



## THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

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***And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, The Lord is with you, you mighty man of [fearless] courage.***

***And Gideon said to him, O sir, if the Lord is with us, why is all this befallen us? And where are all His wondrous works of which our fathers told us, saying, did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.***

***The Lord turned to him and said, go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?***

**Judges 6: 12-14 (Amplified)**

In **Exodus 10**, we read that ***there was darkness in Egypt for three days. It was so thick that they could not see each other. But all the Israelites had light in their dwellings (verse 23).***

If you will dare to believe God's Word, **you will have light** in the middle of a *dark confused world*. You **can live healthy and whole** in the middle of a *sick world*. You can **live prosperously** in the middle of a *poor world*. You can have **freedom** in the midst of a world caught up in *slavery*.

People with a ***spirit of faith*** always activate the blessings of the Lord. They will endure tests and trials, but they **always** supernaturally come through to the other side as conquerors.

***But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.***

**2 Corinthians 4:13, 18 (New American Standard Bible)**

## WHO HAS THE LAST SAY?

Faith believes in God's Word just because God said it, irrespective whether the natural conditions are in agreement or not.

### **Why Is It So Important To Develop Your Faith?**

It is faith that connects you with God's blessings. Faith is the power that gives the blessings of God in your life substance.

***What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.***

**Hebrews 11:1 (Living Bible)**

It pleases God.

***It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.***

**Hebrews 11:6 (Message)**

It is the spirit of faith that penetrates the promises of God and brings forth the promise in a tangible, physical fulfillment or manifestation.

### **WE BELIEVE; THEREFORE WE ALSO SPEAK**

***Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak.***

**2 Corinthians 4:13 (Amplified)**

**Romans 4:3 says, Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**

This is what the **spirit of faith** does. It stands strong, even in the middle of the most impossible situations – fully persuaded! Faith talks and sounds like God – it speaks the language (Word) of God. It gives voice to God's Word.

If you want to see changes in your circumstances, you must have faith in two places - in your **heart** and in your **mouth (Rom. 10:10)**!

**Abraham simply followed God's example by calling the things that are not, as though they were (Rom. 4:17).**

### **Faith In Grace Gives You An Open Heaven**

**Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

**Romans 5: 2 (ESV)**

**Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favour) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God.**

**Romans 5: 2 (Amplified)**

I see it like this: When you believe the Word of God, you create an **open heaven** for yourself where God is given the opportunity to do in your life the things you believe for!

### **A SPIRIT OF FAITH MANIFESTS ITSELF IN SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS:**

1. Those with a heart of faith never go with the "flow" or status quo.
2. Those with a heart of faith focus on the promises of God, and not on the problems or giants in their way.
3. Those with a heart of faith talk about positive (Word) things, not about negative things.
4. Those with a heart of faith take risks that others cannot understand.
5. Those with a heart of faith associate with people who have the same **heart** as them.
6. Those with a heart of faith fight for excellence; they cannot accept mediocrity.
7. Those with a heart of faith address the "mountain" in order to achieve their goal.

***Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place; it will be done for him.***

***For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].***

**Mark 11:23, 24**

## **10 APOSTOLIC DECREES:**

1. I decree a blessing over you that God will grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God's love so that you can love and worship God and love others. (Eph.1:17; John 4:19)
2. I decree a blessing over you that you will grow in the Grace of God and be a person of grace and truth, and that everything you do will be by the grace of God. (John 1:14, 5:17; 2 Pet.3:18)
3. I decree a blessing over you that you will be full of the power of the Holy Spirit, be activated in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and shift the spiritual atmosphere by His holy presence wherever you go. (Acts 1:8)
4. I decree over you that you will know who you are in Christ, that you are the righteousness of God in Christ, that you are holy and that you are God's son called to reign in life. (2 Cor.5:21; 1 John 3:1; Rom.5:17)
5. I decree a blessing over you that you will be transformed from glory to glory into the image and character of Christ growing and demonstrating the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (2 Cor.3:18; Rom.8:29; Gal.5:22)
6. I decree a blessing over you that you will seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness and will preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with signs and wonders following. (Matt.6:33; 24:14; Mark 16:17)
7. I decree a blessing over you that God will heal you physically. That you will walk in divine health and that you will prosper in every area of your life. (Acts 10:38; 3 John 1:2)
8. I decree a blessing over all your relationships beginning with your family and that your entire household will be saved. That God will bless your marriage, your children, your grandchildren and your friendships in His Church and in the marketplace. (Acts 16:31)
9. I decree a blessing over your finances, that He will give you the power to gain wealth and that you would prosper financially and that you will live a life of generosity. (Deut.28:11, 8:18; Prov.11:25; Acts 20:35)
10. I decree a blessing over you to be led by His Spirit and His Word, that you will know His ways and obey His will and that you will fulfil your prophetic destiny. (John 10:27)