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Part 1 - Introduction

(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

Eph. 4:15-16

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: ¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵ **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:** ¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

John: 17:17

¹⁷ Sanctify them through your truth: **your word is truth.**

- Replacing the word “**truth**” with the “**Word of God**” we see that we grow by speaking the Word of God into spiritual maturity and no other way.

1.1 God speaks Creation into existence - by Faith!

- God speaks and uses His faith to create the **inner image** that was on the inside of Him and then speaks it out into the natural realm - “light be, and light was!” Gen. 1:1-3
- The word of God tells us in Hebrews that the worlds were created by a substance called faith. Heb.11:1-3

Heb. 11:3

³**Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

- Mankind created **in His image** (man also operates by words & faith.)

Gen.1:26-31

²⁶And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.** ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.**

1.2 Jesus uses his Faith in his ministry!

- He operated in faith throughout his ministry, and the word says that he pleased the Father (Mat.3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22), also the without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb.11:6)
- He ministered as a man under the old covenant, not as the son of God, he was showing us what we could do also by using our faith!



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Phil.2:7-8

⁷But **made himself of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of **a servant**, and was made in the **likeness of men**: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he **humbled himself**, and became **obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross.

- If you want to see the will of God the Father, look at the ministry of Jesus - When you have seen Jesus you have seen the father – (John 14:8-10; John 6:38; John 8:28)

John 8:28 Amplified Bible.

“...I do nothing from myself _ of My own accord, or on My own authority – but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me”

- Jesus said that if you believed on him that you too would do the works that he did and even greater.
- Jesus was teaching his disciples to operate the same way as he – in faith!

John 14:12-14

¹²Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** ¹³And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

1.3 In Christ – you are a New Creation!

- If you have received Jesus into to your life as lord and saviour you are a new creature capable of doing what Jesus did!

2Cor.5:17

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; Behold, all things have become new.

- God has given to each one of faith

Rom.12:3

³For I say, 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 hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

- The bible says that we have the like (or same) precious faith.

2 Peter 1:1

¹Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:**

- The bible says that we are to be conformed to the image of Gods son.

Rom.8:29

²⁹For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

1.4 Do not wait for God – He is waiting for you!

- If you are born again you are the “just in Christ” – the work is finished.



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Heb.10:38

³⁸Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

- God is waiting for you to act so that He can make what you said come to pass - the authority of what happens is in the hands of man.

Deut.30:19

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, **that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life that both thou and thy seed may live:**

1.5 Spiritual world and a Natural world!

- God is spirit and He lives in the spiritual world!
- Man is a spirit also but also a 3 part being living in a natural world still controlled and influenced by the spirit world.
- This is a word created and word controlled planet and has a word controlled system, words of “faith” or words of “fear” will control what happens on this planet!

1 Thes.5:23

²³And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your **whole spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- We must **learn to operate out of our spirit man by faith** using the word of God and the authority that God gave to us in the name of Jesus!
- We are **His children and He expects us to like Him!**
- You have a **natural believing system inside you**, but when you were “born again” your believing system was converted into a “believing system” that can believe for what you cannot see with your natural eyes or senses. Your believer was lifted up to be able to operate in the supernatural like God.

1.6 The promises are received by faith!

- Why is faith so important to the believer - the promises of God are inherited by faith – you must understand how the system of using your faith works.
- The promises of God are received into the natural realm when we learn to speak out the word of God in faith!

Heb.6:12

¹²That you be not slothful (lazy), but followers of them **who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

- Where do we get **our** faith – comes from the word of God!

Rom.10:17

¹⁷So then faith cometh by **hearing, and hearing** by the word of God.

- It does **not come by reading the word** but hearing the word!
- How the system works - speaking > listening > into natural ear > into spiritual ear > into spirit man > faith released > builds up spirit man > released in words + with corresponding actions at the problem both work together to produce the promise of God!

James 2:17

¹⁷Even **so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**



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Conclusion:

Once we know where faith comes from...

Once we know how faith is received...

Once we know how faith is fed...

Once we know how faith is released...

Then we will be in a place for action, to have success in the earth and to be co-laborers with God to build His Kingdom!

Part 2 – The Believer & Faith.

2.1 Who has Faith?

Rom.12:2-3

²And be **not conformed to this world: but be you transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ³For I say, 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 hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

- He has given to every “born again” person “the” measure of Faith (that is His faith, Gods own faith).
- The faith He has given us overcomes the world. (1John 5:4-5)

1John 5:4-5

⁴For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, **even our faith.** ⁵Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

2.2 God has given you a Servant!

Luke 17:5-10

⁵And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. ⁶And the Lord said, **If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.** ⁷But which of you, **having a servant** plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? ⁸And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup (eat), and gird yourself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward you shalt eat and drink? ⁹Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: **we have done that which was our duty to do.**

- Faith is your servant – ready for you to command!
- Command it (faith) 24 hours per day, give it no rest!
- Satan takes no rest so should our Faith be.



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2.3 You have a believing Apparatus on the inside of You!

2 Cor.5:17

¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- Every human being has a natural believing system on the inside from birth – based upon knowledge that comes from the 5 physical senses.
- Also based on logic from the mind, for example, sitting down on a chair that will carry your weight!
- After conversion through Christ in your life, God puts His kind of Faith onto your natural believer system which enables you to believe like Him and to believe what you cannot see (The supernatural).
- Only your recreated spirit (born again) man can believe what it cannot see.

2.4 You have the rights to use Faith!

Rom.3:21-24

²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²²**Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference: ²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

- When you became born again you came into the family of God and this gave you rights – one of those rights is to operate by faith.
- You have right standing with God – He has given you that right through His son Jesus:
- You were made righteous by Jesus and not of your own works!

2.5 You have like Precious Faith through righteousness of God!

2 Peter 1:1

¹Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that **have obtained like precious faith** with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

- You have obtained the same faith as the Apostles – it is the same faith for all men including Jesus!
- **Jesus is the High Priest over Your Confession of Faith**

Heb.3:1-2

¹Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus**; ²Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

- Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father waiting for you confessions of faith (prayers), so that He can bring them into existence.
- Jesus is Lord over sickness and disease but High priest over healing!



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2.6 Who has a right to expect faith to operate for them?

Rom.10:11-17

¹¹For the scripture says, *Who soever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.* ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!* ¹⁶But they have not all **obeyed the gospel**. For Esaias says, Lord, who hath believed our report? ¹⁷**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

- All those that have had the Gospel preached to them and who have obeyed the Gospel.
- They have a right to expect faith to operate and work for them.
- Obeying Gods word!

2.7 It is impossible to please God without Faith!

Heb.11:6

⁶But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- The bible says that Jesus pleased the Father so Jesus had to walk by Faith his entire life & ministry on the earth.
- Without Faith God cannot please you.

2.8 God is not pleased when we are overthrown in our lives?

1 Cor.10:5

⁵But with many of them **God was not well pleased**: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

- When we are beaten in life by the world and Satan, God is not pleased.
- God created us to be over comers and conquers in Christ Jesus and God has given us everything that we need to have the victory.

1 John 5:4-5

⁴For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: **and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.** ⁵Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

2.9 God has pleasure in the prosperity of His servants!

Ps. 35:27-28

²⁷Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yes, let them say continually, **Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.** ²⁸And my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.



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- God has great pleasure in you prospering here in the earth in all areas of your life – spirit, soul, body, social & financial.
- He has made you the head and not the tail, above and not beneath all situations

Part 3 – Faith and its operation.

3.1 What is Faith?

Heb. 11:1-3

¹Now faith is the **substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** ²For by it the elders obtained a good report. ³Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, **so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

- Faith is spiritual substance in heaven that connects with the faith on the inside of you.
- It is the substance that makes the promise of God become a reality in the earth.
- Example of a house being built or concrete (substance) being poured into form work (promise).

3.2 Faith is a Law!

Rom.3:27

²⁷Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No: **but by the law of faith.**

- Faith is a law just like electricity is a law – if you know the laws that govern electricity, it will work for you.
- Faith also works by laws that are set out in God's word, we must get to know these laws so that we can operate efficiently if Faith.

3.3 How does Faith come?

Rom.10:17

¹⁷So then faith cometh by **hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

- Faith comes by hearing (continually) only and not by reading.
- Faith is the force that must be built up in your spirit man to produce faith in your life.

3.4 How do we live as Believers?

Rom.1:17b

¹⁷For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

- As believers we are to have a lifestyle of faith!
- God intends that every believer should live by Faith or have their lives sustained by Faith on a continual basis.



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3.5 How do we walk this walk of Faith?

2 Cor. 5:7

⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight

- We walk (or governed) not by our natural 5 physical senses but by the Word and led by the Holy Spirit.

Part 4 – Walking By Faith & Not by Sight!

4.1 Believing (Faith) vs. Mental assent (Knowing)?

- *Faith* is released from your heart (spirit man) when **you believe the Word of God beyond what your senses are** saying and confess with your mouth what the Word of God says.
- Believing what you can – See – Taste – Smell – Touch – Hear – is **not believing but knowing!**
- **“I believe it if I can see it”** = Comes from sense knowledge only.
- **Example:** A Pastor praying for a man with a tumor on the side of his hip.

Pastor – “Do you know 1 Peter 2:24?”

Man – “Yes, by his stripes you are healed!”

Pastor – “Do you believe it?”

Man – “Yes!”

Pastor – “Are you healed?”

Man – “No I have this thing on my side!”

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NOTE: The man or Believer, he is believing only what he can see with his natural senses even though he says that he believes the Word of God, in mentally ascending in his mind that that the word of God is true but not believing it in his heart that it is true for him therefore he cannot receive the promise!

4.2 The power of Life and Death are in the Power of the Tongue!

James 3:3-6

³Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. ⁴Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm (rudder), whithersoever (wherever the governor listeth (determines)). ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity (wickedness): so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.



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- You will have what you say if you say it long enough because you will believe it!
- You can have what you say by Fear or by Faith, the decision is yours.
- An Example: Sickness coming every year or family inherited sickness, confessing that you will receive it before it happens, by believing it then confessing it!

4.3 The Law of Gradual Spiritual Growth!

- Everything on this planet is governed by the law of gradual spiritual growth – Nothing in the spiritual realm grows suddenly, unless God causes it to do so – and that is an exception and not the rule.
- Jesus said (**Mark 4:26-29**) ...
²⁶And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; ²⁷And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how.

4.4 Your words are process starters!

- When you put a natural seed into the earth you get a crop from that seed, whatever it was, example apple seeds produce apples!
- When you take the “incorruptible seed of God’s word” and put into the heart (spirit man) of a human you will also have a crop (Harvest) and the seed will produce whatever you have said and believed for!

Mark 4:13-20

¹³And he said unto them, Know you not this parable? and how then will you know all parables? ¹⁴**The sower sows the word.** ¹⁵And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan comes immediately, and taketh away **the word that was sown in their hearts.** ¹⁶And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, **when affliction or persecution arise** for the word’s sake, immediately they **are offended.** ¹⁸And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, ¹⁹And **the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in,** choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

4.5 How we operate in the God kind of Faith?

- After we have built up our faith in our spirit man, we release that faith through the words of our mouth in the promise of God.
- Jesus said in Mark 11: 22-26, that we are to speak to our mountain or problem in our lives, God will not do it for us, we must!

Mark 11:22-26

²²And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God. ²³For verily I say unto you, 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 says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** ²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and you shall have them.** ²⁵And **when ye stand praying, forgive,** if you have should against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.



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- Jesus gave you authority to do this;

Mat.28:16-20

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** ¹⁹**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-18

¹⁵And he said unto them, **Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** ¹⁶He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned. ¹⁷And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

- The Holy Spirit is waiting to make the words that you have spoken come to pass, your part is to speak and not doubt!
- Jesus also is watching over your words to make sure that they are received by the Father! He is the mediator between us and God the Father.

1 Tim.2:5

⁵For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

1. Find the promise of God that covers your situation or problem **(1John 5:14-15)**.
2. Confess the Word continually as faith comes by hearing and hearing **(Rom.10:17)**.
3. Frame up your hope with the Word of God **(Heb.11:3)** which is the “real hope or promise of God” and by which faith will be the substance of that “real hope or promise of God” **(Heb.11:1)**.
4. Build up the inner image inside your imagination – see yourself with the promise **(Jos.1:8)**.
5. Walk by faith and not by what you see in the natural realm **(2 Cor.5:17)**.
6. Faith is your servant ready to serve you – command it into action! **(Luke: 17, 5-9)**.
7. You believe therefore do you speak **(2 Cor.4.13)**.
8. **According to (Mark 11:22-26)**.
 - Say to the problem (mountain), be removed by using the word for that problem **(Mark 11:23)**.
 - Believe in your heart and doubt not, or have unbelief **(Mark. 11:23)**.
 - Believe you receive when you pray, not when you see it **(Mark.11:24)**.
 - Forgive others – hold no unforgiveness **(Mark 11:25-26)**.
9. The heavenly substance of your faith in you **(Rom. 12:3)** connects to the heavenly substance in heaven **(Heb.:10:34)**.
10. Your promise is obtained by grace through faith **(Rom.4:16a)**.
11. Command the angels to bring to you or to minister for you the promise of God **(Ps.103:20 / Ps.91:11-13) in Jesus name**.
12. Things that are temporal are subject to change **(2Cor.4:18)**.
13. Call those things that be not as though they already were there, until they are there **(Rom.4:17)**.
14. Cast all the care of the situation over onto the Lord **(1 Peter 5:6-7)**.
15. Cast down all imaginations that would come to your mind that are opposite to the promise or God's word **(2 Cor.10.3-6)**.



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16. Take no thought saying it, do not speak a thought that is opposite to what you are believing for (**Matt. 6:31**).
17. Having done all therefore to stand, stand in Faith and hold your position of faith for what you are believing for (**Eph.6.10-13**).
18. Praise God for the answer being manifested, that`s faith! (**1Thes.5:16**).
19. Your actions much match your faith – that is what you are believing for (**James 2:17**).

4.6 Practical examples how the system works.

Building a house example (the physical realm);

- Use a plan or blue print of the design of the house that you want.
- Use a builder and building materials.
- The house is built over a period of time according to the plan, it does not come instantly.
- You do not stop the building of that house until it is finished.

Mountain in your life or problem example (the spiritual realm);

- The plan or blue print is the word of God or the promise of God, this is the framework that your faith builds within by the Holy Spirit.
- The builder is the Holy Spirit and the building material is the substance of Faith!
- The word of God tells us that the Kingdom is as seed time and harvest, there is a process that takes time, whatever you need from God in your life you must get that from the incorruptible seed of God`s word and plant that in your heart by saying it, and then after stand in faith not changing your confession. It will produce a harvest of that SEED!
- Doubt and unbelief will destroy the seed as well as walking out of love, and being offended!

4.7 Jesus is our example!

The Life of Jesus is our example –the bible says we are to be conformed in His image.

1. He spent much time in prayer, but He never spoke the problem; he prayed the answer. **What God said in the Word.**
2. He spoke accurately, never crooked speech (doubt & unbelief). His conversation always consisted of what God said.
3. He always spoke the end results, **not the problem**. Never did He confess His **present** circumstances. He spoke the **desired (end) results**.
4. He used the written Word to defeat Satan.

4.8 A final Word Over Growing in Faith!

THE WORD OF GOD CONCEIVED IN THE HEART, FORMED BY THE TONGUE, AND SPOKEN OUT OF THE MOUTH IS CREATIVE POWER THAT WILL CHANGE SITUATIONS!

JESUS IS LORD!