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Part 5

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Faith is a process:

- The process of faith!
- It must be fought for, you must see it through to the end.
- It requires “faithfulness” aka continued perseverance, obedience and belief...
- It requires a word or promise from God to have “faith” and “hope” in.
- Faith is NOT:
 - A magic word, if I say the right “phrase” etc...
 - A snap of the fingers or instantaneous
 - Or a magic wand for you to use at your leisure
 - It's not a “one and done” “belief only” – faith requires “action” **James 2:14-26**

Faith as a process:

- Examples:
- God's hope to take a people from among the nations as a people. To drive Israel to jealousy: **Deut 32:21, Rom 11:11 explained in Eph 3:1-12**
- The 430 process of faith through Abraham: **Gen 15:13-16, Exo 12:41 & Gal 3:15-1**
- He envisioned this for ages!

Faith, Hope, Love:

• 1 Corinthians 13:12-13 For now we see obscurely in a mirror, but then it will be face to face. Now I know partly; then I will know fully, just as God has fully known me. But for now, three things last — faith, hope, love; and the greatest of these is love.

- Hope is the vision
- Faith is the action
- Love is the motive
- Exemplified in **Hebrews 11:1-3** (Read) & **John 11** (below):
 1. Hope **v1-4**,
 2. Faith as a spoken word “You have heard me” **v41**
 3. Action “Lazarus come forth” **v43**
 4. Love is Yeshua’s Motive **John 5:19**

The goal of the enemy:

- We have an enemy that works to interrupt, deny and stop the process of faith:
- Hebrews 2:14-15 Therefore, since the children share a common physical nature as human beings, he became like them and shared that same human nature; so that by his death he might render ineffective the one who had power over death (that is, the Adversary) and thus set free those who had been in bondage all their lives because of their fear of death.
- katargeō καταργέω to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively:
- He is still in operation, but without power, he thrives on ignorance to put them back into bondage **Hosea 4:6**

Keep the confidence of Gods word

Hebrews 10:35 So don't throw away that courage of yours, which carries with it such a great reward. For you need to hold out; so that, by having done what God wills, you may receive what he has promised. For "There is so, so little time! The One coming will indeed come, he will not delay. But the person who is righteous will live his life by faith, and if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." However, we are not the kind who shrink back and are destroyed; on the contrary, we keep in faith and thus preserve our lives!

Power in the Word of God:

Heb 1:1-3 In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to the Fathers through the prophets. But now, in the acharit-hayamim, he has spoken to us through his Son, to whom he has given ownership of everything and through whom he created the universe. This Son is the radiance of the Sh'khinah, the very expression of God's essence, upholding all that exists by his powerful word; and after he had, through himself, made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of HaG'dulah BaM'romim.

Power of the Confession of Faith:

- We get what we confess!
- Walk in faith, you get the answer you go after...
- When you walk in fear and unbelief, you will get the answer you go after...

Num 14:2 Moreover, all the people of Isra'el began grumbling against Moshe and Aharon; the whole community told them, "We wish we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we had died here in the desert!

Num 14:8-9 If Adonai is pleased with us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us — a land flowing with milk and honey. Just don't rebel against Adonai. And don't be afraid of the people living in the land — we'll eat them up! Their defense has been taken away from them, and Adonai is with us! Don't be afraid of them!"

- Both the 10 (Bad report) and the 2 (Good report) received what they believed and confessed!
- So, wouldn't it be better to believe and confess what God has said, opposed to what you see with our natural eyes? Yes!

Benefits of the Covenant

Psalm 103:1-6 [By David:] Bless Adonai, my soul! Everything in me, bless his holy name! Bless Adonai, my soul, and forget none of his benefits! He forgives all your offenses, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he surrounds you with grace and compassion, he contents you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. Adonai brings vindication and justice to all who are oppressed.

- These are the benefits that belong to us through Yeshua's blood bringing us into the Covenant! The legality of public confession and the blood!
- God's words to put out hope and faith in!
- We are prone to "forget" them (as David wrote) because they are not immediately applied to us, we wouldn't forget them. We are prone because they are apart of a process that takes time.... The fight to "Keep" **2Tim 4:7**

A Spiritual Fight of Faith!

- There are FOUR stages in the “thought war” that the Devil wages on our minds. In **2Corinthians 10:3-5** they are listed in reverse order. Walking in Messiah’s victory!
- 1. Thoughts, a simple suggestion. Starts the conversation, it even seems harmless. **Gen 3:1-3 & Mat 4:3**
- 2. The “high thing” that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. **Gen 3:4 & Mat 4:5-6**
- 3. Imagination “What it could be like” **Gen 3:5 & Mat 4:8**
- 4. Strong hold (slavery) Where he wants to take you! **Gen 3:6-7 →**
Should have been **Mat 4:10-11**
- Satan never starts with “would you like to become my slave” He slowly works in that direction in stages.

Yeshua's example:

- Mat 16:21-23 From that time on, Yeshua began making it clear to his talmidim that he had to go to Yerushalayim and endure much suffering at the hands of the elders, the head cohanim and the Torah-teachers; and that he had to be put to death; but that on the third day, he had to be raised to life. Kefa took him aside and began rebuking him, "Heaven be merciful, Lord! By no means will this happen to you!" But Yeshua turned his back on Kefa, saying, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because your thinking is from a human perspective, not from God's perspective!"
- Yeshua realizes that Peter had yielded to Satan's suggestions, not realizing the spiritual weight Yeshua was revealing – Peter's (all humanities) very own redemption, salvation and resurrection through Yeshua's death! When this actually happens, Peter denies him three times! Peter surrendered in this fight... (Mat 26)

Fig Tree, Faith Example:

Mark 11:20-22 In the morning, as the talmidim passed by, they saw the fig tree withered all the way to its roots. Kefa remembered and said to Yeshua, "Rabbi! Look! The fig tree that you cursed has dried up!" He responded, "Have the kind of trust that comes from God!"

- Or *"Have the faith of God"*
- It's on loan to us, from Yeshua!
- It's not our own (from ourselves) use it the way he intended us to use it.

The “Author and Finisher”

Heb 12:1-2 So then, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us, too, put aside every impediment — that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement — and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us, looking away to the Initiator and Completer of that faith, Yeshua — who, in exchange for obtaining the joy set before him, endured execution on a stake as a criminal, scorning the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- We are called to be users of the faith that Yeshua created appropriating it, following in His footsteps.

A release of faith

- There seems to be two steps in the process;
 1. A release of faith and
 2. Fight of faith
- Speak to the things that need to move according to Gods word:

A release of faith examples:

- **Gen 1:3** then god said, "let there be light"; and there was light.
- **Exo 17:6** Water from the Rock
- **John 5:8** "Pick up your mat and walk"
- **John 11:43** "Lazarus come forth"
- **Mark 11:23** "be moved, Go and throw yourself into the sea!"

“Instant” Faith



- Perfect faith seems instant!
- There are many times where we will “release faith” (spoken) and won't see the result (manifestation or miracle) in our lifetime. Its not always instant. (Hebrews 11)
- You can't “store up a bunch of faith” or open up a new 12pk of faith. It’s “daily bread” Deu 8:3
- Daily bread denotes being in lock step hearing and walking with Yahweh, through Yeshua to the Ruach HaKodesh to his servants to you!

John 15:7 "If you remain united with me, and my words with you, then ask whatever you want, and it will happen for you.

We can't "release faith" if we can't hear!

- The biggest obstacle holding us back seems to be hearing what God has to say! A "release of faith" requires a word from God.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah.

Deut 8:3b man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of Adonai.

Luke 8:21 But he gave them this answer: "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's message and act on it!"

Luke 11:28 But he said, "Far more blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

Shema, Hear and Obey (Faith!)

Deut 6:4 "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad [Hear, Isra'el! Adonai our God, Adonai is one];

“Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and said to him, ‘Here is what Adonai, God of the Hebrews, says’ : Ten Miracles through faith: Staff/Snake, Water/Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Boils, Hail, Locust, Darkness, Firstborn. Not to mention parting the sea, water, manna etc...

- Hearing Him: Through Yeshua to the Spirit **1Corinthians 2:10**
- Knowing Him: Through the scriptures, how Yahweh operates.

Rom 8:14 For all who are led by the Ruach Elohim, these are sons of God.

The Fight of Faith:

Mark 11:23 Yes! I tell you that whoever does not doubt in his heart but trusts that what he says will happen can say to this mountain, 'Go and throw yourself into the sea!' and it will be done for him.

- Doubt indicates the presence and the work of an enemy. **Jas 1:6**
- This is the second step – the fight of faith. The fight to keep the word God has places in us.
- You measure weather or not you are believing by what comes out of your mouth. Example: Peters 3x denial in **Luke 22**

Out of the abundance of the Heart

Mat 12:33-37 "If you make a tree good, its fruit will be good; and if you make a tree bad, its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. You snakes! How can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what overflows from the heart. The good person brings forth good things from his store of good, and the evil person brings forth evil things from his store of evil. Moreover, I tell you this: on the Day of Judgment people will have to give account for every careless word they have spoken; for by your own words you will be acquitted, and by your own words you will be condemned."

Hearing and walking in His ways

- If your heart is full of faith, you will speak faith!
- If your heart is full of doubt, you will speak doubt.
- If your heart is full of unbelief, you will speak unbelief
- If you are not sober minded, your speech will be slurred.

1Pet 5:8-9 Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings.

- Example: 1Kings 18:19 / 1Jn 4:4

Faith makes us overcomers:

1Jn 4:4 You are from God, children, and you have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

1Jn 5:2-5 Here is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God, we also do what he commands. For loving God means obeying his commands. Moreover, his commands are not burdensome, because everything which has God as its Father overcomes the world. And this is what victoriously overcomes the world: our faith. Who does overcome the world if not the person who believes that Yeshua is the Son of God?

Rev 12:11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even in the face of death.

Winning:

- We win by fighting and speaking a good confession of faith in front of many witnesses!


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Process Cycle: Hearing → Actions

• Hearing:		<u>Hearing from God</u>	<u>Not Hearing from God</u>	<u>Listening to the Enemy</u>
• Mind:		Meditation: Joshua 1:8	Dull: Jeremiah 6:10	Reprobate: Rom 1:28-32
• Heart:		Hidden: Psalm 119:11	Stubborn: Psalm 78:8 & Jer 17:5 & 17:9	Only Evil: Gen 6:5 & Heb 3:12
• Spoken:		Acknowledgement: Rom 10:10	Doubt: Num 13:31-33 & Deut 28:66	Curses: Psa 10:7 & Rev 16:10
• Action:		Love: John 14:21	Lukewarm/Apathy: Rev 3:16 2Thes 3:6	Deception: 1Tim 4:1, 2Tim 4:3-4 & 2Thes 2:10-12

Rev 13:16 He also causes all—the small and the great, the rich and the poor, the free and the slave—to receive a mark on their right hand or upon their forehead.



Leviticus 26:14-41
Romans 8:6-8





Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
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ANSWERS

PART 6 WILL FOLLOW!

