

# Faith Seminar Day 1 - Understanding The Power Of Faith

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Praise the Lord. It's my joy, my honor, my privilege, myself and my wife for us to be here this night. Every time we come, something has changed around here.

A very strong spirit of excellence. And I want to commend the leadership, Pastor David, all of the pastors, God bless you richly in the name of Jesus. I also want to recognize again all of the great men of God that are here.

God bless every one of you and honor you in the name of Jesus Christ. I believe that indeed, every one of us will move from faith to faith. Something definite must change in every one of our lives in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

[ 1 : 20 ] For a few years now, having met Pastor David, he has been a blessing in many ways. I don't go many places. This is the second invitation I've taken this year.

But he commands me from time to time. He has a way of moving things in the spirit to make sure that I'm here. And I'm grateful for the association, for the friendship.

And I believe, God, that you haven't seen anything yet. God is still going to move you higher. In Jesus' name. Hallelujah. Lord, speak to us.

In Jesus' name. This conference has been themed from faith to faith. So, very obviously, the subject is faith.

Which means very obviously, what I'm going to share about is faith. And the title of what I want to start with tonight is understanding the power of faith.

[ 2 : 26 ] Because until anything is understood, it cannot be appreciated. And until it is appreciated, it cannot be profitably engaged.

So, understanding is the starting point in the journey. Now, the Bible said in Colossians 1 verse 9, it said, I pray that you be filled with the knowledge of the will of God in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

What's wisdom? What's wisdom? Knowing what to do. But understanding is having a working knowledge of what you do. And the Bible tells us that it is not enough to know what to do.

You need a working knowledge. You need understanding. Spiritual understanding. And that is why the subject of faith, among other things, requires a depth of understanding.

Why? Because the entire Christianity is called defeat. Which means if you don't understand faith, Christianity is bankrupt. Are you listening to me?

- [ 3 : 35 ] Your experience as a Christian is determined by faith. So, Proverbs says, in all you're getting, make sure you get understanding. Make sure you get understanding.
- Make sure that you acquire understanding. Praise God. And it's important, the Bible says in the book of 1 Timothy chapter 3 verse 9, it said, holding therefore the mystery of faith with a pure conscience.
- So, faith is a mystery to be unraveled. Is that true? It said, holding the mystery of faith with a pure conscience. So, faith therefore is a mystery to be unraveled.
- But don't be afraid when the Bible says a mystery. Because unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom. So, it means that faith has some inner technicalities.
- But as a child of God, it is given to you to know. Mark chapter 4 verse 11. Are you listening to me? Why? Because we are in the era of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is the teacher that unveils the un-unavailable.
- [ 4 : 42 ] Permit my grammar. From time to time I form words. But I hope you will have understanding of whatever I say. The Holy Spirit helps us. Because the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 2 verse 9 and 10.
- Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard. It has not entered the heart of man, the things that God has prepared for them that love him. But his spirit shall reveal them unto us. Because his spirit searches all things.
- Yea, it searches the deep things of God. So, there is nothing that is deep in God that cannot be unveiled by the Holy Spirit. And that's why the Bible makes us to understand that to us in this era.
- In the era of Christ. In the era of the Holy Spirit. It said it is given for us to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Which means faith is within your reach. Are you listening to me?
- Faith is within your reach. And that scripture. Which is our theme scripture. In Romans chapter 1 verse 17. It said, for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith.
- [ 5 : 49 ] From faith to faith. So, faith is also in degrees. It is within your reach. It is also in degrees. By the grace of God, perhaps tomorrow we'll have the opportunity to look at the degrees of faith.
- And how to increase in faith. Because it's not enough to acquire and say, I have gotten faith. No. Like we heard, it is a walk.
- It is a journey. To start is not enough. At the end it must speak. Are you listening to me? So, there must be a consensuous effort to increase our faith.
- To move higher in faith. To move further in faith. Are you listening to me? So, that's it. That's a necessity for our Christian journey.
- But let's start by understanding why is faith so important. Remember that today our focus is understanding the power of faith. So, why is it so important?
- [ 6 : 54 ] Why is it so important? Number one. Faith is the fountain of triumph. Faith is the fountain of what?
- Of triumph. Faith is the fountain of what? Faith is the fountain of what? In 1 John chapter 5 verse 4. It said, whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world.
- But this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Whatsoever is born of God. If you are born again, you are born to overcome.
- But the only way it will become a reality is by faith. So, it is impossible to live a triumphant life without faith.

And somebody said, why do I need triumph? Because the whole earth lieth in wickedness. You are in a fight per second. Are you listening to me? You are in a fight every second of the day.

[ 7 : 59 ] You say, but I'm born again. Revelation 12, 17. It said, and the dragon was wrought with the woman. And went to make war with all of her seed.

Which one of them? The ones that keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus. So that you are born again does not exclude you from battles. Are you listening to me?

You say, I'm born again. So, does it mean that I will not have any fight again? No, the kingdom of God suffers violence. The violence taketh it by force. So, there is a force required to win.

Are you listening to me? And faith is that force that is required to win. If not, life would just be a sequence of defeats. A sequence of defeats.

So, when somebody prays for you and tells you that you will not have any battle again. The prayer cannot be answered. It can pray for a present battle to end.

[ 9 : 04 ] But that you will never have a battle again. That prayer cannot be answered. I can pray for you now. You will never fight again. But I guarantee you. Satan is too tenacious to give up one time.

Too tenacious. And he is too experienced. Praise God. I said praise God. And therefore, the Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5, verse 10.

He said, Whom resist steadfast in the faith. Resist steadfast. Verse 9, sorry. Resist steadfast in the faith.

So, from verse 8, it begins to tell us. He said, Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil goes around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He said, Whom you should resist steadfast.

Sorry, I used King James. This is new King James. Amen. Whom resist steadfast in the faith. Knowing that the same afflictions are accomplice in your brethren that are in the world.

[ 10 : 13 ] So, he said they are your brethren. But they are in this world. The dragon is here. He is here to fight against all the seed of the woman. But he said the way to win is resisting faith.

So, the key to triumph over the trials of life. Is faith. Any battle you are fighting without faith is lost before you started.

Are you listening to me? It is lost before you started. Because every fight in the kingdom is a fight of faith. It's a fight the good fight of faith.

So, it means if you are fighting without faith, it is a bad fight. Are you listening to me? So, the only way to win is by faith.

That is the only part way to triumph. People of God, it is very important that we grasp this. It's not whether you will have a battle.

[ 11 : 14 ] You are in a battle. I tell people all the time. You see, it's a civilian that reacts to a gunshot. A military man that is in the war front is aware.

That is why you discover that. You know that soldiers sleep in the war front. You know that? Guns are firing. But there is an acclimatization inside the soldier that tells him, it's normal.

You hear, bam! The civilian shakes. The soldier is asleep. Because it is normal. That is the reality of war. Unfortunately, we have many believers that are civilian Christians.

They are on a way of battle. Everything to them is a shock. Are you listening to me? It's a shock. Everything. How come the devil came this way?

Everything. It's a shock to them because they are civilian in nature, not realizing that they are in a battle. Present battle. Present battle.

[ 12 : 17 ] But where faith is present, then the outcome of the battle is predetermined. Are you listening to me? It is already predetermined.

And that is why the force of faith is an absolute necessity for a believer. Because it is the only pathway to true triumph.

Number two. It is the platform for supernatural manifestations. Faith. Faith. It's the platform for what?

For supernatural manifestations. Now, let me help you understand this with the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Every child of God is born to live a supernatural life.

Are you listening to me? Everyone. Every child of God. John 3 verse 8 tells us that the wind blows where it leads. You hear the sound of it.

[ 13 : 25 ] But you don't know where it's going or where it's coming. He said, so is everyone. Not some. But everyone that is born of the Spirit. Now, it is the Spirit that makes us born again in the first place.

So, we are born of the Spirit. If we are born of the Spirit, then we are born to be supernatural. Unpredictable. Are you listening to me? Unpredictable.

However, even though we are born to be supernatural, the Bible helps us to understand. It said that the whole world is waiting to see or show it. Romans 8, 19.

The earnest expectation of the Creator waited for the manifestation. That is the operations of the sons of God that demonstrate that they are not of the world. Don't tell me I am not of the world if you can't live separate from them.

If you can't manifest different from them. If a sinner can predict your outcome, you are too natural. Are you listening to me? If he can predict your outcome, you are living below your redemptive right.

[ 14 : 31 ] Because as a child of God, you are designed to be supernatural. However, the supernatural is at the command of it. Why?

Because the supernatural is the unseen world. And you either live by sight or you live by faith. 2 Corinthians 5, 7. We walk by faith and not by sight.

So if you want to live naturally, no faith is required. You want to live supernaturally, faith is a must. Are you listening to me? Faith is a must.

Faith is a must. Faith is a must. It is a non-negotiable factor. For a life of the supernatural. It is your right, yes.

But for it to be your experience, then you need faith. Are you listening to me? You need faith. Faith is a must. They looked at Jesus. And they said, we know that you are a man.

[ 15 : 31 ] You are a teacher sent from God. Because the things that you do, no man can do them except God is with him. That is, the people who were criticizing were aware that this thing is not normal. Are you listening?

They were aware. The Pharisees were the critics. And Nicodemus came to him and said, look, we are aware. We have discussed this thing in our meeting. This thing is not normal.

Except a person is operating with God. And that is what should be said about every one of us. They looked at John and Peter. They said, indeed, a notable miracle has been performed.

We cannot deny that. The man, we know him, he was crippled. I can imagine in the council meeting. Everybody sits down. Pharisee A, Sadducee B.

They said, I know the man. I saw him last week. He was there. I know him very well. And the other person said, I know his family. He has been born that way. So that a notable miracle has been performed is not an argument.

[ 16 : 33 ] Let's just try and keep it quiet. So everyone, there was a strange awareness that this was manifestation. And what was the provoker of it?

Faith. Peter said, it is faith in his name that has given this man perfect soundness. Faith in his name. Acts chapter 3 and verse 16.

Faith in his name is what has given this man perfect soundness. So every manifestation of the children of God is a product of faith. Jesus himself said, the works I do, shall you do also.

And greater works than this. He said, because I go to my father. But how will you do this work? Everyone that believes. He that believes on me. The works I do.

So faith is the foundation. John chapter 14 verse 12. Now very quickly, the third point I want us to see is that it is the platform for actualizing your inheritance.

[ 17 : 28 ] There is nothing that belongs to you. And this is just a, this point summarizes many things. There is nothing that belongs to you in Christ that can be actualized without faith.

I love what Pastor David said earlier. He said, God can't help you without faith. Where faith stops is where God's help stops. God cannot help you beyond your faith.

The Bible says in Hebrews 11, 39 and 40, he said, all of these having obtained a good report. He said, yet they obtained not the promise. God having reserved some better thing for us.

That day without us should not be made perfect. So if they got a good report by faith, then the promise is only actualizable to us by faith.

Are you listening to me? Hebrews chapter 6 verse 12. He said, be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit promises. So there is nothing God has promised you that can become a reality without faith.

[ 18 : 34 ] Nothing. Nothing. Nothing God has promised you can become a reality without this instrument of faith. And every child of God has inheritances.

He said, he has sent into us the spirit of his son. Whereby we cry, Abba, Father. And by reason of that, we are heirs of God.

We have, we have inheritances with God. They are loaded and waiting. But waiting for faith to draw. Are you listening to me?

So every inheritance of the kingdom of God is answerable to faith. So the title of I'm a Christian does not bring manifestation of inheritances. No.

It is the presence of faith that makes it happen. You know why some Christians look different from others is faith. Both of them are born again as children of the same God, yet manifesting different levels of their inheritance.

[ 19 : 35 ] Why? Faith. Faith. Faith. And if you want to have a good picture of some of the inheritances we have in scripture, Revelation chapter 5 and verse 12.

What is the lamb that was slain to procure for us? And it tells us some of these seven redemptive, you know, packages. Power. Riches. Wisdom.

Strength. Honor. Glory. And blessing. Every one of them packaged inside redemption. You are too loaded to be stranded. Are you listening to me?

So the problem is not that God did not provide. No. It is that you didn't take what he provided. Let's look at that list again.

Power. Inheritance. Inheritance means free. Huh? Power.

[ 20 : 31 ] Free. Riches. Free. Wisdom. Free. That is heavenly mentality. Free. Strength.

Free. Honor. Free. That is unrepachable Christianity. Free. Glory. Free. Then I like the last one. Blessing.

Anything that was not in there. Package it together. Free. Free. Are you listening? All of them packaged seven heavy redemptive packages.

Free. Waiting for faith. Eight. Wow. Are you listening to me? All of them. All of them. They are just waiting. For faith.

Why? Because the Bible tells us very clearly. He redeemed you from the curse of the law. Being made a curse for you. For it's written. Cursed is everyone that hangs on the tree.

[ 21 : 30 ] That the blessing of Abraham. May come upon the Gentiles. And that we may receive the promise of the spirit. By faith. Every one of these. That is not only the promise of the Holy Spirit.

But everything the spirit promises. All. Accessible. By faith. So. Those seven. Packages. Are waiting in an account.

To be drawn down. By faith. So the question is. Is it that you are not loaded? No. You are not fitted.

Shout. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Very quickly. What is faith? What is faith?

Assumption we are told. Is the model of frustration. So to assume that we know. May lead to frustration. What is faith? And I'll give you one definition.

[ 22 : 34 ] That I believe. Will help us. Faith. Can be defined. As taking God. At his word. And. I want us to pay very close attention.

To that statement. Taking God. At his word. In Romans. In Romans. 1. Verse 16 and 17. Is our theme scripture.

For this. This seminar. It said. I'm not ashamed of the gospel. Of Jesus Christ. For it is the power. Of God. Unto salvation.

To everyone. Not some. That believeth. To the Jew first. And also. To the Greek. And then he says. For there in.

Where? Inside the gospel. Inside his word. He said. The righteousness of God. Is revealed. From faith to faith.

[ 23 : 33 ] So. You transition. In the journey of faith. In his word. Are you listening to me? The journey of faith. Is a journey. In his word.

It is taking God. Therefore. At his word. That we call faith. Not. It is not taking God's word. We call faith. It is taking God. At his word.

What do I. Why do I say so? Now. In the book of. Second Peter. Chapter 1. Verse 20. He said. No scripture. Is of private interpretation. In other words. Don't make the Bible.

Say what he didn't say. Whatever God said. He meant it. It doesn't need you. To edit it. Are you listening to me? Why?

He said. God is not a man. He cannot lie. He's not the son of man. That needs to repent. And I. I interpret the word. Repent. They are just. He doesn't need to edit it.

[ 24 : 27 ] It has been tried. Seven times in fire. Are you listening to me? So. Taking God. At his word. And. I love the declaration. That is made. When we. When we start here.

This is my Bible. And what he says I am. I can do what he says I can do. But I will. I will challenge it. In you. Because you said so. When you carried it. So I want to see whether you believe it.

Are you ready? Yes. All right. I want to show you practical things God said. Now. Matthew. 10. 8. I am. I'm what he says I am.

Right? I can do. See what he said. Heal the sick. Cleanse the lepers. Raise the dead.

Cast out. Devils. Freely you have received. Freely give. Did you not say so?

[ 25 : 32 ] Yes. We did. You said so? Yes. You saw what he said? Yes. Can you do it? Yes. Let me take just one.

I want to take one of them. Raise the dead. Yes. Raise the dead. Yes. Raise the dead. Yes. Raise the dead. Yes. Raise the dead. Now. You see. The problem we have. Is not capacity to do.

But capacity to believe. Wow. Now. I want to give you a scripture. That will show you. Why there is no issue with it. Raising the dead is simple. Acts chapter 26.

Verse 8. He said. Why is it a thing. That is incredible to you. That God should raise the dead. You see.

We have so. We have so naturalized. That we have become. On supernatural. In every area. Why should it be.

[ 26 : 32 ] A thing. Incredible. To you. That God. Should raise. The dead. Why. Why is it a problem.

To you. You see. So. The issue is not. Capacity. The problem is. That we have already. Imagined obstacles. Before we started the journey.

So we say. That we believe. But we don't really believe it all. The point I'm trying to make to you.

Is that. When we say. Faith is take God at his word. Many times. We have. We have embraced the definition. Without. Taking in the reality. Of what it means. It is the same word.

That said. You raise the dead. True. Is it in your Bible. Open it. Check. This is my Bible.

[ 27 : 34 ] So somebody said. Oh. Race is dead. That's a serious matter. Death is. Death is. Is a serious issue. There. There are many biological.

Challenges with death. Headache is okay. But death is bad. So the problem is not the capacity to do.

But the capacity. To believe. To take God. At his word. Now look at the difference between us today. And Jesus.

John chapter 5. Verse 19. To 21. Jesus said. I can of my own self do nothing. What I see the father do.

He said. That is what I do. Whatsoever I see the father do. He said. That is what the son doeth likewise. Look at verse 20. He said.

[ 28 : 34 ] Verse 20. For the father loveth the son. And showeth him all things. That himself doeth. That's what God is doing with his word. Showing us all things. That God himself does.

He said. And he will show greater works than these. That he may marvel. Look at verse 21. He said. And the same way. Please move with me.

He said. For as the father raiseth up the dead. And quickeneth them. Even so. The son quickeneth whom he will.

This is before Jesus raised an aunt. But he's saying that God is showing me some things. That makes me know that I will raise the dead. Look at verse 25 now.

25. He said. I say unto you that the hour is coming. And now is. When the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God.

[ 29 : 30 ] And they that hear. Shall live. This is John chapter 5. In John chapter 11. Jesus meets with Lazarus. And he spoke to the dead.

And the dead heard him. The capacity was there. But when he saw it with God. He took God at his word.

So the question is. Why is it. A thing incredible. That God. Should raise. The dead. It's not your job.

It is him. He only has you could go on his behalf. Are you listening to me? So. Why is it. A thing incredible.

That God. Should raise. The dead. So you see that we have a problem with the Bible. Are you getting what I'm saying? We have an issue with the Bible.

[ 30 : 32 ] That we are not aware of. And our lack of awareness of the issue. Is the issue. Let me give us.

Let me give us. Should I give you another one? This one. We all know it.

But I'm going to challenge it. My God. Shall supply. All. All. All. According to his riches.

In glory. In Christ Jesus. Philippians chapter 4. Amos 19. Is it your Bible? Is it there?

Or is it just in my Bible? Is it your Bible? So. According to the scriptures. There is a supply with God. Is that true?

[ 31 : 33 ] The Bible also tells us. Lay. Lay. Not install for yourself. Riches on the earth. But lay. Install. Riches. In heaven.

Or treasures in heaven. Where no more. Than eat. Or destroy. Is that true? So we have that. In the book of. Luke.

I mean. In the book of. Matthew chapter 6. Verse 20. So there is. A treasure chest. For the believer. In heaven.

True of us. So how come. We go to men. To seek. For supply. If we have a supply.

With God. You said. My God. Is that not what the. What did you say? My God.

[ 32 : 28 ] Shall supply. My need. Not just some. But all of them. According to. His riches. So how come. Is somebody's riches. Solving the problem.

Are you listening to me? So we have a real. Problem. With scriptures. Because we don't really.

Take God. At his word. We take God. At what we. What we will like. His word to be. Not at what he said. But our interpretation.

Of what he said. Oh. Raise the bed. That's too bad. God has supplied my needs. According to his riches. Yeah. But there must be riches around. So that's where we have.

Real issues. That we don't take God. At the reality. Of his word. As raw as it is. That's the real. Problem of the believer.

[ 33 : 27 ] Today. Private interpretation. Are you listening to me? Private interpretation.

That is. You making God. Say what you would like him to say. Because it is more doable that way. It is more doable that way.

Are you listening to me? But. If you can take God. Raw. At his word. Then you begin to see.

What eyes have never seen. You begin to see. What eyes. Have never seen. I love what happened. When this project here.



Was going on. It was. It was God's way. Of humbling. The approaches. Of the world. Today. When this project. Was going on. Without any depth.

[ 34 : 24 ] And without. Breaking the neck. Of people. Are you listening to me? That is. That is. Christianity. With dignity.

Are you listening to me? That's when God is supplying. Not when. You see. This person. As I'm looking at. You must. So you start getting.

A word of knowledge. That you created the word. Praise God. I said praise God. Hallelujah. I want to be practical.

Tonight. So that we can see. The reality of God's world. As I don't want to live here. Tonight. With any feeling. That you have not understood. What I've said. That's why I'm going. In this direction. Now for example.

As a minister. Of the gospel. Very simple. I said God. Has applied my need. I want to use myself. As a practical example. According to his riches. In glory.

[ 35 : 23 ] So. Paul. Who said that. Look at his disposition. He said. That when I preach the gospel. I make it of no charge. Let me give you the script.

Some of you look at me. Like it's not true. First Corinthians. Chapter 9. Verse 18. I make it of no charge. Why? Because. That I abuse. Not my power.

In the gospel. I said. First Corinthians. Chapter 9. Verse 18. That I abuse. Not my power. In the gospel. So. If God.

Is my supply. I will not look at man. Or even look at a church. Are you listening to me? I will not.

Why? God. Is the one. That supplies. My need. So all I need to do. Is look at how he does it. It's as simple as that. And the Bible said.

[ 36 : 23 ] When he sent them. Without post or script. He said. Did you lack anything? And they said nothing. So God pays his workers. And he pays them well. Luke chapter 22.

Verse 35. He pays them. And he pays. So what do I do? Walk. People wonder. Why they can't find me. Because I'm walking. Are you listening to me?

In this gospel. I walk. I libel. I am. I'm pushing on every side. Why? Because I know that there is. A master in heaven. He's watching.

And he's rewarding. And the truth is this. My wife is here. She bears me witness. I've not lacked one thing. There is nothing I want. That I've not gotten. And I've never prayed for it.

Ask her. I've never prayed for one material thing. He said. Okay. I want this. I want a car. I want it. I've never confessed. I'm confessing a house. No. Don't get me wrong.

[ 37 : 26 ] I'm going to get to the fact. That you utilize your word in faith. But not. You see. When you are doing what is. Your faith is expressed in living. It is not.

It's not mechanical. It's not. You just wake up in the morning. And say a few things. No. It's not. It is expressed in living. There are many times.

I tell my wife. I said. I need to make a withdrawal. From heavenly account. Many. Many. I mean. It's all the time. It's not. It's okay. This.

You settle it with the account. You have this one. I'm going to get a heavenly account on this. And without fail. From the day one. That we have married. That heavenly account.

Has opened up. With mysteriously. Why? Because I know that the riches are not from people. The riches are from God. Wherever God must press.

[ 38 : 20 ] To make it come. It must come. Are you listening to me? It must come. It must come.

Recently. I wanted to do. Something for the Lord. A sacrifice for the Lord. And it was.

Not that it was not available. But it was. Weekend. I couldn't get. The fund. Because of. Closures of banks. And I told my wife.

I said. This will come from heavenly account. And the exact. Figure that was needed. For the sacrifice. Arrived.

The same day. It's not that it is once. It's a normal thing. The reason why. Is because. I'm conscious. From the time.

[ 39 : 20 ] We have been married. We have always talked about. The heavenly account. And we talk about it with ease. Okay. This. This issue. I want to deal with now. I want to do this for the Lord. I want to do this. It's heavenly account. This one is natural account.

Okay. All my money is not here. Everything is. Loaded in heaven. So there is no figure. That scares me. That is God's honest truth.

I've had people sit there. Across my desk. And ask. To borrow millions. Across my desk. And I say.

Look. We don't borrow. We don't borrow. God will supply your need. Not that the figure. Has ever shaken me at all. Because I'm conscious.

Of an account in heaven. If it is a need. It must be supplied. Are you getting what I'm saying? If it is a need. It must be supplied.

[ 40 : 15 ] Why? That is the literal interpretation. Of what God has said. Private interpretation. Is that. God will supply my need. God will supply my need. But I have to help God.

To supply my need. I want us to get to the point. Where. The raw meaning of God's word. Is what we take. For example.

I'm a pastor. And you can take this. Into whatever trade it is. That you do. In Isaiah chapter 5. Verse 26. He said. And he will hiss. And they shall come. With speed.

Swiftly. So. I understand. That there is a sound. Of the spirit. That can attract men. Without them knowing why. Are you listening to me?

Without them knowing. Why? So. I tell people. All the time. When we gather together. To pray. Lord raise an end sign. Over this place. A spiritual symbol.

[ 41 : 13 ] That men will truly. Without knowing. Why they came. Now. I said this. Also. Yesterday. While we had our prayer. Meeting. Before the service.

Yesterday night. We gathered to pray. And this morning. A man wandered into. Our campus. And after I met. With those who came. For the first time. He said to me.

Sir. I wanted to have a chat with you. I said. All right. What's the matter? He said. I woke up this morning. And just felt like. I should enter here. I said.

Why? He said. I went to school here. Some years ago. And I just thought. Why not go and see. What they are doing there. He thought. He came by himself. But I will his.

They will dress up. They will not know why. But they will come. With speed. Swiftly. The question is. If we really believe it.

[ 42 : 16 ] It will show. If we truly. Believe it. It will show. I'm trying to show us. Practically. This evening.

Faith is not. Mere words. It is taking God. Literally. By his word. Does God really mean. What is. You see. The way we handle.

The word of God. Is like. God does not really mean it. Are you going to say. We are not. Too sure. So we try to give it. A new meaning. But God.

Means. Exactly. What he said. I love the testimony. Of. The man of God. Bishop.

Bishop. Bensin. The whole side. He said. He took his Bible. To his pastor. When he saw that book. Matthew chapter 10. Verse 8. He said. Sir. Is this true? Because you have been saying.

[ 43 : 14 ] We should believe the Bible. Is it true? He said. Yes. Including this one. That says. He raised the dead. Is true? He said.

Yes. Have you done it? He said. No. He said. Why? Why? And I believe.

During his life. Time. I think about 17. Dead people. Were raised back to life. Because he took it. As God. Meaning it. If God said it.

Then God. Means it. So. I want you. After today. To read the Bible. With a new eye. Stop helping God. To reinterpret.

What he's saying. No. He can't really mean it. Like this. Praise God. Praise God. I said. Praise God. All right. How do you take God.

[ 44 : 11 ] At his word. I want to close. With these points. How do you take. God. At his word. That is. How do you operate. This faith. Number one. See it. As his word. To you. He's not talking to somebody else. He's you. Are you listening to me.

You see. One of the things. That helped me. Is a scripture. I saw. In Psalm 40. Verse 7. He said. In the volume of the book. It is written of me. So.

God is not talking to somebody else. It's you. He's talking to. You see. I'm not a pastor. So. How can he say. As you raise the. Is you. You are the person. Say with me.

He's talking to me. He's talking to me. Me. Me. Not somebody else. Me. He said. In the volume of the book. It is written. Of me.

[ 45 : 11 ] To do thy will. Oh God. It is written. Of me. So. You must see. The word of God. As his word. To you. That's the starting point.

Because. You can negotiate. Your way. Out of many privileges. When you don't see it. As his word. To you. Many times. We are so.

Segregational. In our thinking. No. This. This may be. For some special people. I'm not a pastor. Raise the den. Leave that alone. What I need. Is breakthrough. I.

It is God. Speaking. To you. You. You. Not somebody else. That is the first. Key.

To operating. In this dimension. Of faith. See his word. As his word. To you. His word. To you. Peter. Asked the question.

[ 46 : 05 ] And Jesus. Said. Come. He didn't say. Peter. Come. But. Peter. Took. Come. As meaning. Peter. Come. Where was James?

Where was John? And Mr. Nathaniel. Where were they? Inside the same boat. But only one person.

Took the word. As the word. For him. Are you listening? So it is. It is. Who is God.

Talking to? That's where faith starts from. Who is he talking to? Who is he talking to? Who is he talking to? That is where the journey of.

That is not just that God spoke. But to who? To who? We are told that the evangelist. Evan Roberts.

[ 47 : 03 ] Who led the Wales Revival. He saw a vision. And he saw. The map of Wales lifted up. And a hand come down and touch it. And he said. He heard the voice say.

I will give you 100,000 souls. In one year. Young boy. 100,000 souls. From where? And he turned to his friend. He said. God just said to me.

He will give me. 100,000 souls. Within. About a year. He said. Do you believe? And he said. I believe. And they agreed. Agree with me in prayer. And in less than a year.

Over 100,000 souls. To a nobody. Why? The word came. But he took it as him. God said to me.

The friend said. I agree with you. I'm not agreeing with me. But I agree with you. Are you listening to me? So you see.

[ 47 : 59 ] The issue is not. Just God speaking. But to whom? When you see it as a word to you. Then you have begun the journey of faith.

Are you getting it? You begin the journey of faith. Alright. Number two. Is believe it without reservation. Believe it without what?

Reservation. You must not permit reservation. Believe it without reservation. In Mark chapter 5 verse 26. They came to Jairus and said.

Your daughter is dead. Trouble not the master. Jesus said. He said. Don't be afraid. Only believe. Only believe.

Don't waste your time with fear. Only believe. Only believe. So it means. That you are to believe.

[ 48 : 58 ] But he said to do it only. Only. Only. Only. Only. Don't just believe. But believe. Only. Only. Let me get the right.

Scriptural verse for us. And that is verse 35. Sorry. And 36.

Trouble not the master. Trouble not the master. Why? Because thy daughter is dead. As soon as Jesus heard the word. That was spoken.

He said unto the ruler of the synagogue. Be not afraid. But he didn't say. Be not afraid. Believe. No. He said. Believe only. In other words.

Let it be faith only. No reservations. Are you listening to me? No reservations. Why did Peter start thinking.

[ 49 : 54 ] Faith with some reservations. What were the reservations? The wind. The wave. When he saw the wind. A reservation came. He saw the wave.

A reservation came. Those reservations were the things interpreted as fear. Many times we believe. But. That but. Is the issue.

Are you listening to me? That is the issue. So. You must. You must. Believe without reservation. Reservation. The Bible said. In the book. Of Hebrews chapter 11.

And verse. Eleven. It said. Concerning. Sarah. It said. By faith. She received strength. To conceive seed. And was delivered.

Of a child. When she was. Past age. Why? She judged. Him. Faithful. That is. She came to a conclusion. And he said.

[ 50 : 50 ] Concerning Abraham. He was. Fully. Persuaded. Not. Persuasion. With some reservation. But. Full.

Persuasion. That is. You get to a point. Where no argument. Makes sense. Abraham. Your body is dead.

So what? Sarah. Your womb is gone. So what? No argument. Made sense. Now.

Let me share this testimony. Very very humbly. I've never heard this type before. A woman. Believing God. For the fruit of the womb. Now.

For many. I had about six or seven miscarriages. Terrible experience. And she came to one of the. One of our. Programs. In our headquarters.

[ 51 : 46 ] In Nigeria. In the world. And she heard the word of God. And. All of a sudden. Took courage. That year. Had her first child. Said Lord. That's not all. And then she took in again.

With. The second one. I think. While the child. While the child was two months old. And she got into this year. Of 2013.

And she was in a one of the service. And she heard. That the presiding bishop. Had declared the year. Our presiding bishop. Of Winners Chapel. Had declared the year. As the year of double portion.

She was not in the service. She only heard. But she said. It's mine. Double portion. Double portion. Is mine. Now here. The strange part. Of the testimony. She went. To the delivery room.

And delivered the child. But it was one child. Everything had. Come out. And the doctors. Had cleaned her up. And said. Congratulations. It's a boy.

[ 52 : 45 ] She said. No. It's double portion. I've never heard that. In my life. They had. You know.

They had cleaned up. Inspect. And you know. Before you are cleaned up. Medically. You are inspected. Said. Congrats. He said. Doctor. No.

What I heard. Is double portion. Now. She had been scanned. Previously. But only one child seen. Doctor said.

Well. To satisfy. Your curiosity. Push. And guess what came out. A second child.

Now. What am I trying to say. The advantage of the woman. Was only one thing. She took the word.

[ 53 : 40 ] As her word. God said this thing. To all of us. But me. It must be double. It must be. That is. It is literal.

It is not. It is not partial. It must be. Now. Look at what the natural one of us will do. I have one child. God give me another child. Is it not true?

You have helped God now. To do mathematics. This is. Are you listening to me. Lord. Lord. You have already fulfilled your word. I thank you. He said.

No. What I had. Is one. Double. And she came with. All the three children. Somebody carrying. One. The husband carrying one.

She carrying the third one. These are the manifestations. Of faith. Are you listening to me. So. She didn't have reservation. Scan came.

[ 54 : 37 ] God said. Double. I didn't hear one. Delivery date came. The word. Congratulations came. She said. Doctor. I have not finished. I didn't hear one.

I heard two. Double. So. She believed it. Without reservation. In spite. Of arguments. Number three.

Simple. Act on it. The word of God. You believe. If you don't act on it. You don't believe it. You said. Faith without works. Is dead. I don't think.

I need to say too much. About that. James chapter two. And verse. Twenty six. And also verse eighteen. Act on it. Act on it.

And I will share with you. This wonderful. Testimony. Two women. Prayer partners. Were believing God.

[ 55 : 33 ] For the same fruit of the womb. I don't remember the number of years. Now. I want to show you how. They acted on the word of God.

They came to. We hold. What we call. Fruitfulness classes. From time to time. What we do simply is. Unveil the word of God. As to why. You cannot be barren. Are you listening to me?

And they came. And they believed the word of God. But look at what they did. They went and bought. Children's clothes. And. They would wash it. And spread it on the lines.

Every day. No child. But they were spreading. They would wash the clothes. Every day. Diligently. And spread it on the lines. For everybody to see and mock them.

And they kept doing that. Day one. Day two. Day three. Just demonstrating their faith by actions. And suddenly. The first one took in.

[ 56 : 34 ] One month later. The second one took in. They delivered one month apart. The two friends. Why? They got the word. Believed the word.

Without reservation. And expressed the word. In action. Rise on your feet with me. Hallelujah. I want you to pray for yourself.

Lord. The real fit. Not. A type of it. But the real thing. I want to walk in it.

Pray for yourself please. That raw. Bible. Faith. I want to walk in it. The one that takes you. At your word.

That's what I want to walk in. Give me your help. Thank you. Mighty. Thank you for listening. For more resources. Please visit. Caris.org Or call us on.

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You Can't, but listen to me. You Can, by your words. Are you going to leave me? So, longHi. I want you. I want you to request.