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Every born-again believer has the faith of God residing on the inside of him. This is "mountain-moving" faith. It will change the circumstances of life. It is released by words.

As we speak words of faith, they go forth into the spiritual realm and bring the desired end result into the here and now.

Caly, discusses the subject of faith through this book like you've never heard it before — He teaches on how Faith is developed, how it is released, and the power it has to affect the life of the believer in every realm.

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CHAPTER 1

Real Bible Faith

We are in this world, but we are not of it. As believers, we are citizens of the kingdom of God. The faith of God that we received when we became born again is our method of overcoming everything that Satan can bring our way. **The Apostle John said it this way:** *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).* **We are victorious in all circumstances when we use our faith.**

Living by faith is a way of life. *"The just shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11).* It was given to us to use now so that we can enforce Satan's defeat in our lives. It worked for the apostles and it works for us today. The faith of God in us is more than enough to put us over.

Jesus is the Author and Finisher, or Developer, of our faith. Like a man that does the finish work on cabinets, there must first be cabinets. It is the same way with our faith. Jesus, Who is the Word, develops it. We cannot say, ***"If healing is for me, then I will be healed."*** We must believe that we are healed because God's Word says we are.

Then healing will come.

Believing is acting. If there is no action, there is no faith. *"Even so faith, if it hath not works [corresponding actions], is dead, being alone"* (James 2:17). This is more than accepting what you hear, see, or feel. **It is believing it enough to act on it.** **For example:** Someone you know and trust calls and tells you they have deposited \$/R10 000 in your checking account. You will either write a check on that man's word or call the bank for verification. If you believe what he says, you will act on it in faith. If you call the bank, you are needing sense realm evidence. **There is a choice to be made**—God's Word or the world's way — even in the smallest decisions.

Until we act on the Word, Jesus will not be vitally real in our lives. We must be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only. We must do more than agree with the Word. We must act on the Word. **The Apostle James said if we are hearers only, we are self-deceived** (James 1:22).

Luke 6:46 says, 'And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?' In other words, **"Why do you deceive yourself and call Me Lord when you do not let Me reign in your life**

by letting the Word be first place?" If the Word is not the final authority, then Jesus is not in a position of lordship in your life. This is why the man who built his house on the sand was deceived. He could not stand against the forces of this world without a foundation. **Our foundation, as Christians, is God's Word.** Jesus is our strength. Jesus and the Word are one and the same. **The Word produces faith that overcomes the world.**

Recap Outline

I. Who has Faith?

A. Born-again believers

II. There is nothing wrong with your faith.

A. Your faith overcomes the world

B. Your faith is God given

C. Works today like it did for the apostles

D. Jesus is Author and Finisher

III. Believing is acting.

A. What you believe is what you act on.

B. Acting on the Word makes Jesus vitally real.

Be a doer, not a hearer only.

Hearers only are self-deceived.

IV. The Word produces faith.

A. It is the foundation.

CHAPTER 2

Application Of the God Kind of Faith

The application of faith is not by chance or accident. It is a way of life. It is a decision. Until the Fall, Adam lived by faith. After the Fall that faith was replaced by fear. **Faith is of God. Fear is of Satan. It is his nature. There is no way to operate in both realms at the same time.** You operate in one or the other.

Faith is a spiritual law. It is set forth in [Mark 11:23-24](#). *"That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

Sinners receive salvation by the law of faith, but it must be applied in order for them to be born again. **Christians receive all the promises of God by faith.** If faith does not seem to be working in a given situation, there is a need to find out from God's Word how to put it to work. The Word is the believer's spiritual manual to a faith-filled life.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). The Word produces faith. **Your faith will never exceed your knowledge of the Word.** As you gain this knowledge, your thinking will conform to what the Word says. Your thoughts will be in line with God's thoughts. The Holy Spirit will take the Word and teach you all things. He will guide you into all truth.

The following four steps are the application formula for the God kind of faith:

1. **Say it.** Faith is released with the mouth. When He created the universe, God used words. All through Genesis Chapter 1 we find the phrase, *"And God said."* When He spoke, things happened. In His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke words of life to the sick and diseased and they were made whole. As believers, we can take what the Word says and speak it in confidence. We are then in agreement with the answer rather than the problem. We are not speaking from our own ability but from the power of God that resides within us.

2. **Do it.** Act on the Word. Faith without corresponding action is dead—dormant. Take what God says as you would take the word of a trusted friend, a doctor, or lawyer. God's Word is His bond. Heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word will never fail.

3. **Receive it.** When you pray, believe you receive that which you desire. **The answer is already a fact in the spiritual realm, but your faith brings it into the physical realm.** Jesus paid the complete and total price for every area of your life.

4. **Tell it.** Do not wait until you see the answer, testify that it is yours according to the Word. Give Him praise and thanksgiving for what He has done in your life.

God's Word works every time, but we must apply our faith to that Word before we see the manifestation. Signs follow the believer. **Signs follow faith in God's Word.**

Recap Outline

- I. Applying faith is a decision
 - A. Faith is of God

- B. The opposite—fear—is of Satan

II. Faith is a spiritual law

- A. Sinners receive salvation by faith
- B. Christians receive promises by faith

III. God's Word produces faith

- A. Faith will never exceed knowledge of Word
- B. Holy Spirit uses Word to teach and guide us

IV. Application formula for God kind of faith

- A. Say it
- B. Do it
- C. Receive it
- D. Tell it

CHAPTER 3

Releasing the Power of Faith

As believers, we must learn to have confidence in our faith in order to live a victorious life. It is the faith of God in us that releases the power of God to bring this word to pass. **We must believe that when we speak, what we say will come to pass.** *Mark 11:23* says, "*...but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass.*" **Not just a few, but all the words we speak will come to pass.**

Your faith is released by the words of your mouth. Paul said, "*...as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak*" (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Hebrews 3:1 says that Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, or confession. As our High Priest, He is our mouthpiece, our lawyer. He pleads our case to the Father. *First John 2:1* says that if we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.

He is the Apostle of our profession. As we speak

God's Word in faith, He is watching over that Word to perform it in our lives.

Jesus is the Word of God. God sent His Word to meet every need of mankind, and the Word will produce the manifestation of that need. **Faith speaks and the Word responds.**

What are we to confess? We must confess what God, in Christ, has wrought **for us** in the plan of redemption. Any time we see in the Bible the phrases "**in Him,**" "**in Whom,**" "**in Christ,**" it is speaking about us personally because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. It does not pertain to what we were. It is what we are now.

You need to confess what God, through the Word, by the Holy Spirit, is doing in you. When you find out who you are and confess it, in faith, then the Holy Spirit will take that Word and build an awareness of it on the inside of you. The Word becomes a reality. The Holy Spirit reveals the truth to you.

Confess what you are to God in Christ. You are a child of the King, a joint-heir with Jesus. He sees you according to what the Word says you are—righteous, victorious, seated with Him in heavenly

places, healed, and prosperous. **Take your rightful place and rule over your circumstances.**

Confess what Jesus is doing for you now at the right hand of the Father. His throne is forever. As the King of kings, He is Lord over all. God put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church.

Confess what God, by His Word, can do through us. God uses people. **The believer is God's representative here on earth.** With His Word on our lips, we can do even greater works than Jesus did in His earthly ministry. We can bring others into the saving knowledge of the truth. We can give forth the healing message. We can see people set free and delivered by the words of life we speak.

Recap Outline

I. Releasing faith

- A. Have confidence in our faith
- B. It is God's faith in us that releases the power

II. Faith is released by words

A. Believe *all* you say will come to pass

III. Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of our profession

- A. Apostle—Sent One
- B. High Priest—Advocate

IV. What we are to confess

- A. What God in Christ has wrought for us in the plan of redemption
- B. What God through the Word by the Holy Spirit is doing in you
- C. What you are to God in Christ
- D. What Jesus is doing for you now at the right hand of the Father
- E. What God can do through us or what His Word will do through our lips

CHAPTER 4

Five Principles of Faith – Part1

In [Mark Chapter 11](#), Jesus demonstrated how to use faith. He approached the fig tree and said, "[No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever.](#)" The words that He spoke cursed the tree. He did not say, "**Fig tree, I curse you.**" He did not say anything to the tree except the desired end result. From that moment on, Jesus did not make mention of the tree. He went about His business, and His faith kept on working.

The next day, as Jesus and His disciples passed by the tree, they saw it dried up from the roots. Peter brought it to the attention of Jesus. He still did not make a direct comment concerning the tree. In fact, He never spoke about it again. He only told them how it was accomplished. **He gave them the law of faith as outlined in [Mark 11:22-26](#).**

From these verses of scripture in Mark, we find that having the faith of God, or the God kind of faith, is the first step. Who has the faith of God? In writing to the church at Rome, Paul said, "[I beseech you therefore, brethren... through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to](#)

think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hash dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Romans 12:1-3). Every born-again man has been given the faith of God. It is his to use. God did not give it to take back.

As Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark, "*Whosoever shall say...*" Apply your faith to the situation. It will work for you like it worked for Jesus. **Release the force of faith by speaking the desired end result.** For instance, when you are ministering to someone who is sick, speak the desired end result. When Peter ministered to the lame man, he spoke only the desired end result: "*In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).* **What happened?** Immediately his feet and ankle-bones received strength, and he leaped up and entered the temple praising God. Peter released the force of faith in his behalf.

There is more involved than just speaking words. *Mark 11:23* continues with "*and shall not doubt in his heart.*" **Faith is of the heart, not the mind.** Words without the force of faith are void of power. If you are trying to base your faith on what looks reasonable according to the world's standards, you

will become double-minded. You must judge all things according to the Word. Then you will get to the place where what God says to you in His

The Word is more reasonable than natural thinking. Jesus went on to say that faith will not work in an unforgiving heart. **Faith worketh by love. When you are walking in unforgiveness, you are not in agreement with God.** You are not in agreement with His Word. He gave Jesus for you so that you could be free from your debt of sin. **If you are holding something against someone, release it and let it go.** Free them from their debt to you. **Unforgiveness is sin.** When you confess it to the Father, He will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

Recap Outline

I. Jesus demonstrated the law of faith

- A. Spoke to the fig tree
- B. Never mentioned the tree again

II. Who has the God kind of faith

A. Born-again man

- 1. Gift of God
- 2. Use as his own

III. "Whosoever shall say...."

- A. Speak faith to your situation
- B. Speak desired end result
 - 1. Sickness—"Be thou made whole"
 - 2. Peter—"Rise up and walk"

IV. "And shall not doubt in his heart"

- A. Words without force of faith void of power
- B. Base faith on Word, not human ideas

V. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart A.

Forgive—agree with God

- 1. He gave for us—set us free from our debt of sin
- 2. Confess sin of unforgiveness

VI. Feed your spirit

- A. The Word is spiritual food to inner man
- B. The Word produces faith

CHAPTER 5

Five Principles of Faith – Part 2

We are told in [Ephesians 5:1](#) to be followers of God as dear children. **Follower** in this scripture means "**imitator.**" We are to imitate God as children imitate their earthly parents. Jesus said that He does the same as His Father does and speaks only the things that the Father has taught Him ([John 5:19, 8:28](#)). He is the express image of God. We know about God's character by looking at Jesus.

Jesus operated totally by faith. He spoke words full of power. The manifestation of what He spoke came to pass. God spoke the inner image on the inside of Himself and there was light... there was dry land ... there were beasts of the field... there was man. He brought what existed in the spiritual world into the realm of the five physical senses.

The primary way to release faith is out of the mouth because words are containers. They can carry fear and hate (being instruments of destruction) or they can carry love and faith—bringing life to all those who hear. Words are the most powerful weapons on the face of the earth; therefore, it is up to us to choose only those that build up and edify. **Not only do they affect others,**

but our words control the course of our own lives. Negative confessions will only bring defeat.

Make confessions based on the Word. Let the Word be your motivation. As you do this, the Spirit of God will make that Word a living reality in you. And the result will be God's power made available to bring forth fruit in your life.

Jesus was giving the principle of faith in [Mark 11:22-26](#). In [verse 23](#), He said, *"That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* **Notice that He said, "...those things which he saith."** We must realize that every word that comes forth from our lips has the power to directly affect our lives for good or for bad. With this in mind, we must determine to bring our entire vocabulary in line with the Word of God and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. **There is only one way to accomplish this:** Feed your spirit with the Word of God. As you feed on the Word and let it nourish your inner man, your confession will be in line with the will of God.

The strength of God will come up from deep within and come out of your mouth. You will speak words of life. You will speak from your spirit where the forces of life reside.

My **son**, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health **to all their flesh. Keep** thy heart with all diligence; **for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee** (Proverbs 4:20-25).

Give your full attention to the Word. It is the most important thing. It is life to you! '*A whole-some tongue is a tree of life*' (Proverbs 15:4).

Recap Outline

- I. Be a follower of God
 - A. *Follower* means "imitator"
 - B. Jesus was the express image of God
 - C. His ministry expressed God's character 1.
God's character is faith

II. How to release faith

- A. Primary way—out of the mouth
- B. God's faith-filled words create

III. Words are most powerful weapons

- A. They carry life and death
- B. They set course of our lives

IV. Confessions—emphasized in faith principle

- A. Motivated by The Word
- B. More than mental affirmations
- C. All will come to pass

CHAPTER 6

Five Principles of Faith – Part3

The world of the spirit is a higher level of existence than the world of the natural. The natural world makes its decisions based on the five physical senses—what it can see, hear, feel, taste, and smell. **Faith is based on what the Word of God says.** From faith comes the seen world. The physical is a result of the spiritual. Temporal things around you are subject to change, but God's Word is the same—yesterday, today, and forever ([Hebrews 13:8](#)).

Faith in the established Word works. It not only works in prayer but in every realm of life. As you speak God's Word in faith, His power is available to bring that Word to pass.

As you operate the law of faith, you are in the position to receive from God. Peter used his faith on behalf of the beggar at the gate called Beautiful. He said, *"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk"* ([Acts 3:6](#)). Peter's faith was in operation here. He was using faith in the Name of Jesus in behalf of someone else. He did

not pray for the beggar. **He made a faith command in the Name of Jesus and the Word was performed.** Jesus' Name, through faith in His name, made the man whole. In [verse 12](#), Peter explains that his calling and his office as an apostle did not make this possible. His faith as a believer put the Word to work.

Faith does not work apart from God. It is impossible to please Him without faith. We use the power He has given us to activate the Word in our lives as well as in the lives of others. **That is part of the commandment to the Church:** *"And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment" (1 John 3:23).* **God will honor our faith because He honors the Name of Jesus.** When we speak to sickness and disease, it is faith in the Name of Jesus that will put a stop to their effect. He is Lord over all, and His Name is above every name.

At another point in Peter's ministry, as he was praying for the disciple Tabitha, he prayed first and then spoke to the body.

Faith will always work for you. No one can stop

your faith from working but you. If you allow yourself to listen to outside influences (circumstances, and unbelieving people), the opportunity will present itself to waver and turn your faith off. But as you resist those things that are contrary to the Word you are activating, the Word will be the result.

Most of the time your faith will work for someone else, but there comes a time when they must stand on their own faith and believe God for themselves.

When applying your faith to a need, go to the Scriptures and make sure you have a Word basis. This also ensures accuracy and leaves no margin for error. You can have confidence that you are in total harmony with God's will in every situation. God is merciful, but His mercy does not extend beyond the boundaries of His Word. He cannot honor what you speak or believe for outside of the Word.

The Word of God is our handbook of life. It has the answer for every need of mankind.

Outline

I. Faith is based on eternal things

- A. Eternal things in unseen realm
- B. Word is eternal

II. From faith comes the seen world

III. No one receives unless faith is in operation

IV. Faith works outside of prayer—in every realm of life

- A. Peter and beggar (Acts 3:6)
- B. Jesus raised widow's son (Luke 7:14)

V. Faith works in prayer

- A. Peter raised Tabitha (Acts 9:40)
- B. Jesus raised Lazarus (John 11:41-43)

VI. Faith does not work apart from God

VII. Faith will always work

- A. No one can stop your faith but you
- B. No one can infringe on your faith
- C. Must be based on God's will
 - 1. His will is His Word
 - 2. Leaves no margin for error

CHAPTER 7

Developing the Force of Faith

In [Genesis Chapter 1](#), we read that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. But nothing happened until God spoke. As He did, the Holy Spirit took the substance of faith that resided in His words and performed what He said. God knew, without doubt, that the desired end result would be manifested. **He had faith in His faith.**

Since faith is the parent force of all that exists, the natural world will respond to faith.

Everything that we can contact with the five physical senses is subject to the force of faith—even our bodies.

The faith that God gave Adam was meant to sustain his life. When Adam sinned, fear became the dominant force in his life. God was on the outside looking in. He had to find a legal entry back into the affairs of man. He approached a man named Abram. A blood covenant was cut—a covenant that not only gave God His avenue back into the earth but established promises between God and His people that we, as believers, partake of today.

Jesus defeated Satan and took the authority from him that was originally Adam's. He reinstated man in a position of fellowship with God. Those who accepted Jesus through faith became born again and they were made the righteousness of God. The God kind of faith took up residence in their hearts.

Now that we, as born-again believers, have the force of faith residing in our spirit, how can we develop it?

Every force, or fruit, of the reborn human spirit is developed and brought to perfection by putting the Word of God first place.

The first step to putting the Word first place is *meditation*. Meditation is more than just studying or reading the Bible. **Meditation is fixing your mind on the Word.** Verse by verse, let the Holy Spirit paint a picture on the inside of you until you have a clear understanding of what is being said. He will reveal the truth.

Joshua, upon replacing Moses, was instructed of God to meditate the Word day and night, so he could see how to do the job set before him—lead the Israelites. God's wisdom in the Word would enable him to deal wisely in every situation.

The second step to putting the Word first place is *to act on the Word*. James said to *be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only (James 1:22)*. **When we act on the Word, we set our faith in motion.**

If we stop activating our faith, the Word will not work.

Act on the Word as quickly as you would the word of your doctor, best friend, or lawyer. By acting on the Word, you are saying, "**God, I know You are not a liar. I can put my complete trust in You.**"

Do not look in the Scriptures for what you can't do, look for the things you can do. You can do all things through Christ Who is your strength ([Philippians 4:13](#)). For it is He Who is at work in you. He is strengthening you. He is enabling you to handle the circumstances of life with confidence in the Word.

Recap Outline

- I. The spoken Word produced for God
([Genesis 1:1-2](#))
 - A. Faith was the substance that resided in God's words
 - B. Faith-filled words put the Spirit into action
 - C. Faith—the parent force of all that exists 11.

- II. God's faith in Adam

- III. Adam's faith replaced by fear when he fell A. God on the outside
 1. He approached Abram—a way back into man's affairs

- IV. Abraham believed God and accepted the terms of the covenant in faith

1. It was accounted to him for righteousness
- V. Jesus reinstated man in a position of fellowship with God
1. Born again through faith—made righteous
- VI. How to develop the force of faith
- A. Putting the Word first place
 1. Meditation—fixing your mind on the Word
 2. Act on what the Word says

CHAPTER 8

Faith Cometh By Hearing

Faith is active and it can be developed. *Romans 10:17* says that *“faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* When the Word is heard, the Spirit of God, Who is one with the spirit of man, illuminates that Word and your faith begins to grow and develop. This faith of God that resides on the inside of you is as close to you as your mouth. *“But what saith it [righteousness which is of faith]? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach”* (Romans 10:8).

To be heard, faith must be released by the mouth. God released faith in His words—not just some of them—but every word. That is why faith comes when we hear the Word of God preached. **Sinners get saved the same way:** By hearing the word of faith.

Faith is based on what the Word says, not on physical manifestations. *“But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall*

descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead)" (Romans 10:6-7). To say, "Lord, touch me with Your nail-scarred hand," or "Put Your hand in my hand," is reaching into an area of the natural to contact the spiritual. It will not work. As a spirit being, you contact God in the spiritual realm.

Jesus does not need to come down from heaven to meet our needs. He does not need to die and be resurrected again. His work was complete, and He gave us His Name to use. He gave us all power and authority. We have been invested with God's ability. We can do the same works that Jesus did in His earthly ministry, but we must use the same principle that He used. He applied faith to what the Father God said. **Our faith-filled words will accomplish that which we desire.**

Faith comes to whosoever. It is not given to a select few because of their calling. God is not a respecter of persons. He honors His Word. *Mark 11:23* states, *"That **whosoever** shall say..."* and *Romans 10:13* says, *"For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* It is available to all. *Second Timothy Chapter 2* says that there are vessels of gold and silver and wood and earth. There

are some to honor and some to dishonor. *"If a man therefore purge himself..."* (2 Timothy 2:21). It is dependent upon the individual. The purging is not done by God but by the believer through the washing of water—by the Word. When the Word is applied, it purifies and makes whole.

The faith that is in the Word of God will come and you will walk in all boldness and confidence. Make the decision that you are what the Word says you are. Make the decision that you can do what the Word says you can do. **Faith in the Word, and not in your own natural ability, will put you over.**

Recap Outline

- I. Faith is active and can be developed
 - A. Comes by hearing and hearing by the Word

- II. Faith is as close as your breath

- III. Faith based on Word and not manifestations
 - A. [Romans 10:6-7](#)
 - 1. Christ does not need to come down from heaven

2. Christ does not need to die and be resurrected again

IV. We have the same faith as Jesus

- A. We can do the same works
- B. Must use same principle

V. Faith comes to whoever

- A. [Second Timothy 2:21](#)—vessels
 1. Gold and silver
 2. Wood and earth
 3. Some to honor
 4. Some to dishonor

VI. A man purges himself

- A. By the washing of water by the Word

CHAPTER 9

The Greatest Faith

The highest form of faith is to believe entirely on the authority of God's Word without any physical evidence.

In [Matthew Chapter 8](#) there is a story of the centurion whose servant was afflicted with palsy. When he approached Jesus and implored Him for the health of his servant, Jesus told the centurion He would come and heal him. *"The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed"* ([Matthew 8:8](#)). He continued by explaining that he was a man under authority and that he had others under his authority. He said that when he spoke, those under his authority did what he said. Jesus was amazed and said that this man had **"great faith."** In [verse 13](#), Jesus spoke, and the servant was healed in the selfsame hour. It was done exactly the way the centurion believed.

This is an example of the highest form of faith. The centurion recognized the authority in the

words of Jesus, and he based his belief solely on His words. He didn't require any physical evidence to support the truth. **He simply believed that what Jesus spoke would come to pass.**

The Bible says that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Jesus told Martha that Mary, in choosing to hear the Word rather than to help serve the guests, had chosen the best part. He said that only one thing was necessary the Word of God. The Word could not be taken away from her.

The Word of God is spirit and life ([John 6:63](#)). Believing the Word is faith in action. The five physical senses are not the evidence of the Word at work. *Faith is perceiving as real fact that which has not been revealed to the senses* ([Hebrews 11:1](#), *The Amplified Bible*). Receiving the Word as true, believing it, acting on it, and confessing it is reaching into the world of the spirit and drawing it into the reality of the here and now. God's Word will not return void ([Isaiah 55:11](#)).

The lowest form of faith is depending on the five physical sense realm to be the evidence of God's Word at work. This is believing because

you see. In [John 20:25](#), Thomas said that unless he could see the nail prints in Jesus' hands and *touch* His wounds, he *would not believe* that Jesus had risen from the dead. As an act of his will, Thomas chose to believe sense knowledge. When Jesus appeared to the disciples again, He gave Thomas the opportunity to see and touch Him. Then He said, "*Be not faithless, but believing.*"

The Christian who has separated what he perceives through his senses from what the Word says has put himself in a position for his faith to grow and mature. When he makes the decision that he will **believe** God's Word without any sense evidence, there is no limit to the pinnacle his faith can reach.

Recap Outline

1. Two kinds of knowledge
 - A. Sense realm knowledge - What is perceived through the five physical senses
 - B. Revelation knowledge - What is perceived spiritually from the Word of God

II. The highest form of faith

- A. Faith in God's Word alone - No physical evidence
- B. Recognition of the authority of God's Word
- C. Belief based on that authority

III. The Word of God is spirit and life ([John 6:63](#))

- A. Man does not live by bread alone but by the Word of God ([Matthew 4:4](#))
- B. Faith is receiving as fact the Word of God even when it has not been revealed to the senses

IV. Lowest form of faith

- A. Attitude of seeing is believing

V. Faith can mature

- A. When the believer makes the Word final authority where his believing is concerned

CHAPTER 10

Five Basic Confessions

God did not send His Word into the earth to be hidden from men. He put it here to build our faith and confidence in Him. As we gain knowledge of the Word, our confession of that Word will release our faith and put it to work. We must hold fast to our profession. **We do not hold fast to the profession of sickness, failure, or lack.**

Do not be afraid to confess the revelation you have received from God's Word. *"What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light.- and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops....Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 10:27, 32). **As you speak the Word, Jesus confesses it before the Father.**

Confessing the Word puts God's power to work in your behalf. The shield of faith quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked. Therefore, order the words of your mouth. **Speak the Word.** Make a decision to commit your lips totally to speaking only the truth.

The following are five basic confessions:

1. Jesus is Lord over (your need)_____

Every believer gave Jesus the right to be his Lord when he became born again. Satan no longer has any rights to his life. When Jesus became Lord, He became Lord over ALL. Sickness, disease, poverty, marital problems, strife, and any other work of Satan's has to bow its knee to the lordship of Jesus (see [Philippians 2:9-11](#)).

2. **I do not have a care.** [First Peter 5:6-7](#) says to humble yourself by casting all your care upon God. You humble yourself. God will not humble you. When all care, worry, and concern are cast on God, then a man has come under the authority of the Word and made it first place in his life.

3. **The Lord is my Shepherd, I do not want.** Salvation, healing, financial ability, and the Holy Ghost belong to the believer through Jesus Christ. He is seated at the table of abundance in the presence of his enemies now, in this lifetime ([Psalm 23](#)).

4. **I am free.** The child of God is free from the power of Satan. All that Adam turned over to him in the Garden of Eden has been bought back by Jesus. Satan has no more dominion over you. Sickness, disease, lack, poverty, want, habits, etc., are under the curse of the law. You have been redeemed ([Galatians 3:13-14](#)).

5. **Jesus is made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption** ([1 Corinthians 1:30](#)). As joint-heirs with Jesus, everything He has belongs to us. The promises were made *to us* and *for us*. They are rightfully ours because we have right standing with God. The Word is our Bill of Rights. If you wait until you see or feel something before you speak it, you will be basing what you believe on sense knowledge evidence. To be afraid to confess or act before it is manifested is to doubt God's Word. God is not a man that He should lie. He will do what He says He will do. **If God promises it to you in the Word, it is yours!**

Recap Outline

- I. Word not hid from man
- II. Confession of Word releases faith and puts

it to work

iii. Confess revelation from God

A. The Word you confess, Jesus confesses before the Father

IV. Speak God's Word

A. Commit to the truth

V. Five basic confessions

A. Jesus is Lord over ALL

B. I do not have a care

C. The Lord is my Shepherd, I do not want

D. I am free

E. Jesus is made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption

CHAPTER II

The Established Heart

On this chapter, we will see in [Psalm 112](#) how a believer can have the things of God and the power of God working in his life because his heart is established in the Word and he is trusting in the Lord.

God exalted His Word above His Name. He put it first place above all else. **For a man to live in God's supernatural realm, he, too, must put the Word first place in his life.** This does not change the fact that Jesus must be number one. Jesus and the Word agree because they are one and the same ([John 1:1-2, 14](#)). He always points man to the Word. *"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed"* ([John 8:31](#)). *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you"* ([John 15:7](#)). **To make Jesus Lord is to make the Word final authority.**

If a believer wants God to get involved in all that he is doing, he must do what God says to do. His heart must be established—rooted

and grounded—in the Word to the place where feelings, what other people say, or what the devil can do will not move him.

Most believers do not have a faith problem. **They have a Word problem.** The God kind of faith was received at the time of the new birth. Faith is one of the forces that makes up the fruit of the recreated human spirit. However, the mind was not recreated and must be renewed. This is why believers have a Word problem. **Until their mind is renewed by the Word of God they cannot be established in His will.**

For example, a believer may know what the Word says about healing but not be established in “by *His stripes ye were healed.*” His words, “*I know I’m healed, BUT...*” are immediately followed by a statement of unbelief. His heart is not established in the area of healing.

A man with an established heart is unwavering, never doubting. He says. “All things are possible to me because I am a believer.” He stands in the consciousness that if God is for him, no one can successfully be his enemy.

It is not necessary for him to stop and think about it.

He knows. Then he takes the next step and finds out what the Word says and acts on it.

The established heart is a patient heart. It is one who, after having done the will of God, will patiently stand on the Word until it receives the promise. It will not relent or turn back is constant, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Everyone's heart is established on something – the Word of God or the world's system of operation.

The world's way is temporal, subject to change, but the Word works one hundred percent of the time.

Foundation Scripture: Psalm 112

- I. No matter what may happen, he stands in the consciousness that, if God is for him, no one can successfully be his enemy ([Romans 8:31](#)).

- II. Most are established in fear, sickness, poverty, weakness ([1 Corinthians 3:3 The Amplified Bible](#)). The human standard is the sense-ruled mind.

- III. The Word – ruled mind is never prepared to fail ([James 1:5-8](#))
 - * A mind dominated by God's thoughts,

nature, and ways

* We have the mind of Christ

(1 Corinthians 2:16)

* You are ruled by one or the other – ordinary impulses or God's Word

* Faith or Fear

* Sickness or Healing

* Poverty or Abundance

* Power or Weakness

IV. Every believer owes it to himself to be so established in the Word that no matter what happens, he stands unruffled and unaffected

V. The faith confession

* Brings glory to the Father

* Brings joy to Jesus

* Brings victory to your own heart

VI. The established Heart is one that meditates upon God's Word

EXAMPLE: Satan can use only those things that are common to man
(1Corinthians 10:13)

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Corinthians 10:4)

CHAPTER 12

Believing with the Heart

Jesus spoke to His disciples concerning their unbelief because they did not believe the testimony of those who had seen Him after His resurrection (Mark 16:14). After being told by the other disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead, Thomas would not accept what they said until he saw Jesus for himself. Jesus instructed him not to be faithless.

You can mentally assent to something being true but never believe it with your heart.

Believing is an action word. To activate God's Word in faith is to believe with the heart. To believe with the heart is to act like God's Word is so. It is operating the Word that has been revealed to your spirit by the Holy Spirit.

In a pressure situation you will quickly find out if the knowledge you are operating in is sense knowledge or revelation knowledge. Make sure that the Word in your spirit is activated in faith. Act like the Word that has been revealed to you is so. When we act according to what the Word says, we are not a hearer only but a doer of that Word.

As we feed on God's Word, the faith that resides in our spirit will develop and grow until we would not think of acting any other way.

Believing with the heart is man's responsibility.

God gave you His faith for your very own, but He will not do your believing for you. He functions by faith and you must function by faith. Trust in Him with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding ([Proverbs 3:5](#)).

How do you trust God with your heart? Getting to know Him on a personal basis through fellowship in His Word. When you put God first place, you are putting the Word first place. God's Word is God speaking to you personally about what He will do for you NOW!

Do not consider the five physical sense realm as the answer. Faith in God's Word is the answer to every need in life. Consider Jesus. Form an image on the inside of you of the Word. Allow that inner image to grow to the point that it is more real to you than what you can see in the natural. See yourself succeed. Believe who you are in Christ. **All things are possible to you as a believer** ([Mark 9:23](#)).

The Word in you bears the fruit ([Colossians 1:5-6](#)). The Word goes in your spirit and faith comes out, putting the supernatural power of God into operation—changing the natural, physical world into the desired result. The manifestation is the fruit of the Word from the inner man. *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples"* (John 15:7-8).

We do not lack for anything. We just need to develop the Word in us. When we become skillful in handling the Word, our spirit will be in ascendancy over our flesh at all times.

Recap Outline

- I. Unbelief
 - A. Refusing to act on the Word

- II. Believe with the heart, not the head
 - A. You will find out where your faith is in pressure situations
 - B. Believing is our responsibility
 - C. Lean not to your own understanding

III. How do you trust God with your heart?

- A. Put God and His Word first place
- B. Do not consider the physical realm—
faith in the Word is the answer
- C. Consider Jesus (The Word)—not the
problem

IV. Form an inner image with the Word

- A. See yourself successful
- B. Believe who you are in Christ
- C. You can do anything

V. Manifestation is the fruit of the Word in the inner
man

VI. Let your spirit be in ascendancy over your
flesh

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