majority with god faith with god faith carries so even if you are one and you are a woman of faith a man of faith in your entire family that that oh hey am i speaking to some people of faith am i speaking to a man of faith am i speaking to a woman of faith in james chapter 2 verse 14 faith what do you mean by what what does he promise you brother profit you though a man say i have faith and does not have works can faith save him now this is when he said can faith save him he's trying to say that that's what he's calling faith is not faith because real faith is work yes so when he said i have faith i don't but no works it's okay let me tell you the difference what you have faith what you are saying is just west is the works and west just the west no there's a difference between faith talk yeah and just mere words because faith if you have faith this is faith okay somebody else come this is faith this is talk without faith when you have faith you speak but you can speak without faith yeah you can profess faith without possessing faith there are people and if you possess faith you can be quiet because faith by nature speaks faith by nature acts so a faith that can act is fake yeah a faith that cannot speak is faith okay pastor why are you seeing fake bible didn't say fake let me tell you what the bible says in the verse 26 verse 26 for us the body without the spirit is dead so faith without works is dead it means it's non-existent there are people walking around thinking they have faith but they are fake it's non-existent if it's existence it should deliver yeah and before it delivers people will see it people will see your action do you understand that anybody around you who will see your faith or hear your faith there's something you'll be doing faith is a reality yeah and so you can't even deny it so you watch this you can't even say you can't die in faith in verse 13 hebrew chapter 11 it said these don't all died in faith having not seen and having not received their promise but having seen them as far they saw us today they saw what god can do with us they saw it as far didn't jesus say abraham desire to see my days john chapter 8 8 54 abraham desire to see my day and he saw it and was glad that's why the

people have a problem you are not yet you are you are not yet 50 years old and you you

have seen abraham it is

he i've seen abraham said abraham saw my days abraham didn't see him abraham didn't see him but he saw his days abraham was living in the promise of god so much that so long as he's concerned faith cannot disappoint because faith means i've got it now if this is elder zay you can never tell me that elder zay didn't come to church it's too late because i stood by him i held him i i used him as an example so he's here you can no faith is the substance how can your faith be disappointed when you have already received the substance it doesn't manifest that's why we don't walk by by sight it does it hasn't manifested yet but so long as you are concerned you have experienced it so when you begin to talk people around you who don't understand the language of god the language of god is faith in this people who don't understand faith in this as you speak faith in this they are wondering what are you saying what are you saying like he went to the doctors he said you can do your test i'm getting out of here because i know i don't have it i can't have it i'm telling you okay we'll give you the resources to this i know the results already and if eventually they realize he was right but when he was speaking his faith in these they thought this guy is very funny let's see what will happen oh yeah yeah let's see your enemies will say we shall see all this yabby yabby yabby let's see what to become of you oh let them keep seeing let them keep waiting let them keep waiting because your faith will not let you down what your faith will not let you down that means even if you don't see it happen as you expected it you have already received it you walk in the reality of it that's why you cannot be disappointed because you walk in the reality of it you talk it you you you you sing it you it is your reality how dare anyone tell you that you cannot be married it's too late because you are already married yeah hey hey hey where's africans i'm not talking about mommy water i'm not talking spiritually married people are spiritual married no that's not what i'm talking about i'm talking about you are already married because your marriage has happened you have found yourself in scripture and your your faith is in your scripture and so long as you are concerned it's just waiting for a time i love what pastor will said he says that we are not waiting for a man to come or something like that we are waiting on the lord we are waiting on the not a man is somebody getting something next year not so sorry i'm sorry i'm sorry next year is too far from now from now from now from now you are about to turn out results results that are supernatural in nature hallelujah faith must be expressed he said verse 17 of james chapter 2 this is a very scary one verse 17 of james chapter 2 that's also faith by itself if it doesn't have work it's dead faith by what's the meaning of faith alone faith that is alone

we are saved by solar faith alone but not faith that is alone because the saving faith has actions you remember the story of the woman syrophonician woman matthew chapter 15 verse 26 that was or 22 21 that was it's a longer one but i came to jesus said my daughter is sick can you do something can you have mercy and and help us and jesus said i was not i was sent back to the lordship of the house of israel and the woman said even the dogs that she came and worshiped him and said jesus said i cannot give the children's meat to the dogs and she said even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall when the children you know when children eat some of four yeah some of you when you were children none fell like i can't tell that none fell you swallowed everything i like some who fell and he says that even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall at it that this woman is well and jesus said what jesus said oh great great is what what is faith then her actions her statements jesus will say she will say back he says to say because she has confidence in jesus that this man will do it jesus can do it jesus can do it so so the woman knew that jesus can do it so jesus speaks jesus said i'm not ready she said my faith is ready i know you are not ready but i'm ready because i know you can do it jesus said i've not seen such great faith go and look at what jesus said i've never seen oh great is your faith let it be unto let it be to you as you did not as i've been saying as you desire because the faith operating was such great faith god says you be according to your desire blind bati miles jesus was passing in mark chapter 10 verse 20 40 46 that was he was screaming screaming screaming screaming some of you are so gentle you're too gentle you're too gentle for a certain radical miracle you have to have an attitude that don't stop until my faith has hit the room don't stop don't stop don't stop let let bombard me god bombard me with raymond let the road let the work come let the work come let the work come give me more lord give me more love give me more love i need faith i need strong faith i need wild faith oh yeah blind bati miles was screaming jesus jesus people said excuse me excuse me this noise pollution is too much but he said really you don't know what i'm looking for he changed gears higher third dimension he he cried out the more jesus said this the more can't cry i cannot overlook it he stopped watch this jesus stopped he said call him for me they called him they said then they who were telling him to shut up were calling and do you know what they said be of good cheer be of good cheer right he is calling you who me yes and then when blind batty miles came look at what happened he tried government these are all actions of faith he came to jesus a blind man coming to jesus

he he i knew he would have said someone help me help me if you are wasted i leave you who can help me he leaves you who can help me you can help me you are not serious okay help me i'm not waiting for anybody it's not over until your faith ends as long as your faith is still in place the better part of the story is here to be told best part the woman came and pressed mark chapter 5 press from behind and she said if i can touch the hem of his candle she touched him and immediately jesus took because he felt virtue has left him she says that who touched me she was afraid because she knew what she did it can have certain implications implications negative implications in the society because she was a woman with an issue of blood and when in the time of blood flow you don't go into public and be touching rabbis you are contaminating them so you can't touch them in fact you have to stay away from people because you are unclean but she risked it because she said i've got i've got to take my miracle today and jesus said who touched me she was hiding and when she realized she couldn't hide anymore she said it's me and she told him the whole truth the whole truth the whole truth and the best best 34 jesus said daughter daughter your faith daughter your faith is what has done this your faith but what did she do which jesus calls faith those actions is not sitting down god with it i'm sure there was somebody else waiting he'll come to me if he's a man of if you're a true man of god he will come to me he will come to me he'll come to me yes blind by t-miles in verse 52 of a match after 10 he said your faith he just said to me go your way your faith has made you what did he do all those actions you say you have faith please stop talking about it show by your actions and show by your faith confessions sure by us don't i'm a man of faith let people find out by your actions and by your language because faith that doesn't have actions is not faith it it doesn't deliver anything it doesn't do squat there are days where you have to wait for hands to be laid on you for your healing those days you have to choose that you can't wait for those days don't let don't wait laying on of hands is important but it's not always that hands might be laid on you there are times faith must just deliver and even when hands are laid on you it's at the mercy of faith yeah yeah yeah yeah paul observed the man and seeing that he had faith to be healed he saw the man he was preaching on lystera acts chapter 14 from verse 7 and 8 he looked at the man he saw the man the man must have done something for paul to see because he said this this this man had paul speaking paul observing him intensely and seeing that he had faith. So what did he see?

Because if faith is an idea, you can't see it. Faith is an action. So he saw the man doing something. He's never worked. But he saw the man starting.

[44:17] He started. And Paul was not preaching on healing. The pure word carries the faith to deliver anything. Don't wait for us to preach prosperity before you have faith for prosperity.

Paul saw. Paul saw. So Paul didn't finish his preaching. The man interrupted him because faith was at work. He stopped the preaching and started working with faith.

Check your Bible. Paul didn't finish preaching. He observed. Then Paul stopped the preaching and focused on the man and started having one on one with him.

He said to him. Then Paul said to him, stand up on your feet. But he's never worked. Why are you saying that? Because sin is going to... I can see faith to be healed so he can walk then.

The man that God saw that there is faith to be healed. I didn't even know what the man of God has seen. Because the man of God is a trader in the word of God which generates faith. He said, rise up.

[45:28] He told him, stand up to your feet. Paul said to him with a loud voice, stand up! Straight away on your feet. And the man leaped.

Without physio. He started working. He started... I see somebody's destiny beginning to work. Oh, your amen is an expression of your faith.

Areas of faith expressions are venues where faith expressions can happen easily. Number one, in the area of your devotion to God, your commitment to the things of God is classic areas where action faith can be seen.

Classic area, avenues of greater expressions of faith. Avenues of greater expression of action faith.

Avenues. Avenues. Areas. Number one, your devotion to God. Your commitment to the work of God. That is what has brought me where I am.

[46:35] That's what has given me access to speak the word of God to you. My faith has always been expressed in my extreme unyielding devotion to the things of God.

So I don't have... My faith is not just for receiving money, receiving things. My faith, first of all, is expressed in my commitment and devotion to the things of God.

Whether by life or by death. Whether it will bring fame or it will bring assaults. My commitment to the work of God.

Your commitment to the... Your devotion to God, it procures covenant blessings. So your devotion to God is through His work. Some of us, there's no commitment to God's work.

Zero commitment. A half-hearted commitment. When the going gets tough, you quit. You join the choir. You think it's just about singing.

[47:36] Little did you know that it's full of rehearsals. A woman of faith, Sunday morning, you are still in bed. You are saying, I've had a long week.

I've not had a long week. See, if you are willing to pay the price, God will open the door for a price for you. Faith is hard work, not cheap talk. Hard work.

Faith is hard work. So your devotion to the things of God. Some of you, I can tell that your tomorrow, with all today that has happened, if you are not careful, your faith will be betrayed by the time you get to church.

Yeah. Devotion to His work, God, His work, His servants, and His people. Your commitment to God's servant matters.

Paul said, in Acts chapter 16, Priestly Aquila, they laid their neck down for me. He said to the Philippian church, Philippian chapter 4, when I was in Thessalonica, you sent for my aid, me, me, me.

[48:43] He spoke about Onesiphorus in 2 Timothy chapter 1, that he cared about me. He sought out from verse 13. He sought out from me, took care of me.

He didn't say church, me. And he said, may God have mercy upon him and his household because of how he took care of me. Because I live for their assignment.

The Shunammite woman said, I want to prepare a chamber for this holy man of God. Your commitment, your faith expression is always reflected in your commitment to God's work, your commitment to God's servant.

One you know is genuinely serving God. And your commitment to God's people you love to be a blessing to the people of God. That's faith. Give God the chance to see your faith in action in this avenue.

Number two avenue, quickly. Number two avenue is financial commitment. covenant. It's expressed in area of covenant practices.

[49:46] What are covenant practices? Like tithes and offerings. They are covenant practices. If you understand the covenant of God, you walk in it. You don't have to, you don't need someone to be checking on you.

Covenant practices. Remain consistent. Your offerings, your tithes, these are basic covenant practices. That tells us your faith.

When we come to church and it's time for offering, it's time for someone to put faith in action. Exercise your faith. Every time, every time. And sometimes your level of giving tells us your status in faith.

Your giving is a photograph of your faith. Covenant practices when it comes to finances. And then kingdom investment programs. Kingdom projects.

When it comes to, that is where you force God to manifest in your finances. Most people want God to manifest in their finances simply because they are in need.

[50:44] Your dreams. That there wouldn't be anybody poor in life. God will just be showing up. No. Jesus said, the poor you always have with you.

Everywhere you go, you find poor people. Because there are people who will not practice covenant. God reacts financially in people's financial state based on their financial commitments and steps of faith in finances.

Never forget this. Never forget this. So, and faith seeds. So, I'm talking about covenant, commitment, kingdom, investment, and faith seeds.

Oh, I'm a man of faith seeds. Some of you, you are so dry of seed faith. When was the last time you sowed a special seed into somebody's life? That I want to sow this seed in your wedding.

I want to sow this seed because of the word I heard from you. Because of some, I want to sow this seed. It's not offering, it's not tithe, it's not kingdom project, but I'm sowing a seed believing God into your life. And let me give you the last one.

[51:46] So, the avenues of greater faith expressions, number one, devotion to God, number two, financial commitment, number three, in your areas of your personal challenges. like your health, your family life, your career, educational business, and ministry.

These are areas of your personal challenges where you step out by faith to see God at work. You want to get married? Stop trying to hunt men down. Engage in faith.

Pastor, how do I go about? Keep serving and settle in your heart that God will serve you. God will take care of what must be taken care of. All this complaining and complaining, everywhere you are, people can hear, you are like a bamboo bee.

You are that? Bamboo bee. Somebody got it now. Now, the faith message is changing into church life. That's my calling.

I'm a church builder. Yeah. If you are walking by faith and it cannot be seen, it's only for your stomach. Come on.

[52:56] What kind of faith is this? Because when God gives you instructions, it's usually for His agenda first. And your blessing is in alignment with His agenda. So if I don't teach you God's agenda for you to bring your life, seek ye first, not your kingdom, the kingdom of God.

Many of us are seeking our own kingdom in the name of faith. My God. Hey. So, personal challenges like your health, step out in faith.

Remember, point B on that, your family life. Some of us, your child, your child is at the concern for you. Believe God. Start confessing the word. Trust God.

This, your child will be able to add one to one and have two and not 28. Your 12-year-old child, when you ask Him, what is two plus three?

He said, 23. And you are wondering, where is this coming from? Because the mom is so brilliant. Their dad is so intelligent.

[53:59] Where God, they say that, did we not sow good seeds? Good seeds. Where did these seeds come from? that what they say is family sickness, the cancer that is jumping from member to member.

Believe God that it stops. Take action, faith. Take steps. Don't say, I have faith, and you are sitting there, I have faith, I have faith, I have faith.

Show it. Act it. Act it. Get the word, and act on the word. Personal challenges things like your finances. Things are collapsing.

The little left. I think that a gentleman gave a testimony. He said that day when he came, he's being paid from his previous job. He emptied everything. And the thing started speaking.

You are so calculative. Until I know what they are doing with their money, I won't give. You don't have to give. You are now charity commission in church.

[55:04] Listening to all kinds of madness. Madness who are agents of the devil to ruin church lives.

Check people who listen to them and follow them. Check the quality of your Christian life. After following them, do before and after. You know that thing? Before and after. You know, some women, they do gym, and then before and after.

You should do before and after. You are just canna, and you are using words to embellish your canality. To endorse, to glorify carnality. Let's call carnality what it is.

Call a spade a spade. I've been in church longer than you. You! I've been in church longer than you. Never have I had church hurt. Never! But I've been through all kinds.

Relationships, different things will come. You'll be disappointed. Someone will offend you. Someone, someone you may even feel this way. The way he talks to me is bullying me. He's abusing me. But what's church hurt? Manipulative statement, bullish statement to intimidate and bully people.

[56:11] Since you started following such people, what has it done to your Christian life? You used to go for outreach, you stopped. You used to read your Bible every day, you stopped. You used to wake up to pray, you stopped. You used to be the preacher.

Now, you are in the class back. How did that happen? You started listening to mad people who are agents of the devil coming like they are coming to help you in your well-being.

Meanwhile, they are coming to build carnality in your life. Look at you. Where has it taken you? You used to have peace in your home. Now, look at you. Look at you.

When you were walking by faith, see how things were building for you. See how things were building for you. I want to talk to somebody. You have run out of church. Come back to church. You are not happy.

You are miserable. I can tell. You are miserable. You are miserable. You know things are going down. Sis, sis, come back home. Come back home. And personal challenges in the area of your ministry.

Yeah. Sir, don't give up. Don't lose heart. Ministry is fraught with challenges. But when you work with God, you always overcome.

Yeah. God ministry is God's personal interest. When you work with Him, sir, you will not be left behind. You will see challenges, but you overcome challenges.

How do you overcome? Still work by faith. Keep moving. Organize the prayer meetings. Organize the Bible studies. Keep doing, organize the outreaches.

Keep going. Keep going. Keep going. Keep going. Because your labor in the Lord is never in vain. Pastor, I know sometimes you are so down because it looks like church is not working.

but I'm telling you, just walk in faith and see God show up. If we are going to take the revival further, we have to build our faith stronger.

[58:22] Build your faith. Don't just live an ordinary life because you have an extraordinary mission. You can't live an ordinary life.

You are the one who has the X factor. You got it. So work by faith. Make a choice.

It's a choice. It's not a wish. It's a choice. We heard Pastor all talking. A measure of faith has already been given. You have it.

I see testimonies. I see testimonies. I see testimonies. Be blessed.

Be blessed.