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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

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God bless you richly!

FAITH 101

The strength of every believer is his faith. When you begin to fall for temptation, when darkness suddenly begins to rule your thoughts, when you begin to doubt your spirituality, then your faith is failing. Faith is like a rechargeable lamp that constantly needs to be recharged. The luminance you get from your lamp yesterday will be brighter compared to the one you would get today if you do not recharge it.

Every rechargeable lamp has a battery in it, just as faith has the word in it. As the lamp shines brighter when the battery is recharged, so also faith works better when it is recharged by the word of God. So when things are not

as bright as they used to, just take time out to recharge your faith. Do not worry about how dark your situation has become, because when faith is recharged, light will be restored. Have you not heard, that weeping may endure till the night, but joy comes in the brightness of the morning?

Faith is designed to set you free from any challenge; and if it is not so for you, then it means you do not know the truth. Once you know the truth, faith will set you free.

FAITH 102

Faith in God is all you need to live a victorious life. The bible describes faith as "the victory that overcomes the world". This also means that no matter what is happening in the world, faith will always win. However, both faith and victory are in degrees. It is the level of your faith that will determine the level of victory you would be able to attain.

A certain man had a lunatic child who had been diagnosed with several treatments, but all to no avail. The child was even taken to the disciples of Jesus for deliverance, but it seemed the matter grew worse. The bible records that, sometimes the child will jump into fire, and some other times into water.

But when they brought the child to Jesus, he was delivered instantly. When the disciples enquired to know why they could not deliver the child, Jesus told them that their faith was inadequate, and that the kind of faith that will cast out such a demon will require fasting. Do not get me wrong; fasting is not the victory, faith is. But do not expect to drive a trailer with the engine of a car, just as you should not expect to build a house with the same level of faith you used to rent a house. Faith may be the victory, but what generates its power are knowledge, prayer, and fasting.

Fasting is a period of time we intentionally set out for the purpose of developing our faith. When it comes to growing your faith, fasting is not an option, it is a necessity.

FAITH 103

Believers are not different from plants. The bible says the just shall live by faith, but guess what? Plants also live by faith.

Jesus acknowledged the faith of a plant in Luke 12:28 when He said *"if God clothes the grass, which may be in the field today and burnt tomorrow, won't He be more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!"*. In other words, plants have better faith than we do.

He continued by saying *"so don't be upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink, because your Father knows that you need these things. Instead, be concerned*

with His kingdom, and He will provide you with these things". That is probably how plants operate, they are just concerned with the kingdom, beautifying the whole earth, and God takes care of them for that.

Many people are deviating from the main course. It's not about us, but about the kingdom. It should not be "us" first, but "the kingdom" first.

Alright, how do I live by faith?

Faith primarily comes by hearing and understanding the word of God. In Job 14:7-9, the Bible tells us how the plant finds faith to live on; it says "there is hope for a tree that has been cut down; it can come back to life and sprout. Even though its root grows old, and its stump dies in the ground, with water it will sprout like a young plant". That's it!

What water is to a plant is what the word of God is to a believer. As a matter of scriptures, Ephesians 5:26 literally compared water to the word of God. You have successfully developed the faith of a plant when everything about your life is rooted in God's word.

What more? In Isaiah 61:3, Jesus referred to us as "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord". He further said that "we would make new the old waste places". That's how plants operate, they have a way of beautifying desolate places.

Let me conclude with this; let's live like plants, because we are really not different from them.

FAITH 104

Continue in the faith! That is what Paul admonished Believers to do in Acts 14:22. The blessings flowing in and through your life are not permitted to discontinue except your faith discontinues. You should not lose your job or your business all because there is economic recession. The Bible tells us that as long as the earth remains, seed time and harvest shall not cease. That also means, that even in the midst of a heavy recession, as long as you are sowing seeds, you would definitely see the harvest. No wonder, Isaac sowed in Canaan when there was a great famine, yet the Bible says "he reaped a hundredfold the same year".

Recession is not our problem; it is sowing seeds of faith that is our problem. Gal 4:28 says "And we, brethren, after the pattern of Isaac, are children of promise". We need to do things after the pattern of Isaac; he sowed in the land when there was famine, and he reaped a hundredfold the same year. We live in an Isaac order of timing, so we should not be surprised over the things that are going on in our nations. We are children of promise as Isaac, and that guarantees harvest from every seed of faith we sow.

I have good news for you; your faith will not fail you this year! Therefore, do not be afraid to take those steps, because your harvest is already guaranteed

FAITH 105

Faith does not give up! In Heb 10:35, the Bible tells us not to cast away our confidence, because it will be compensated with a reward. That could simply mean that the only proof that you had faith on any subject matter is the manifestation of your expectation. So if you have not seen your expectation, then hold on to your faith. Your expectations may be delayed, but faith is what guarantees its arrival. Faith is like the fuel in an automobile, the moment your faith stops or finishes, your expectations or blessings also stops coming.

Many blessings have been abandoned in the skies because their owners have refused to

supply faith to move them. Daniel understood this principle, he continued in prayer with fasting until an angel arrived with the blessing. Surprisingly, the angel explained to him that God answered his prayer the same day he prayed, but that some agents of darkness delayed him for 21 days. The angel also mentioned that God had to send another angel to rescue him. I believe all that happened because Daniel kept his faith alive.

Do not be weary in well doing, because in due season you will reap it if you do not faint. Your due season is when you see the blessings; so keep your faith alive.

FAITH 106

"God will make a way". That is what most people say when they are faced with oppositions. But the truth is, God has already made a way, He only needs you to take a step. 1 Cor 10:13 tells us that *"the temptations in our lives are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful, He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure"*. This also means that, when you can no longer stand a challenge, then you have not found the way out. People stay on a challenge for too long because they refuse to admit this truth. My father has often said that "any faith that makes God absolutely responsible for the affairs of your life is fake".

Asides the fact that Jesus is the Truth and the Life, He is also the way in and out of everything that pertains to life and godliness. That is probably why Prov 24:14 tells us that "when we have found it, there shall be a reward, and our expectations shall not be cut off". Our needs are supernaturally met when we find His provisions for them, not when God creates a way. Rev 19:13 tells us that the name of Jesus is the word of God. In other words, if Jesus is the way, then the word of God is the way. Little wonder then, 2 Pet 1:3 makes it clear that even though God has given us all things that pertains to life, we can only access them through the knowledge of Him that has called us unto glory.

Your escape is certain when you find the way. So stop waiting for God to make a way that already exists, find the way and escape.

FAITH 107

A certain woman had an accident that landed her in a very narrow drainage. The motorbike that conveyed her was resting on her, while the vehicle that hit them was resting on the motorbike. Yes, everybody thought she had died, because there was no way anyone would survive that kind of accident. But here was the woman, she could not feel any other part of her body except her mouth. She kept on saying "I shall not die but live to declare the goodness of God". And mysteriously, when they lifted the car and the motorbike, they found her alive and well, there was not even a scratch on her body.

I woke up to pray one morning and suddenly developed a stomach ache that made it very uncomfortable for me to pray. But I heard the Spirit of the Lord say "I have given you a mouth that none of your adversaries shall be able to resist nor gainsay". That woman should have died, but obviously, God has made our mouth more powerful than any situation or circumstance. Do not be quiet when you really should be speaking. Everything may have gone down, but God is still waiting for you to speak.

Faith is a speaking force; if you believe, then speak. Be still about what you believe, but do not stay quiet about it.

FAITH 108

The proof that you have an inward being is your outward manifestations. The only way to explain the power of the Holy Spirit to the world is to do physical demonstrations. The bible didn't say we should explain the gospel to the world, no! It says we should preach the gospel - demonstrating the power of The Spirit of God. Nobody can see your thoughts until you begin to do a physical work based on your thoughts. True, the Spirit of God is all-powerful, but nobody will see that until it is physically demonstrated.

If Jesus didn't do all those miracles, who would have believed that God sent Him? Many people have been explaining

Christianity for too long, it's time to demonstrate it. Explanations won't change your family, explanations won't make anyone believe your faith in God, it is your demonstration that will. God is a doer, not One who explains how things happen. Whatever He says, He's also committed to doing it. So where did you get your explanations from?

Don't just go around telling people how god works, go about showing them how he works. Jesus went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.

FAITH 109

Faith is the difference between a believer and an unbeliever. The Bible tells us that the just shall live by faith, and we do not need to be told that the unbeliever lives by his means. The lifestyle of faith is above any other lifestyle; that is why Christians who really practice faith always feel above, whether in their place of work, business, family, or academic settings.

Many Christians rate unbelievers higher than themselves, probably because they have more money than they do. Money naturally commands respect from people; but it is important to understand according to scriptures, that people who live by faith are

rated to be more valuable than money. Isaiah 13:12 says that God will make man more precious than gold. Which means, no matter how much money an unbeliever has, my faith makes me more valuable than he is. Many Christians cannot even preach salvation to their rich friends, all because they are not as rich. Faith is too expensive; no amount of money can intimidate it. Be confident, their money cannot buy your faith.

Money is not the evidence that you are valuable, faith is. This is why every believer must take responsibility to develop his faith.

FAITH 110

When a bore-hole is created, the pumping machine has to be triggered by light before water can enter the tank. Light may be acquired either through a solar system or any other electrical system, as long as it empowers the pumping machine to release water to the tank.

Let's relate this procedure to how faith comes; the tank can be likened to your spirit-man, while the water can be likened to faith itself, the pumping machine can be in form of the word, and then the light would be the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Without mincing words, we'd discover that at the foundation

of every move of faith is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And the more word you pump inside you the more you get filled with faith. Faith would always be available as long as you don't stop the pumping machine (the word).

The only difference between the physical bore-hole system and this process of faith is that; when the water has filled the tank it begins to overflow because the water has exceeded the size of the tank, and overflow of water might damage the environment after a while. But in the case of faith, overflow is allowed. It might interest you to know that Jesus was operating in this overflow of faith to a point that He didn't need to go to people's houses to heal them, he only sent words to heal them. Many of His disciples also operated in this overflow of faith. Sick and dying people were kept close to the roads were the disciples usually pass and they

receive their healing without any conversation with the disciples.

It was the overflow of faith that made those witches in scripture to recognize Jesus. No matter how much faith you have inside of you, the devil will still come to tempt you; but when your faith begins to overflow, he won't come near you. Jesus was the man of faith on earth, but the devil came to tempt Him as soon as he got out of the wilderness. The devil could go to Him because he couldn't see the faith around Him. But when His faith began to overflow, He became a no-go-area for any devil.

It's impossible to work in real faith without a constant study of the word. Remember; Don't stop pumping the word.

FAITH 111

Every believer needs a sight of faith. The reason why many believers' give-up after a test is because they don't see the result of every test in their favor. When Moses asked God for His name, God replied with "tell them I AM sent you". Which means He is capable of becoming anything in my favor.

I once prayed with a brother who had a court case, and had no lawyer to defend him. I prayed that God should become his lawyer, and it happened. According to him, a man on a suit appeared to him in a trance - while he was going to church. The man asked him to tell him everything that had happened, which he did. That night, God appeared to his

accuser and warned him to withdraw the case, otherwise He'd make his children suffer the same thing. The accuser called this brother the same night, told him what happened, and withdrew the case.

Don't be too quick to give up, because god can be anything you want him to be for your good.

FAITH 112

Though faith is applied in the natural, but it is purely a supernatural force. Many people are not growing in faith because they think faith has natural growth phenomenon. The bible didn't say that faith comes by our life experiences, no, it says faith comes by consistency in hearing the word of God. Even if your experience would elevate your faith, it has to be an experience of faith. Besides the fact that David knew God's word, his experience with wild animals boosted his confidence to confront Goliath.

You can't truly develop your faith and not develop in life. Because every step you take to advance your faith also advances your life.

Don't blame God for not intervening in your challenges, blame your faith. When your faith is blameless the enemy becomes lame over the affairs of your life.

The bible says god does not add sorrow to his blessings. It is therefore foolishness to think that everybody experiences sorrow in life. The level of your faith determines the level of what you'd experience in life.

FAITH 113

After you have studied the word of God and prayed about those needs, what happens next? What do you really have to prove that you have even prayed, or that your prayers have been answered? I know, faith is what you have!

In Hebrews 11:3, we understand that through faith the worlds were framed by the word of God. This could literally mean that people will not see the word in you or the prayers you have made until they see the faith on you. Faith is the evidence that you have prayed.

Nobody wins a court case without an evidence. And Heb 11:1 tells us that faith is

the evidence of things not seen. The Bible also says that "what thingsoever we desire, when we pray, we should believe we have received it, and we shall have it". In other words, believing it is the proof or evidence that we have it.

After praying to God to give you a job, start behaving and talking like someone who will definitely get the job. The problem with many people is not that God did not answer their prayer, but that they refused to show the evident when they should. I heard a testimony of a woman whose womb was diabolically tied by a wicked woman. And anytime the wicked woman asked her "how far?", she would respond with "no changes yet". But one day, she was taught how to respond and act in faith. The same day, the wicked woman called her again and asked the same question; but instead of the regular answer, she responded in faith by saying

"God has done it". And immediately, the wicked woman died on the other end of the phone call.

You cannot have the evidence and not be set free. She showed her evidence, and the wicked woman set her free. So, concerning your job, marriage, career, business, family, children, and education, tell them "God has done it" with a big smile on your face. And certainly, your freedom will be established.

FAITH 114

Faith has no regard for your feelings. Anytime you say "I'm feeling pain", faith says "you'd have to choose between me and pain". Faith is a jealous force; it can't share your attention with any feeling. The way people feel when they are cheated is the same way faith feels when you develop feelings for pain or needs. Scripture tells us that faith is rooted in love; that literally means that if you want to see the best of faith, then develop deep love for it. If you love faith, you won't think alternatives. If you love faith, you won't think impossibilities. Impossibility is the enemy of faith.

As believers, we must give faith priority. God is pleased when He sees you with faith. Faith is highly recommended by God for every believer. Faith knows how to persuade God to stop your pains, heal your wounds, and supply your needs. So instead of developing feelings for your needs, just embrace faith and tell "her" how great "she" is. You really can't do anything worthwhile without faith.

God is all you need to have all your needs met. Faith is what you need to commit god to meet your needs.

FAITH 115

Many people are victims of unanswered prayers. There's nothing you'd say to convince them about the graciousness and kindness of God. They've prayed many times, and many of these times there were no answers. What I do to such people is to plead with them to forgive God and trust Him again.

There is no prayer that God doesn't answer, the only challenge is our lack of faith to receive the answer when it comes. I'd paraphrase Luke 18:7-8; it says "God will answer the prayers of His children quickly, but when His Son goes to deliver their desires, will He find faith in them?". We need to take responsibility for the delivery of

answers to our prayers. God answers quickly, our faith is what is causing the delay. I remember praying to God to sell off a trailer load of light bulbs in one week, and in the space of 3 days one man came and bought the whole container. I also prayed for a lady to recover her stolen phone in 5 days, and in exactly 5 days, it was so. It's just a matter of faith.

God answers quickly, quicken your faith to receive god's quick answer.

FAITH 116

These things began with Moses. God told him to get down to the people of Israel and tell them to prepare themselves, because He wants to come down and set them free from Pharaoh's stronghold. God needed to see their action, before He could act. And as they did, God came down and did as He promised.

According to scriptures, God has since promised to bless every believer. Gal 4:28 particularly calls us the children of promise. But we can only receive these promises through faith. Faith isn't just about believing what God has promised, it also requires acting, by preparing yourself to receive what God has promised.

In Luke 9:12-17, Jesus knew that by faith in God, those five thousand people would be fed; and that's why He told His disciples to feed them. But unfortunately, His disciples started giving excuses on why it would be impossible to feed them. Jesus, ignoring their lack of faith, instructed them to make the people sit in groups of fifties.

I perceive that the reason why He asked them to sit was so that God could see His actions and preparations of faith. I once said that "prayer is an expression of faith that God can do it, while action is an expression of faith that God will do it". God will hear when you pray, but will only do it when you act.

If you need a job, prepare to receive a job by going out to visit organizations. If you need to get married, prepare yourself for marriage.

God has already promised us all things that pertains to life and godliness, all we need to do is act to receive them.

After Jesus' action for the blessing, He thanked God for the release of the blessing, and the blessing came. Pray for the blessing, act by preparing yourself to receive the blessing, then thank God for releasing the blessing. Receiving God's blessing is certainly faster this way.

FAITH 117

Practice makes perfect. Perfection will never be attained in a profession that is not consciously and consistently practiced. Faith is a profession that also requires practice. And just as we have legal and medical practitioners, we also have faith practitioners. A medical practitioner may begin his career by curing malaria or fever, but if he is consistent in the practice of Medicine, it will not be long before he begins to cure cancer and many other terminal diseases.

If your faith cannot get you what you need, then you have not practiced enough. As a matter of scriptures, the bible says "if your strength fails you in the day of battle, then

your strength is small". Faith is the strength of every believer; if you do not have faith, then you do not have strength. Faith practitioners do not only study the word; they also practice it. Studying the word without practicing it will never make you a faith practitioner, you would only be deceiving yourself. We study the word of God to obtain the faith degree, and that is why the Bible says we should study to show ourselves approved. But having a degree in medicine does not make you a medical practitioner, it is practice that does. What is the use of a degree if you will not practice with it? What is the proof of faith if there is no practice?

All lawyers may have the same profession, but their practice vary. We may all be Christians, but our practice of faith is what distinguishes us.

FAITH 118

Hope is believing that God will do it, while faith is the believe that God has done it. The Bible tells us that "those who have believed enter into rest". If you can't find rest in the midst of your challenges, then what you probably have is hope. Though hope does not make a person ashamed, but it brings frequent unrest. Hope lives with the thought that needs have to be met, faith lives with the joy that needs have been met. As a matter of scriptures, the best way to demonstrate faith is to express joy.

It's hard for faith to live without joy. Abraham staggered not at the promise of God, but was strong in faith, joyfully giving glory to God. That also means that people could see his faith because they saw his joy. Faith is the

substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. If you have the evidence of what you've been hoping for, won't you be joyful about it? The evidence is not the document, it is not the pregnancy test result, it is not the medical checkup, it is not the appraisal letter, it is not the proposal, it is not the admission letter, faith is the main evidence, and once you have this evidence, those other things become your benefits.

Don't mistake benefits for evidence. The true evidence that you have what you don't have is faith.

FAITH 119

Speaking in faith is often the first step to actualizing any miracle. I believe that spoken words have a force that mobilizes people to where their breakthrough will happen. The woman with the issue of blood spoke in her heart, and suddenly, she did what she spoke. Even though there were obstacles on her path, she still managed to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. Jesus spoke concerning the Centurion's servant, and before the Centurion could return to his place, his servant had already responded to the spoken word.

If you want to see a blessing tomorrow, then speak to it today. Jesus spoke to the fig tree one day, and by the next day, what Jesus spoke had come to pass. Your positive declarations may not pay your bills, but it

would move you to do things that will help you pay your bills. When challenges are becoming too tough, start speaking. As a matter of scriptures, spoken words are like hammer, and they're able to break any tough challenge. Things around you may be bad, but say how you'd like to see those things. One idea will get you out of any situation, and a positively spoken word would always feedback a positive idea.

When you're faced with a challenge, don't wait till you know what to do; rather, speak to the situation by telling it what to do

FAITH 120

Your testimony will come! Don't cast away your confidence in God, because it would surely be rewarded. The devil may try so hard to delay your testimony, but as long as your faith is still on, you'd win the relay. It's important to know that those who run in a race run till they reach the finish line. Faith is like a relay race, and everyone who reaches the finish line emerges a winner. Faith is not about who finishes first or last, it's about who endures till the end. The bible tells us that "he that endures to the end will be saved". Faith is the tool that secures our salvation, as long as we don't give up the race, we'd be saved.

There's hope for a tree that is cut down; if it sees a good weather condition, water, and a good soil, it would grow again. What those elements are to a plant are what faith is to man. The tree may not grow on the first day, or even the first year, but as long as those elements are consistent, it would grow again. Consistent supply of faith will guarantee any man's recovery, no matter what he may have lost. Consistency in faith will guarantee any man's advancement, no matter the level of obstacles that are on the way.

Faith will always win any race; family race, career race, business race, academic race, health race, and so on. The truth is, the devil is too slow to race with faith.

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