



FAITH FOR IMMEDIATE RESULTS

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Hide not Your face from me in the day when I am in trouble; bow down Your ear to me; in the day I call, answer me quickly.

Psalm 102:2

And when evening had come, the disciples went down to the sea and entered into a boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

And the sea rose up because of a great wind that blew.

Then having rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the ship. And they were afraid.

But He said to them, I AM! Do not be afraid.

Then they willingly received Him into the boat. And immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

John 6:16-21 (NKJ)

And immediately they reached the shore toward which they had been slowly making their way!

John 6:21,(Amplified)

The question today is:

Have we conditioned ourselves to such an extent that the things we are standing for will take forever?

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those hearing the Word.

Acts 10:44

When we develop our FAITH for the now – we will start to see this happening amongst us. We are people that live by faith.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours!

Mark 11:24, (NIV)

Paul says that the Kingdom of God does not exist in words, but in power (1 Cor. 4:20).

Faith for the now

NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Hebrews 11:1, (Amplified)

A faith that brings things into the Now. Do not talk anymore about the *when* – but about the NOW!

If I can have all this NOW, then it does not make sense to wait 2, 5, 7 years for it! I am convinced that all this standing, that all this waiting, is our fault – and not God's.

Early the next morning Jesus was returning to the city. He was hungry. Seeing a lone fig tree alongside the road, he approached it anticipating a breakfast of figs. When he got to the tree, there was nothing but fig leaves. He said, No more figs from this tree-ever! The fig tree withered on the spot, a dry stick. The disciples saw it happen. They rubbed their eyes, saying, Did we really see this? A leafy tree one minute, a dry stick the next? But Jesus was matter-of-fact: Yes-and if you embrace this kingdom life and don't doubt God, you'll not only do minor feats like I did to the fig tree, but also triumph over huge obstacles. This mountain, for instance, you'll tell, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it will jump. Absolutely everything, ranging from small to large, as you make it a part of your believing prayer, gets included as you lay hold of God.

Matthew 21:18-22, (Message)

There are cases where God delays or postpones, but this is NOT THE NORM.

The **second delay** is us and the devil will capitalize on this, and we find this more often. We often find ourselves in these delays!

Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.

Haggai 1:5-6, (NIV)

The now season!

The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18-19

It was to demonstrate and prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies and accepts as righteous him who has (true) faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:26,(Amplified)

Jesus said that in the last days (the now season), we will see and do greater things than when He lived on the earth.

An appointed time

And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said. And Jehovah did to Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Genesis 21:1-2

In **Genesis 17:1** God appeared to Abraham and introduced Himself as **God, the Almighty!** **At the appointed time, El Shaddai showed up!** When God, the Almighty, shows up, things change!

But when the fullness (proper) of time came, God sent forth His Son (Gal. 4:4).

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Matthew 3:1-2

Other translation: ***Prepare yourself for an invasion of the Spirit dimension***

Psalm 102:13-14, 16-19

As a prophet, David saw the crucifixion of Jesus 1000 years before it happened. He was a prophet. He saw an appointed time in the future.

We are the generation that David prophesied about. Now is the appointed time that David talks about! (**Heb. 3, 7**)

Let this be recorded for the generation yet unborn, that a people yet to be created shall praise the Lord. (Verse 19, Amplified)

What happens in this now season, this time?

And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And unrolling the book, He found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

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Also, verse 18, 19 in Amplified ...the day when salvation (Soteria; Fourfold salvation: Saved from the penalty, power, presence and most importantly the pleasure of sin) and the free favors of God profusely abound.

God is saying, ***I have turned your mourning into dancing, your sorrow into joy, and take that old garment of heaviness off of you and put on the garment of praise!***

And a certain man was sitting in Lystra, without strength in the feet, being lame from his mother's womb, who never had walked.

This one heard Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him, and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand up on your feet! And he leaped and walked.

Acts 14:8-10

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself). (AMP)

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

...bring it to a flourishing finish (Message).

New Things I Declare Says the Lord

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they happen, I cause you to hear.

Isaiah 42:9

God is saying, **want to do something new and before it springs forth, I will tell you about it.** That means we need to stay connected – in relationship with God. There’s a key phrase – *before they happen*.

You’ve got to be expecting, anticipating. God is actually wanting us to get “something new” minded.

God wants to show you where the answer is, where the provision is. Then when it happens, it won’t catch you of guard. You won’t be on the outside looking in; you’ll be right in the middle of it.

This is from Jehovah; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which Jehovah has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech You, O Jehovah; O Jehovah, I beseech You, cause us to prosper now.

Psalms 118:23-25