

“FAITH THAT CHANGES MY LIFE”

HEBREWS 11:6

AS WE LIVE BY FAITH OUR LIFE TRANSFORMS INTO A LIFE HIDDEN IN OUR HOPE IN GOD.

PRAYER WORKS, WHEN YOU BELIEVE. WHEN YOU READ YOUR BIBLE, FAITH COMES. AND THAT FAITH THAT COMES FROM READING AND FEEDING ON THE WORD OF GOD WILL SOON LEAD YOU TO START PRAYING FERVENT AND EFFECTUAL PRAYERS. YOUR PRAYING BECOMES DIFFERENT WHEN YOUR BELIEVING BECOMES DIFFERENT.

GOD HASN'T RUN OUT OF POWER. THAT'S ONE THING YOU REALIZE AS YOU SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW HIM THROUGH YOUR BIBLE. NO, GOD HASN'T RUN OUT OF POWER, SOME PEOPLE HAVE RUN OUT OF FAITH.

WHY WAS IT THAT JESUS DIDN'T DO MANY MIRACLES WHEN HE WENT TO HIS OWN HOMETOWN? MATTHEW 13:58 SAYS THAT “HE DIDN'T DO MANY MIGHTY WORKS THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.” UNBELIEF LIMITS GOD. HE ISN'T LIMITED BY TIME. GOD ISN'T LIMITED BY LACK. HE ISN'T LIMITED BY SICKNESS, EDUCATION, SKIN COLOR, AGE OR ANY OTHER THING THAT WE THINK LIMIT WHAT HE CAN DO IN OUR LIVES.

THE ONLY 2 THINGS THAT LIMIT GOD ARE SIN AND UNBELIEF. SIN IN YOUR LIFE WILL HINDER GOD'S MOVING AND WORKING IN YOUR SITUATION. AND, UNBELIEF IN YOUR HEART WILL HINDER HIM THE SAME WAY. BOTH SIN AND UNBELIEF CAUSE PEOPLE TO LIVE AS IF THERE WAS NO ALMIGHTY, ALL POWERFUL GOD IN HEAVEN.

ISN'T IT UNBELIEF THAT KEPT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF THE PROMISED LAND? HEBREWS 3:19 SAYS “THAT THEY COULD NOT ENTER IN BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF.”

IT WASN'T THEIR SIN THAT KEPT THEM OUT THERE WANDERING AROUND THE WILDERNESS, SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES. IT WAS THEIR UNBELIEF. WHEN THEY STOPPED BELIEVING GOD, THAT'S

WHEN THEY GOT INTO SIN. MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES TODAY ARE LIKE THAT. THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND IN A WILDERNESS, SURROUNDED BY HOSTILE FORCES.

LIKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, YOUR FAITH SHAPES THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN. THAT'S WHAT JESUS MEANT WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT REMOVING MOUNTAINS BY FAITH (MARK 11:23). THAT'S WHAT JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT WHEN HE TOLD ABOUT HAVING TREES PLUCKED OUT BY THE ROOTS, AND REPLANTED USING FAITH (LUKE 17:6). IT'S WHAT HE WAS PROVING WHEN HE WAS SPOKE TO THE USELESS FIG TREE THAT WAS CUMBERING THE GROUND, AND IT WITHERED UP, RIGHT THERE ON THE SPOT. (MATTHEW 21:20-21).

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE MEASURE OF FAITH FROM HEAVEN SO YOU CAN REARRANGE YOUR LIFE HERE ON EARTH. HE GAVE YOU HIS WORD, SO YOU CAN KNOW HIS WILL, AND THEN HE GAVE YOU FAITH, SO YOU CAN BRING HIS WILL INTO YOUR DAILY WORLD.

JESUS WAS TEACHING US TO REMOVE THAT MOUNTAIN OF SIN AND EVIL HABITS. TO PLUCK OUT THAT TREE THAT BLOCKS YOUR PATH, AND PUT IT INTO THE RIGHT PLACE IN YOUR LIFE. HE'S TELLING YOU TO SPEAK TO THAT SITUATION THAT JUST ISN'T GETTING ANY BETTER, AND LET GOD'S POWER DEAL WITH IT!

LISTEN TO THIS. JESUS SAID "YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST COMES UPON YOU...(ACTS 1:8)." THERE IS A POWER IN THE BELIEVER THAT'S INCREDIBLE, AND GOD IS WAITING FOR US TO STAND UP AND LIVE AS THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD ON THE EARTH.

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO RENEW OUR MINDS BY THE WORD OF GOD, LIKE IT SAYS IN ROMANS 12:2. AS WE GROW IN SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING, WE LEARN HOW TO RELEASE OUR FAITH.

GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS. THIS MEANS THAT HE IS NOT PARTIAL, OR THAT HE DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES (ACTS 10:34). YOU HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO GOD THAT PETER HAD, OR PAUL OR EVEN YOUR FAVORITE MINISTER ON TV OR RADIO.

ROMANS 5:1-2 SAYS THIS ABOUT FAITH AND HAVING ACCESS TO GOD: "BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST; BY WHOM ALSO WE HAVE ACCESS BY FAITH..."

THAT'S WHY I PRESS SO HARD FOR PEOPLE TO READ GOD'S WORD, TO GET FILLED WITH FAITH AND THEN TO ACT ON THAT FAITH. PEOPLE HAVE FOUND THAT, WHEN THEY FEED ON GOD'S WORD, BELIEVE ON IT AND THEN ACT ON IT, THAT GOD IS NOT LIMITED BY THEIR AGE, SEX, EDUCATION OR PAST FAILURES.

THE WORD OF GOD LITERALLY TRANSFORMS YOU FROM WHAT YOU ARE IN YOURSELF TO WHAT YOU CAN BE IN GOD (ROM. 12:2, 2 COR. 3:18). FAITH IN GOD IS WHAT TRANSFORMED A LITTLE SHEPHERD BOY INTO A GIANT KILLER. THEN, BY FAITH IN GOD, DAVID THE SHEPHERD BOY BECAME KING. IN JUDGES 5:7, FAITH IN GOD TURNED A HOUSEWIFE, A MOTHER IN ISRAEL INTO A PROPHETESS AND LEADER. IN ACTS 9, A MURDEROUS SAUL THE PERSECUTOR OF CHRISTIANS INTO PAUL THE APOSTLE OF GOD. THE POWER OF GOD TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE IS NOT LIMITED! THE ONLY LIMITATION IS WHAT YOU'LL ACT ON!

YOUR LIFE IS ONLY AS LIMITED AS YOUR FAITH IN GOD. IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU'RE RECEIVING, THEN GET INTO THE WORD OF GOD AND CHANGE WHAT YOU'RE BELIEVING! CHANGE FROM FAITH THAT IS WEAK AND UNSURE TO FAITH THAT IS STRONG AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD!

GOD SAYS IN ISAIAH 55:11, "MY WORD...SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME VOID, BUT IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH I PLEASE AND IT SHALL PROSPER..." GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES AND PROSPERS WHEREVER IT'S SENT, OR WHEREVER IT'S APPLIED! THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE, AND THEN APPLY HIS WORD TO IT.

AFTER SPENDING TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, YOU SLOWLY BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE THE SAME BASIC BRAIN CELLS, MUSCLES, NERVES, HEART AND SPIRIT AS ANYONE ELSE HAS.

THE DIFFERENCE IN LIFE COMES FROM THE FAITH IN GOD THAT A PERSON USES TO RELEASE HIS POWER THROUGH THOSE

BRAIN CELLS, MUSCLES, NERVES, HEART AND SPIRIT. THAT'S WHAT PROPELS A PERSON TO VICTORY...FAITH IN GOD!

BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO USE THEIR FAITH, THEY HAVE TO BE PUSHED AND PRODDER AND ENCOURAGED. BECAUSE HE CARES SO DEEPLY, GOD HAS SENT ME TO PEOPLE WHO NEED A LITTLE EXTRA NUDGE, OR WHO NEED A LITTLE EXTRA CARE AND FEEDING.

WHAT YOU'VE BEEN BELIEVING HAS SHAPED YOUR LIFE UP TO NOW. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN BELIEVING? THAT YOU'RE A FAILURE IN LIFE? THAT YOU'RE INFERIOR TO OTHER PEOPLE? THAT YOU'RE DOOMED TO POVERTY? THESE NEGATIVE BELIEFS SHORT CIRCUIT YOUR FAITH FROM HEAVEN AND CAUSE YOU TO ACT, SPEAK AND FEEL AGAINST GOD.

GET INTO YOUR BIBLE AND FEED YOUR SPIRIT ON HEAVEN'S FOOD! GOD HAS NO "VARIABLENESS." THERE'S NOT EVEN A SHADOW OF HIM TURNING FROM BEING THE GIVER OF EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT! THAT'S WHAT JAMES 1:17 SAYS.

GETTING TO REALLY KNOW GOD IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU'LL WANT TO READ HIS BOOK MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. EACH DAY, FEED YOUR SPIRIT ON THESE GOOD WORKS FROM GOD. THINK ON THE PROMISES OF GOD, THESE SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES HE'S GIVEN US IN HIS WORD.

WHEN YOU DO THIS, YOU'RE SHAPING YOUR THINKING. WHEN YOU SPEAK AND ACT ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU READ IN THE WORD, YOU'RE BRINGING GOD'S BLESSINGS FROM THE INNER PART OF YOUR LIFE TO THE OUTSIDE REALM WHERE YOU LIVE.

TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE BY FAITH IN GOD, TRY THIS ON A DAILY BASIS:

1. SPEND 10 MINUTES ASKING GOD TO SHOW YOU WHAT YOU CAN DO DIFFERENTLY ON YOUR JOB, IN SCHOOL, YOUR CHURCH AND IN YOUR FAMILY. GIVE THESE 10 MINUTES TOTALLY TO GOD. TELL HIM YOU WANT TO LET HIM DO HIS BEST IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU! IN JESUS NAME.

2. BY FAITH, BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE IN ADVANCE HAVING GOD AT WORK IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE. EXPERIENCE IN

ADVANCE THE JOY OF ANSWERED PRAYERS AND OF TOTAL VICTORY AS GOD MOVES MORE AND MORE IN YOUR LIFE.

3. JOT DOWN A PROMISE OR TWO FROM YOUR BIBLE READING AND CARRY IT AROUND WITH YOU. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, RUN THESE WORDS FROM GOD THROUGH YOUR MIND, DEVELOPING HABITS OF ACTIVE LIVING FAITH.

4. INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND OF HIS SPIRITUAL LAWS. READ IN BOTH THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE NEW TESTAMENT THIS WAY, YOU'LL GET A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH OPERATE.

5. READ GOOD EDIFYING BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, AVOID DESTRUCTIVE MUSIC, TV AND VIDEOS THAT DAMAGE YOUR SPIRIT. IF IT DOESN'T STRENGTHEN YOU, TRASH IT. SAME WITH YOUR CASUAL CONVERSATIONS AND FRIENDSHIPS. STAY AWAY FROM NEGATIVE CONVERSATIONS AND CRITICAL PEOPLE.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you (2 CORINTHIANS 6:17).

Believe God! Let Him save you and forgive you! let Him change your life from the inside out, by the power of His Word and His faith operating in your life.