**God Wants to Stagger You (sjm 4-23-2023)**

**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)*

 **Timeline with God:** We are at the last port (Spirit of Anti-Christ brining a last volley against the H/S)

 **(Satan actually thinks he can win)** – *He showed us the end from the beginning) “He was already cast out”.*

 **Same thing at the battle of Armageddon** *(the forces of this earth believe they can take out God)*

 **(Might say from God’s eyes: –** (*this is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard)*

***No – the most is:*** *I am struggling right now in one or more areas of my life & Ill never get out!)*

 **Rev 21:7** He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (7x)

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.

**Lets Look At Abraham for keys to Godly Success: (called the Father of our Faith for a Reason)**

 Abram (exalted Father) came from Ur of the Chaldees which was area dedicated to Nanna, the moon god.

 God said - Leave kindred, country & fathers house**.** He obeyed, not knowing where he was going (Canaan)

 And the Lord appeared unto Abram & said, unto thy seed I will give you this land (at 75 yrs of age)

 The Lord than appeared unto Abraham & said I am your shield & great reward for your obedience (look at the stars, so shall thy seed be)

 When Abram was 90 God appeared unto him & changed his name to Abraham (father of many nations) –

 As for Sarai (princess) her name shall be Sarah & she shall be the mother of many nations.

 Your name was changed to Christian (Little Christ or Christ like)

 **Nations and Kings** shall come out of thee. And I will establish an everlasting covenant with thee.

**God gave Abraham 3 promises 1) The promised land (divine promises\*)   2) the promise of the descendants (life) .  3) the promise of blessing and redemption.**

(Inside the promised land, there is a further blessed land)

**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.

**In this context, we can see why Jesus rebuked those walking in (UNBELIEF)**

**John 20:29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **Blessed** are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

 **Blessed -** an enviable position for receiving God's provisions and favor

 **Jesus’s words to Thomas** *(be not faithless, but believing)*

**Mark 16:14** Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat & upbraided them with their unbelief & **hardness** **of** **heart**, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

**Matt 8:26**  And he saith unto them, Why are ye **fearful**, O ye of little faith? Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

**Mark 4:40** And he said unto them, Why are ye so **fearful**? How is it that ye have no faith?

**\*Heb 3:19** So we see that they could not enter i(the promised land) because of **unbelief**.

**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 -** Infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams],

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

 **CEB**  - far beyond all that we could ask or imagine

 **LEB** – beyond all measure more than all that we ask or think,

 **Voice** - Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things,* things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us,

**Wed – We will Gleam faith principles from Two other Biblical Stories**

**Wednesdays Message**

**Lets Look at Another Faith Story from Scriptues:**

**Matt 8:13** **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.**

 **8 but speak the word only**

 **6** home paralyzed, with intense *and* terrible, tormenting pain.” Had compassion & Moxie = force of character, determination, or [nerve](https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=APwXEddMFLKrPH7d1JUUefedyW1E5PbxlA:1681691356422&q=nerve&si=AMnBZoGP34IVl-vQ5XB3AyP2dfbgoMQWBDPUI95BjIbOBy3A8vsLJaXXQjWfZ01tSTTDQ7pqFfbBQ2XU0w4HN3izT5IEGvZEGg%3D%3D&expnd=1).

 **Nerve -** a person's [steadiness](https://www.google.com/search?biw=1366&bih=625&sxsrf=APwXEddhFlN5S8raIR97d0k0ZPt0CExbfQ:1681691396887&q=steadiness&si=AMnBZoFY6cJe4EcBOpcoqxHCe-IfZu0EVbiGmFDVp3EZOXQrb3w6hpyPWsznbGNznX3JQJCxjF29i8b6whTfIV02z-e9GXFODA%3D%3D&expnd=1), courage, & sense of purpose when facing a demanding situation.

 **11**I say to you that many [Gentiles] will come from east and west, and will sit down [to feast at the table, and enjoy God’s promises] with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven [because they accepted Me as Savior – Rem Thomas? ], **12**while the sons *and* heirs of the kingdom [the descendants of Abraham who will not recognize Me as Messiah] will be thrown out into the outer darkness; in that place [which is farthest removed from the kingdom]

Jesus was Lord over everything, including sicknesses, so all He had to do was speak a word and his servant would be healed.

Jesus didn’t find **great faith** in the expected environment (religious leaders or even those entrusted with the covenant)