**God Wants to Stagger You Part 2 (sjm 4-26-2023)**

**The bible is two thirds prophetic:** (things that have happened, happening today & will happen)

 **One or two words straight from God** can change your entire perspective & even life *(I show you that today)*

Most people are born with a desire to be the best they can be. However, this world brings obstacles to obtaining the success or help you may be looking for in the various walks of your life.

**God gave Abraham 3 promises 1) Promised land 2) A Son 3) Promise of Blessings & redemption**

**Abraham’s Walk of Faith:**

**Rom 4:17 (**As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him **whom he believed, even God,** who **quickeneth** the dead, & **calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

**18**Who **against hope believed in hope,** that he might become the father of many nations, **according to that which was spoken**, So shall thy seed be.

**19 \***And **being not weak in faith,** **he considered not** his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

**20** He **staggered** not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith**, **giving glory to God**

 **Staggered** = To cause someone to be astonished, to be stunned, feel shocked or extremely surprised because of something unexpected or very unusual happening:

* **So Surprised** you are overwhelmed & almost lose control of your senses

**Abraham – staggered *not”*** *Wasn’t surprised or shocked.*

***God spoke to me*** *& said my people need to get off the surprise & get on the normality.*

**21**And **being fully persuaded** that, what he had promised, he was **able also to perform***. (for you?)*

**Two Other scriptures initially amazed me and continue to inspire me!**

**Mark 9:23 “**As soon as Jesus heard the word”, he said unto him (the father of a boy torn by the devil), **If** **thou** **canst** **believe**, all things are possible to him that **believeth.**

 **Mark 5:36** To ruler of synagogue **“Be not afraid, only believe.”**

**Matt 9:29** According to **your faith** be it unto you. *(You control your destiny, others only influence)*

**Heb 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to **please him:** for he that cometh to God must **believe that he is,** and that he is a **rewarder** of them that **diligently** seek him.

 **Please -** To give pleasure or to agree with: To warm to delight:

 **Diligently** - steady, earnest, and energetic effort

 **MSG version:** It was because of his faith that Enoch was promoted to the eternal world without experiencing death. He disappeared from this world because as God promoted him, & before that happened, his reputation was that “he pleased God”. & without faith it is impossible to please him. The man who approaches God must have faith in two things, **first** that God exists and **secondly** that it is worth a man’s while to try to find God.

**Eph 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we **ask** **or** **think**, according to the power that worketh in us,

 **Amphd classic -** aboveall that we **[dare]** ask or think

**Lets Look at Several Other Faith Storiesfrom Scriptures:**

**Matt 8: Summery; A Centurion (Roman Soldier come asking Jesus for Help)**

 **General Points**: 1) Had no relationship 2) Roman Soldier 3) Didn’t interrupt Jesus

 **Vs 6** home paralyzed, with intense *and* terrible, tormenting pain.” Had compassion & Moxie = force of character, determination, or nerve.

 **Nerve -** a person's steadiness, courage, & sense of purpose when facing a demanding situation.

 **Vs 8 but speak the word only** Centurion had insight into the Power & efficiency of God

 **Vs 13** **And Jesus said unto the centurion,” Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee”.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Jesus didn’t find **great faith** in the expected environment!

**Matt 9:20 A Woman with An Issue of Blood (diseased) for 12 years**

1. Spent all her money & actually grew worse.
2. **Vs 21** he said within herself “but if I may touch his garment, I shall be whole”
3. **Luke 8:** As soon as she touched, immediately her issue of blood stopped (virtue flowed out of him)

**Vs 22 Daughter be of good comfort, thy faith has made thee whole**

**Faith of A Canaanite Women (Story in Matt 15)**

* **Vs 22** A woman came crying after him, “O Lord, Son Of David”, My daughter is grievously vexed of the Devil
* **Vs 23** Disciples said, send her away
* **Vs 24** Jesus, finally said, I am not sent but, unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel
* **Vs 25** Then she came and worshipped me and said, Lord Help Me!
* **Vs 26** Jesus = It is not meet to take the children’s bread and to cast it to dogs
* **Vs 27** She said – Truth Lord, Yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the Masters table! (its enough)
* **Vs 28 Jesus said, O Woman, great if thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou will**