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INTRODUCTION

Life is not a playground but a battlefield. Our battles in life are essentially spiritual, but faith is the victory that makes us overcomers. Thus, life's hurdles are invisible but their effects are undeniable.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

Whether you are a believer or not, the hurdles of life are real. However, the testimony for the believer is that these hurdles are surmountable and faith is the potent weapon that guarantees that victory. It is the principal instrument that we must engage to command exploits and access the shame-free realm of life. Furthermore, faith enables us to stand in the midst of oppositions and to remain in control. ***For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even***

our faith (1 John 5:4).

Faith is a reliable currency that never loses its value; rather, it adds beauty and colour to Christianity. It cannot be devalued by any economic system in the world and it has the capacity to purchase anything in the realm of the Spirit. It is indeed a mystery! No one can understand its functionalities; yet, none can doubt its testimonies. It is the master key to a world of unlimited possibilities.

This is why in Mark 9:23 Jesus said: ***...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.***

Therefore, get set for an encounter with the Spirit of Faith that will cause you to rule your world 'sweatlessly'. This is because the secrets of faith unveiled in this book will enable you to see obstacles and challenges as opportunities, thereby making you triumph over them to your next levels. I pray, therefore, that the Spirit of Faith will be ignited in you for supernatural conquest over life's challenges.



CHAPTER 1

FAITH IS A MYSTERY

Faith is a Kingdom mystery that confers mastery on believers. It is the live wire of Christianity and as such, Christianity is worthless without it. An understanding of this mystery is the greatest discovery in our adventure as believers (1Timothy 3:9). Even though the Bible is an open cheque book, it takes our faith to draw anything from it.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

James 1:6-7

Among other benefits, faith confers on us supernatural mastery over all life's situations and circumstances. As it is written: ***For whatsoever is born of God***

overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4).

We must understand that at the root of all divine interventions, rewards and blessings, is faith. Until we understand the mystery of faith, revelation will be mere frustration, because it is faith that defines everyone's destiny. It is the baseline for fulfilment in every area of our lives. Jesus once said: ... ***According to your faith, be it unto you*** (Matthew 9:29).

This means that it is not to us according to the prayers of anybody; it is only to us according to our faith. There are many prayer warriors who are gallant losers, but we will never find a faith giant who is not triumphing over challenges. Even when we are prayed for, we must connect with our own faith or we would not get our desires.

For instance, when Jesus, in whom the fullness of God dwelt, went to Nazareth, He could do no mighty works because of their unbelief (Mark 6:5-6). We must realise that the presence of the anointing is no substitute for our faith. Rather, we need our faith to connect with the anointing.

This goes to confirm that no prophecy of scripture will ever be fulfilled in our lives without faith. Faith is a vital law of the Spirit that suspends all natural and scientific laws, and guarantees the fulfilment of

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prophecies. Although prophecies are important, our faith is much more important because without it, prophecies will be reduced to mere wishes. It is written:

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

This, therefore, means that responsibility is placed on us to believe the Word before it can be fulfilled. As we all know, nobody can fulfil destiny on our behalf because it requires our personal input, and until our faith comes alive, our destinies are in doubt.

Faith also determines the limit of God's help in our lives. For instance, Sarah had to believe God's prophecy before she could conceive and bring forth Isaac (Hebrews 11:11). In like manner, every time we believe God, we commit His partnership, and that empowers us to do the impossible. Concerning Abraham, the Bible says in Genesis 12:1-2:

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

Abraham, a man without an identity, became a global

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and trans-generational phenomenon overnight because he believed and obeyed God for the fulfilment of prophecy (Genesis 12:4). Furthermore, consider Noah who built an ark for 120 years, simply because God instructed him. By that simple act of obedience, a new generation emerged. We must realise that we are co-labourers with God and it is that partnership that turns us to living wonders on the earth.

During the construction of the Faith Tabernacle, people were sceptical about it being dedicated on September 18, 1999, as earlier announced. While the construction of the Tabernacle was ongoing, Faith Academy was also being built. The pastorate, at a meeting, expressed their concerns about the possibility of dedicating the Tabernacle with the enormity of work left. They advised that the construction of Faith Academy be suspended, so that we could focus on building the Tabernacle.

Immediately, I said to them, “Are you saying that God can handle one but not the two? Give Him the two; there is none we can handle.” Then, I told all the contractors to keep working. Meanwhile, the financial resources to build either Faith Academy or Faith Tabernacle on a standalone basis, was not physically available! However, I believed so much that if God said it, He would do it. I would rather die than doubt the integrity of God or the infallibility of His counsel. To the glory of God, the gigantic 50,000-seat sanctuary,

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Faith Tabernacle, was dedicated within one year!

It is time to step out of the passive religious phase. There is nothing that God has said that will ever “mistakenly” happen without faith. Although God commanded the Tabernacle project, I needed faith to commit Him to make it happen.

In Exodus 8:16-17, God instructed Moses to tell Aaron to stretch forth his rod and smite the dust of the land, for the land of Egypt to be buffeted with lice. Moses believed and as soon as he obeyed, lice gathered and invaded Egypt to torment the Egyptians. This shows that when we act in faith on every Word we receive, God is committed to deliver.

Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:3

As earlier stated, faith invades the invisible world to deliver its mission with precision. Therefore, our destinies can only be fulfilled when it is rooted in the Word of God and driven by faith. We may encounter revelations from the Word, but it takes our faith to translate those revelations into manifestations in our lives.

We also understand from scriptures that faith is not subject to the dictates of any scientific analysis. Faith is a spiritual force, which can only be effectively operated

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by men of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:16). Thus, we cannot experience the tangibility of God's presence without being spiritual (2 Kings 4:29-31).

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith...

Romans 11:19-20

To experience the fulfilment of prophecies, we must put up a fight of faith. By redemption, we are not permitted to lack anything because God has given us all things that make for life and godliness. However, to access our inheritances, we need supernatural faith as unbelief will disconnect us from heaven's supplies.

For instance, it takes faith for our giving to command returns. According to scriptures, Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained a good report that he pleased God; but without faith, it is impossible to please (move) God (Hebrews 11:4-6). Also, Romans 14:23 says: ***...Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*** This means that faith is our only access to rewards.

Consequently, our faith is what determines the limit of God's help in our lives. If we believe God for sound health, and unrepentantly so, He will make us healthy. Likewise, if we believe in returns on our giving, we will enjoy returns (Luke 6:38; Romans 1:17).

However, to effectively engage this mystery and obtain

our desired expectation, we must have a good understanding of what faith is all about (1 Timothy 3:9).

What, Then, Is Faith?

Faith is not a Feeling but a Spiritual Fact

Faith is not a religious principle, a philosophy or a belief system; it is a spiritual weapon. ***Now faith is the substance (fact) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*** (Hebrews 11:1; emphasis mine).

For instance, no one drives a car without the consciousness of it. In the same vein, no one can operate in faith without knowing. If we are limited only to what men can do, we are not in faith.

I cited an example earlier about the building of the Faith Tabernacle. When God said it would be completed within one year, I knew by spiritual fact that it would be delivered. Anyone else could doubt it, but my faith was solid. I believed it and God did it against all technical facts. It is important to understand that faith is not a feeling. We do not have to feel anything; we just need to believe everything and we will have whatsoever we desire.

I also saw, by spiritual fact, the picture of my being far above all demonic powers and forces, and that mentality has helped me to perpetually remain in command over them. We are not on the same level, so

I cannot be struggling with them (Ephesians 2:5-6). The problem with believers is their ignorance. As I usually say, "There is no mountain anywhere; every man's ignorance is his mountain." Until we see ourselves the way God sees us, we may be stranded for life.

Faith is the Spiritual force within us that determines the happenings around us

The profiting outside is determined by the faith inside. Faith is a spiritual medium through which we engage the invisible God for extraordinary victory. The Bible says: ***When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee*** (Mark 2:5).

Moreover, in Acts 14:9-10, Paul perceived that a cripple at Lystra had enough faith in his heart to be healed; hence, he commanded him to arise and walk, and it was so. Faith is not on the face, it is built up within (in the heart) and goes to generate undeniable testimonies without. Therefore, faith is no cheap talk but hard work. Every genuine faith will always result in a good report; else, it is sham (Hebrews 11:1-2).

As it is written: ***For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*** (Romans 10:10).

We also recall that the woman with the issue of blood said in her heart, "If I may but touch the hem of his

garment, I shall be made whole.” Thus, when she touched Jesus, the flow of blood ceased (Matthew 9:21-22).

Furthermore, no lazy man can manifest strong faith. This is because it demands a great price to build, and requires great discipline to maintain. We must, therefore, labour to obtain and operate in faith until it delivers.

Faith is a Spiritual Engraftment of Humanity into Divinity, thereby, Empowering man to Accomplish Supernatural Feats

The engraftment of man into God enables him to command results after the order of God.

“Engraftment” is taking a branch of a tree and attaching it to another, so that it can grow and bear fruits after the new tree into which it is grafted. For instance, if you take a mango branch and graft it into an orange tree, the branch stops bearing mango and starts bearing orange fruits.

We belonged to a particular family tree before we were saved. Through faith, however, we were taken from that tree and grafted into God’s family tree, so we can bear fruits after the order of God. That means we have been separated from all the hereditary woes of our natural lineage and plugged into God’s lineage.

By inference, through faith, we no longer operate in

the class of men; rather, we have been translated into a divine realm. This is why whatever is not obtainable in that new family is not permitted in our lives (Romans 11:17-21).

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:19: ***...Therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.***

By faith, we are grafted into God's family, but when we step out of faith, we are disconnected (Romans 11:20).

Faith is a Now Force, not a Force of the Future

Faith is not waiting for God. Remember that He is ever willing, ever able and ever ready. The Book of 2 Peter 1:3 says:

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

We are not waiting for our blessings to be delivered; they are already in store and we are only drawing from them. Faith is not decorated hope; it is positioning and believing the Word so that God's integrity can be committed to deliver.

Consider Job who suffered affliction for a long time because he believed that it was from God. He was probably also waiting for when God would decide to

heal him. If he knew that faith is a now force, that would have ended the affliction. Right now, as you are reading this book, engage the now force of faith for your deliverance from any issue of concern and your testimony will be delivered.

Faith is Sharing Responsibility with God in the Light of Scriptures, to Create Our Desired Future

This means, knowing God's will and going His way to actualise it. We must realise that every breakthrough in life is a product of the Word, backed up by our faith. One genuine encounter with the Word of God can turn our entire world around. This is because when God speaks, everyone and everything hears. Faith is believing the Word; but much more, it is obeying God to prove that we believe Him, so as to commit Him to make good His promise. When we put God's Word to work, we commit His integrity to deliver.

Someone testified in church (Faith Tabernacle) that after the birth of her son, he was diagnosed with Sickle Cell Anaemia (SS). She was invited to the Word of Faith Bible Institute (WOFBI) and a testimony was shared about someone who read one of my books, *The Healing Balm* and was healed. She was inspired, so she read the book too.

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Thereafter, in one of the Sunday services, she heard me say, “Your sickle cell disease is gone! If you believe, go back to the doctor and confirm it.” After that service, she took her son for a test and ‘SS’ had turned to ‘AA’. Her testimony was delivered before the test. All she did was to put God’s Word to work and her desire manifested itself.

For it is written:

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

Recognise that God is ever willing to see us triumph over challenges. The arrival of Jesus on the earth was an expression of God’s willingness towards man. Thus, when we receive Jesus, God’s will towards us is established.

Also, I have discovered that God’s instructions may not always be convenient, but if they are commanded, obeying them is the only way to see His manifestation. There is always what we must do to commit God to make good His promise. A discovery of what to do is called revelation; doing it is called faith.

For instance, 3 John 1:2 says: ***Beloved, I wish above***

all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. This is God's will; all we need is to walk in His way to actualise it. If God's will is that we be in health, what, then, are the conditions that must be met for us to be healthy? Exodus 23:25-26 says:

And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill.

From the above, we realise that serving God entitles us to a healthy life. Therefore, faith is doing whatever God tells us to do, which requires us to think in line with His will and work towards actualising it (Philippians 4:8).

When they ran out of wine at the wedding in Cana, Mary told the servants, "Whatsoever He (Jesus) saith unto you, do it." As they engaged the instruction of Jesus, their desired miracle was delivered (John 2:5-11).

The Bible says:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

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And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

Any faith that makes God absolutely responsible for the events of our lives is an irresponsible faith. As free as salvation is, we cannot be saved until we are ready to repent. Also, there is no way we can live healthy unless we start thinking healthy thoughts and speaking healthy words because faith is a speaking force. What we cannot boldly confess, we do not truly believe.

Many years ago, I had a feverish condition and my uncle, out of concern, said to me, "Now that you have prayed and you are not healed, why don't you go to the hospital to see a doctor." My faith was stirred and I said, "Who told you I am sick, who told you I am not well?" As I shouted at him with the anger of faith, the healing virtue flowed into my body.

Until we get angry in our spirits, we may die as victims. We must get angry with any unwanted situation in our lives because what we don't want, we don't watch; what we don't confront, we cannot conquer and what we don't resist has the right to remain. This is why irresponsible believers remain as liabilities forever (Matthew 9:27-29).

Bible Faith is being Fully Persuaded of the Truth, the Prevailing Circumstances Notwithstanding, until the Truth Triumphs

Faith is a display of absolute confidence in God and His Word, until the desired result is obtained (Hebrews 10:35-36). It is that confidence that puts us in command.

Concerning Abraham, it is written:

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.

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 Sara's womb:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Romans 4:18-21

Faith is a Spiritual Force that Brings God's Hand to Bear on a Man's Life for Exploits

The hand of God, which engenders exploits, is provoked by the faith of men.

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For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

There was a testimony from a member of the church who never knew he was to be initiated into a cult while being sworn-in as the new MD/CEO of an organisation. During the meeting, a highly placed member of the cult walked in with four men to secure the floor. It was at that point he realised that all the board members belonged to a secret society.

As the initiation process began, one after the other, they cut their left thumbs and blood gushed into a calabash before them. Before it got to his turn, he realised that he had his mantle with him, which he brought out. Suddenly, a strange wind blew, took the mantle from his hand and dropped it on the calabash. Immediately, everything caught fire, including the building. God stepped in and rescued him from destruction.

No matter the situation we are confronted with, we must never give in to fear. Fear is the archenemy of the Spirit of faith, but Bible faith gives us access to a world of unlimited possibilities. It is our weapon against the incursions of the enemy.

Bible Faith is the Factory of Testimonies

Faith is a proof producer and a factory that manufactures good reports. Every testimony is faith generated, and faith without proofs is fake.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:1-3

It is also written: ***Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*** (John 11:40).

Bible faith is neither a religious principle, nor an ancient philosophy. Rather, it is a spiritual force that addresses living and inanimate things, including the elements of the atmosphere (Matthew 8:23-27).

It is the spiritual force that levels all invisible barriers on our path. By faith, the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and molested the barrier. This faith turns natural men to living wonders. However, for faith to deliver, we must see, believe, speak and act on it. Also, we must refuse to quit observing these processes until our desired testimony is delivered.

Nobody doubts what he can see. So, the Word of

God goes beyond just hearing it. Until we can see it, it does not result in faith.

As it is written: ***Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law*** (Psalm 119:18).

Whatever we discover in the Bible is what we should believe, because we are empowered to become whatsoever we believe. The woman with the issue of blood said in her heart, "If I may but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be made whole." That is faith! As she touched His garment, power was released and she was made whole (Luke 8:43-48). Bible faith taps into power that converts our faith to testimonies.

One day in 1995, I was going into the church when a member who had spinal cord injury in an accident 17 years earlier, touched my garment. Immediately, he heard a cracking sound and Jesus healed him. He touched me and the virtue of Jesus was transferred through my body to his. It is our action that portrays our faith (2 Chronicles 20:20).

Faith Quenches all the Fiery Darts of the Devil

Nothing can stop faith from manifesting because even the devil is subject to its authority. The Bible says:

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked

(Ephesians 6:16). Therefore, to stop the devil from

molesting our destinies, we need the armour of faith to obstruct him. Unfortunately, many families today are struggling. They work very hard but nothing seems to be working because invisible forces have laid a siege on their destinies, militating against their rising (Zechariah 1:17-21). These invisible forces rule the atmosphere, but the good news is that faith can break those barriers, no matter the realm they are found.

Although these forces may use human instruments, human beings are not responsible. For instance, it was not Pharaoh that held the Israelites bound; it was the gods of Egypt that wouldn't let them go.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Exodus 12:12

God had to judge the gods of Egypt to bring out His people. Therefore, every invisible power resisting your rising comes under God's judgment in Jesus' name!

Shortly after one of my siblings got married, someone forced her to eat in a dream and she developed a strange sickness. Every medical effort to diagnose its cause proved abortive. One day, she cried to my office and I ministered to her. Three days later, she vomited a broken piece of glass. There was no way she could have

mistakenly eaten that with her food because the glass was not chewed. As soon as she vomited that glass, her health was restored.

Faith is a spiritual force that dominates the world of the spirit, quenching all the fiery darts of the devil. It is what guarantees our access to spiritual realities.

How Does Faith Deliver?

The mystery of faith delivers on a pure conscience. This is the reason for the frustration of many who claim to have faith. As it is written: ***Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience*** (1Timothy 3:9).

It is also written:

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Remember, faith is either absolute or fake. God either remains our only source of expectation or we remain frustrated. Whatever we add to our faith in God renders it null and void. Therefore, if Jesus is not enough for us, nothing will ever be enough (Psalm 62:5; James 1:6-8).

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It is written:

Their sorrows shall multiply that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

Psalm 16:4

Faith only delivers on absolute dependency on God and His Word. God said to me on September 6, 1983: "You have two eyes; can you make one eye to look up and the other to look down?" I tried but it was impossible. Then He said, "Any time you are looking unto man, never claim to be looking unto Me. But if you will set your eyes on Me, you will never be ashamed" (Psalm 34:5). Only those who look up to God are entitled to His help because you cannot be looking up and down at the same time (Psalm 121:1).

Trusting other gods

God will never share His glory with anyone. When we trust other gods, He turns His back on us. Most of us are victims, because we either have something hidden at the corner of our houses, or we are relying on someone somewhere for solutions (Exodus 20:4-5).

I met with Jesus in 1969 and I have never added anything to Him; that is why my faith produces proofs. Relying on other gods will only complicate our situations. As long as we are double-minded, we will

remain frustrated. So, we must focus on God (Psalm 16:4; James 1:7-8).

We must come to a point where we can boldly declare that whatever God cannot do, let it remain undone. Whatever He cannot give us, may we never have it; wherever He cannot take us, may we never get there. When we get to that level, He will take us to unimaginable heights.

Trusting in Men

Man is utterly limited; only God is unlimited. It is written:

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Jeremiah 17:5-6

When a man takes us up, we can only get to where his hands can reach. Whereas, when the everlasting arm of God lifts us, He takes us far above where any man can get to (Isaiah 31:1-3).

When God called me into ministry, I did not expect anything from any man. It would either come from

God or I didn't need it. That is why blessings have not stopped flowing till now. The moment you start depending on your uncle or relation, you render your faith impotent (Psalm 147:10-11). The "who you know in *high* places" factor is the devil's theology because the Bible says that the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits (Daniel 11:32).

Trusting in Self

We must not trust in our strength, skills or expertise; for the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill... (Ecclesiastes 9:11). Rather, trust God for His plans to be fulfilled in your life. As it is written, ***He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail*** (1 Samuel 2:9).

Playing Games or Gimmicks

There is nothing we want to get through cheating that we are not bigger than; it is just a matter of time. Any blessing we cannot boldly testify about is a risk (Jeremiah 17:11). Therefore, we must beware of playing *smart* to get rich or *cornering* anything that does not belong to us. It becomes an accursed thing in our hands and we can never rise by it.

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Also, every thief is under a curse and there is no way faith can avert it. It is written:

Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

Zechariah 5:3-4

In conclusion, we must understand that every provision of the Kingdom is freely accessible to us. Every day is God's day of blessing for us, but the day we believe is our own day. This is because faith is a universal currency that commands the same value in all nations of the earth. Therefore, receive the Spirit of faith to freely access all your inheritances in Christ.



CHAPTER 2

UNIQUENESS OF BIBLE FAITH

No force in the world of the spirit can resist the authority of faith. The fiery furnace, the lions in the den and the demons in the Red Sea could not stop it. Therefore, all the barriers on our way will require a miracle to be subdued. For instance, there was no other way for the Israelites to cross the Red Sea except by a miracle. A bridge could not have been constructed over the Red Sea in such a short time; moreover, Pharaoh and his army were in hot pursuit to stop them.

There was also no way to bring down the wall of Jericho but by a miracle; and faith was their access to the miracle working power of God. Can you imagine that Jesus cursed a fig tree and it withered? If we must

command results like the men of old, we should be ready to stir up the Word inside us for conquest. This is because the faith that conquers must remain intact and unwavering. There must be no option. We must keep believing even while others mock us, and watch as God continues to perform signs.

However, we must recognise that there are different realms of faith. A lot of people may wonder why they speak the Word, yet, it does not birth proofs or they pray and the situation remains the same. Our level of faith determines our level of command over situations, and the degree of results we get.

Levels of Faith

No man can become a faith giant overnight. The reason some people get answers to their prayers and others don't is because of the level of faith they are operating from. Some believers pray with doubt in their minds and still expect such prayers to be answered. It is written:

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

James 1:6-7

Growing to the level where our faith produces results

requires diligent and committed search of the Word (Romans 10:17). Also, we must realise that growing our faith is a continuous process and no one ever gets to the point of attainment.

Measure of Faith

This level of faith is mostly exhibited by new converts and it enables them to believe and accept Christ.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:3

Notwithstanding, there are long-time born again believers who are still operating at this level of faith because they have made little or no effort to build the faith required to confront the battles of life. This level of faith, according to Ezekiel 47:3, is known as the ankle deep level of faith.

Little Faith

This level of faith is displayed especially if we have been baptised in the Holy Spirit. When we are baptised with this level of faith, we are filled with power for evangelism. Although this is a higher level of faith, it

will cower when confronted with challenges greater than it (Ezekiel 47:4).

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 (Matthew 8:26).

Little faith is as a result of little insight, for the Bible says, faith cometh by hearing and understanding the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Therefore, we must invest time to build our faith in the Word because it will determine the quality of our faith (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Great Faith

Jesus, in response to the Canaanite woman, said:
...O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt, And her daughter was made whole from that very hour (Matthew 15:28).

Also, it is written:

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Matthew 8:10

With the baptism of this level of faith, we receive greater power and grace to speak the Word of God boldly, heal the sick and cast out devils (Acts 4:33).

When we operate at this level, we manifest our sonship in God and gain command over the challenges of life. This faith will always deliver as desired.

Great faith is a result of spending quality time in God's Word, which in turn empowers our faith for signs.

Supernatural Faith

This faith draws mainly on a deep manifestation of the Spirit, which is provoked by access to mysteries in the Word. It is an extraordinary faith that has the capacity to take full delivery of God's extraordinary plan. When we operate on this level of faith, we keep growing in the anointing.

God's plan is according to His size and we cannot take delivery of it without supernatural faith. His plans are bigger than what little faith can access. They require the overflowing level of faith, which manifests itself supernaturally within and through us (Ezekiel 47:5). We look at challenges and deal with them as though they do not exist. For instance, during the birth of our second son, according to the doctor, my wife required a Caesarean Section (CS), because the baby was in a breech position.

When I was informed, I got to where she was, simply placed my hands on her stomach and said, "Child, turn!" I also turned and went home. The baby came

shortly afterwards.

It is written: ***We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak*** (2 Corinthians 4:13).

This Spirit of faith delivers after the same order, from generation to generation, irrespective of size, colour or race. This Spirit was transferred from Elijah to Elisha, and it produced after the same order. Since Elisha asked for a double portion of that Spirit, it produced exactly as he desired (Jude 3).

What is Unique about the Spirit of Faith? It is a Speaking Spirit

The Spirit of faith is manifested when we boldly declare what we believe (2 Corinthians 4:13). As a speaking force, it speaks the unspeakable. Imagine David confronting Goliath; he must have been “drunk” with the Spirit of faith when he told Goliath ***...This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand...***(1 Samuel 17:46). As he made that declaration, God confirmed it in the realm of the Spirit. When we receive the Spirit of faith, it releases itself spontaneously in us, particularly, when we are challenged.

As it is written: ***For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you***

(Matthew 10:20).

Every other kind of faith draws on revelation but the Spirit of faith draws on manifestation. There is no premeditation; it is the Spirit of God that speaks through us because no matter how anointed we are, when our mouths are closed, our destinies are closed. Therefore, we must let our mouths be filled with the realities of the fulfilment of our desires. We must not allow what we see to determine what we say; rather, we must let what we say determine what we see (Psalm 81:10-11).

It is a Driving Spirit

Faith is a propelling Spirit and the only way to take delivery of our portion is to make moves. Concerning Jesus, the Bible records: ***And immediately the Spirit driveth him...*** (Mark 1:12). It spurs us to spontaneous actions without considering the “pros and cons”. It bulldozes its way through every kind of barrier. The Spirit of faith makes us move in unthinkable directions and propels us to act on the Word of God without any feeling for self or thoughts of failure.

It is a Stabilising Spirit

When this Spirit is at work in us, we are never upset or apprehensive; we simply triumph restfully. We are

at rest in the midst of storms and we are in charge whether asleep or awake (Mark 4:37-41).

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 Sara's womb:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Romans 4:19-21

When we are free from anxiety, we are truly in command because we are at peace. Consequently, God is committed to fight for us. Little faith cannot stand the storms of life because they require the Spirit of faith.

It is a Daring Spirit

The Spirit of faith neither bows nor cringes before oppositions; it simply takes command. It sees problems as opportunities; it cannot be stopped or harassed.

When the three Hebrew men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, refused to bow to the king's graven image and he threatened to put them in the fiery furnace, this was their response:

...O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer

thee in this matter.

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Daniel 3:16-18

When they refused to bow, God showed up on their behalf. King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished when he saw that the Hebrew men were unhurt and walking freely in the fire (Daniel 3:24-28). When we refuse to bow to oppositions, God steps in to rescue us. No doubt, the Spirit of faith strengthens our inner man with might to overcome oppositions.

It is an Ever-Winning Spirit

The Spirit of faith is a commander of good reports, a generator of testimonies and a manufacturer of proofs (Daniel 11:32).

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of

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the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Hebrews 11:33-35

Never mistake the Spirit of faith for the principles or the Word of faith; it is far above them. It is the manifestation of the Spirit of faith that delivers absolutely.

Therefore, faith is no cheap talk but hard work. Acquiring, maintaining and operating the Spirit of faith is hard work because the faith that delivers must first fill our thoughts. If we think contrary to what we claim to believe, we have rendered it impotent (James 1:6-8).

Moreover, whether it is the Word of faith, the gift of faith, or the Spirit of faith; they all feed on the Word. We also know that faith comes by hearing and understanding the Word of God. Therefore, we must seek every avenue to understand more of the Word, in order to build our faith.

For instance, I knew undoubtedly that I would have children. Hence, when the devil said to me, "Come and show me how you will have children," I responded, "You will be surprised that I will not even pray about

it.” From the Scriptures, I knew that even my cattle were not permitted to be barren. Armed with this revelation, I could challenge the devil (Deuteronomy 7:14). No one prepares for an examination on the examination day. Therefore, invest time to grow your faith; it will keep you in command of oppositions.

What, Then, Are The Traits Of Bible Faith? Faith Calms Storms

The Bible records an encounter of Jesus in a capsizing ship.

And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

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.

But the men marvelled, saying, what manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Matthew 8:24-27

The above scripture is not a philosophy; it is power. Jesus was restfully in command, even while sleeping. Faith has power to control the storms, winds and seas of life. That is, it can calm the unrest in our lives.

However, we must realise that God is not depending on us to fulfil His Word; He only needs us to keep our faith alive.

While in Kano in July 1999, God showed up in my hotel room. The Tabernacle was to be dedicated in September but it looked like it was not feasible. Then God said, "It took Me six days to create the world and the fullness thereof; I will not need two months to finish an ordinary building; two months, too much!" Immediately, there was peace in my spirit and God did it. This faith keeps you restfully in command when others are confused.

Faith Addresses both Animate and Inanimate Objects

Jesus cursed the fig tree and it withered from its root. Mark 11:19-23 narrates the encounter:

And when even was come, he went out of the city.

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursest is withered away.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

There was also a story told by Kenneth Copeland of a cotton farmer who was a tither. During the harvest season, his cotton wool pods would not open and as a result, he was to lose his harvest for that year.

However, he took his tithe booklet, opened it on the field and said, "I am a tither; the devourer is not permitted in my life." The plantation heard and the cotton wool pods opened up. Faith addresses both animate and inanimate objects and they obey.

Faith Curses Everything that Mocks Us

Everything that mocks our redemption comes under a curse by the mystery of faith. After Elisha got the mantle, 42 children came out and mocked him saying, Go up thou bald head, go up thou bald head, and he turned and cursed them. Immediately, two she-bears came out of the woods and feasted on them. Jesus also cursed the fig tree that mocked Him and it withered. Therefore, whatever mocks us is entitled to a curse (2 Kings 2:23-24; Matthew 21:19-23).

Faith Draws on the Omnipotent Power of God

The Bible gives an account of the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years and how she drew power for her healing by touching the hem of Jesus' garment.

And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.

And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him and how she was healed immediately.

And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Luke 8:43-48

She tapped into Christ's healing power through her

faith and it committed the integrity of God to deliver because He abides faithful (2 Timothy 2:13). Bible faith provokes the release of God's power and whatever cannot stop God's power, cannot stop faith from having its way.

Faith Pulls Down Impossible Barriers

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days (Hebrews 11:30).

When our faith comes alive, unction is transmitted. That unction overturns every mountain around our lives by the roots and turns them to testimonies (Job 28:9-10).

Faith Raises the Dead

The mystery of faith can reverse any situation because it is our access to realms of unlimited possibilities. This was demonstrated in Mark 5:36-42:

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe...the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth...

Also, Lazarus was dead for four days and was already stinking but the mystery of faith brought him out of the grave (John 11:17-44).

Why Do We Need To Personally Develop Our Faith?

Life is a personal adventure and everyone must accept full responsibility for its outcome. Therefore, if the just is to live by his faith, then faith becomes a product of personal responsibility. Just as no one can eat on our behalf, no one can grow our faith for us; we are personally responsible for its growth.

In like manner, we cannot be saved via another person's faith. We also cannot excel in life on anyone's faith. Everything that keeps us alive requires our effort and every prize won is a result of the price paid. Thus, we are never failures until we look for someone to blame for our lot. Nobody is responsible for where we are other than ourselves.

The Bible says: ***Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him*** (Hebrews 10:38).

We will never find the story of great faith without great investment in building that faith. Even though I have the Mandate of the Word of Faith, I would have been a failure if I did not take responsibility in building my faith. In fact, I had been building my faith long before I was called. Perhaps, God wouldn't have entrusted such a task to me, if I had not built up my faith.

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The need to develop our individual faith cannot be overemphasised. Here are some reasons:

It is Commanded

Just as we need our human heart to stay alive, we equally need our faith to stay alive spiritually. We need our personal faith to live a triumphant life because the Bible says, "The just shall live by (his own) faith." Therefore, triumphant Christian living is impossible without faith (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

It Gives us Access to Our Inheritances in Christ

We have a goodly heritage in Christ but we need faith to access it. We understand from the Scripture that God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, but they are delivered through the knowledge of Christ. It is that knowledge that inspires faith, which gives us access to our inheritances (2 Peter 1:3).

For Our Desired Personal Victories, Triumphs and Conquests

Most of life's battles are confronted individually; hence, we need to build our faith personally. It is written: ***For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the***

world, even our faith (1 John 5:4).

For instance, Daniel conquered the lions by his faith, because he believed in his God.

Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Daniel 6:23

Also, the three Hebrew men, by their absolute trust in God, overcame the fiery furnace by faith. Therefore, our victories, triumphs and conquests can only be actualised by our personal faith (Daniel 3:28).

For Our Personal Breakthroughs

The trans-generational breakthrough of Abraham was a product of the discovery of the mystery of faith. Concerning him, it was written:

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 4:1-3

Abraham is a figure of supernatural breakthrough in

the Scripture (Isaiah 51:1-3). Therefore, our breakthrough tomorrow is inspired by our faith today, because it is what we believe that we are empowered to become.

For Fulfilment of Prophecies

Every prophecy is at the mercy of our faith. No prophecy is fulfilled because of the validity of its source, although that is essential. Prophecies are only fulfilled through the solidity of our faith. There are many prophetic words spoken to us, but they will only deliver when we believe. ***...Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord*** (Luke 1:45).

For instance, when God said He would buy us an aircraft in the days of bicycles, I believed Him. When He also said that I would speak from one place and the whole world would hear at the same time, I believed Him. Though at that time, there was no technology to accomplish that. If I had doubted it, it would never have come to pass. Hence, no matter who we are, to see prophecies fulfilled, we must believe them.

For Our Healing and Deliverance

We draw virtue from God for healing and deliverance by faith. Jesus said, "According to your faith, be it

unto you.” Thus, our healing delivers on personal faith (Luke 8:40-48).

It Confers Authority on the Believer

Faith confers us with spiritual authority, thereby changing our level of command. Therefore, our depth of faith is determined by our level of authority (Mark 4:37-39).

I went on a trip shortly after my wife and I got married. When I returned, my wife told me she had a miscarriage. I immediately responded, “It cannot happen, can I have my food please.” It ended there; there was no recall of that situation and the baby was miraculously preserved. That was authority! As our faith level rises, our level of command is enhanced.

For our Desired Miracles, Signs and Wonders

Everything answers to faith. It is written: ***And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues*** (Mark 16:17; see also Mark 9:23).

How Does Faith Deliver Signs and Wonders?

- It engenders a turnaround at an old age (Hebrews 11:11).
- It gives us command over elements (Joshua 10:12-14; 1 Kings 17:1).

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- It calms the storms of life (Mark 4:36-41).
- It heals all manner of sicknesses and diseases (James 5:15).

How Do We Develop Bible Faith?

We must understand that faith is a living force that has unlimited capacity for growth, but revelation is the platform for this growth. Our faith can grow to bring us to the level of Christ and also take us beyond the level of works that He did (John 14:12).

It is the spiritual understanding of the truth that builds faith. Our ability to see what God is saying concerning us builds our faith because no one doubts what he can see (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Here are some of the ways to grow in faith:

Train in the Word of Faith

Faith is a weapon and we must train on how to handle it. Training our faith can only be done through the Scriptures. Therefore, a diligent and consistent study of the Word is the principal way to develop Bible faith. It is written: ***So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*** (Romans 10:17; see also Hebrews 5:13).

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his

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own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

Genesis 14:14

Let's recognise that spiritual understanding is the main access to building our faith. Remember that spiritual understanding is the ability to see what God is saying. The Ethiopian eunuch was reading Isaiah 53 but had no understanding of it. Then, the Holy Ghost told Philip to join the eunuch in his chariot and a brief dialogue soon ensued:

...Understandest thou what thou readest?

And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:30-31

By the direction of the Holy Ghost, Philip helped him; his understanding opened up and his faith came alive. He got saved and was baptised in water (Romans 10:17; Acts 8:26-38).

We know that training is a fundamental requirement in the military and we are soldiers of Christ. Therefore, we need to be trained in handling the weapons of our warfare and faith is our overriding weapon; it is our most vital weapon in battle and it takes Word practice to empower our faith to deliver.

It is also important to state that faith is a force of

the heart, not a force of the head. So, it requires our understanding of the Word; when our understanding comes alive, faith comes alive.

Covet the Spirit of Faith

Amongst the nine gifts of the Spirit, is faith.

To another faith by the same Spirit...

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:9, 31

The Spirit of faith cannot be purchased with money but can be acquired by coveting it earnestly. There was transference of Spirit from Elijah to Elisha because the latter desperately coveted it (2 Kings 2:9,15). Elisha coveted the transference of a double portion of the prophetic unction on Elijah; so, there is yet a higher level of faith we can attain. David said: ***As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God*** (Psalm 42:1).

Therefore, if we locate anybody operating in the level of faith we desire, we must go after him/her to possess it.

By Rhema

This is the direct access to the voice of God. It is proven that no one hears God and still doubts Him.

When God speaks, the Spirit of faith, which destroys all doubts, is fired into us.

This was practically demonstrated in Exodus 14:15-16, when God told Moses to tell the children of Israel to move forward. Though Moses had never seen the sea part before, when God spoke, the Spirit of faith entered into him and brought him into the realm of peace that passes all understanding. As it is written: ... ***He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his*** (Hebrews 4:10).

We must also realise that God speaks to us in three major ways:

Through the Verses of Scriptures

The voice of the Lord is behind every verse of Scripture.

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

Isaiah 34:16

By His Spirit

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches... (Revelation 2:7). The Spirit of God is a speaking Spirit. He receives from the Father

and shows it to us; and the more insight we have, the greater our command. He also empowers us for supernatural intelligence to understand the things of the Spirit (John 16:12-14).

Through His Prophets

I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

We must recognise that God speaks to our destinies through scriptures, while He speaks to our moments through prophets. There were many lepers in Israel but none was Elisha sent to, except Naaman the Syrian (Luke 4:27). When we locate the prophet sent to us, we must treasure and obey every instruction given by him.

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FROM GOD We Must Be Spiritual

No matter how well-trained our dogs are, they cannot understand the news from the TV because they belong to the animal realm. Likewise, until man comes into the realm of the Spirit, he cannot hear from the Spirit realm.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the

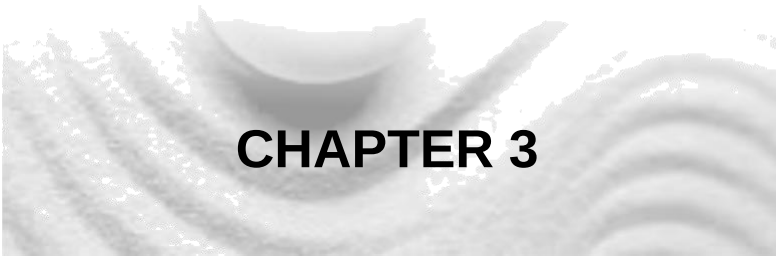
Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

Thus, we must be spiritual to access the voice of the Spirit (Revelation 1:10).

We Must Engage in a Lifestyle of Praise

When we engage in a lifestyle of praise, we access the voice of God with ease (Isaiah 30:29-31). Elisha engaged the ministry of a minstrel in 2 Kings 3:15-18, and as the minstrel played, he heard the voice of God that brought about the required solution. So, if faith is the key to accessing anything from God and for enlarging the coast of our destinies, it is wisdom to invest in building our faith.



CHAPTER 3

THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF FAITH

We serve a two-sided God. He is loving and merciful but He is also a God of vengeance. We must recognise that we need the mystery of faith to invoke the presence of God for our deliverance from the bondage of the wicked.

...Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:7-8

Life is not only a battlefield or warfare, it is also a day-and-night battle. The mastermind behind the

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challenges of our lives is actively engaged day and night. In Luke 18:7-8, Jesus taught us how to invoke the presence of God for vengeance in these perilous times. Overcoming these battles will require the Spirit of faith because that is the only force that can withstand the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-11).

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

We understand from Scriptures that invisible battles come in different forms, largely as spells and enchantments. At the root of some issues of concern in our lives are curses. Certain forces somewhere are provoked by some sources that are responsible for those issues in our lives.

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come (Proverbs 26:2).

Galatians 3:13-14 says:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Therefore, God does not intend that any spell or enchantment have effect in and/or on our lives, because whatever pertained to Abraham pertains to us in the Faith. Christ died so as to connect us to the Abrahamic blessings which are “uncursable”. This means that if we have been redeemed, we are seeds of Abraham and as a result, we are “uncursable”. We are ordained to be envied and not to be pitied; ordained to be a blessing, not a burden (Numbers 23:23).

As it is written, ***Ye are the salt of the earth: ...Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid*** (Matthew 5:13-14).

Therefore, whatever obstacle the enemy has arrayed against the fulfilment of your destiny is destroyed in the name of Jesus!

Recognise that we are in the days of the vengeance of God and vengeance is a vital aspect of the mystery of

faith. As we will recall, when Jesus flagged off the former rain as recorded in Luke 4:18, He said: ***...To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD. The immediate statement from the scriptural reference of Christ is: ...And the day of vengeance of our God*** (Isaiah 61:1-2). This implies that the latter days began with the day of vengeance of our God, which rain started falling from the upper room as it came upon the Apostles of Christ (Acts 2:1-4; Joel 2:23).

God also said in Romans 12:19: ***...Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord***. Ananias and Sapphira became victims of this vengeance when they lied to the Holy Ghost in the presence of the Apostles. As soon as the Holy Ghost reacted, they fell down and gave up the ghost (Acts 5:1-10).

Paul the Apostle also invoked vengeance on Elymas the sorcerer and he went blind; none of such occurred in the ministry of Christ. Vengeance is indeed God's end-time agenda for the last days.

Furthermore, it is within our redemptive rights to execute judgment upon the wicked. This should get us angry enough to engage the violence of faith to invoke vengeance upon all the forces resisting our redemptive rights.

The Bible says:

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a

two edged sword in their hand;

***To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and
punishments upon the people;***

***To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles
with fetters of iron;***

***To execute upon them the judgment written: this
honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.***

Psalm 149:6-9

Thus, we have the right to invoke vengeance upon the wicked and all the agents of the devil.

For instance, I was told by one of my daughters in church that her brother just died and her mother said she was the next one to die. Her mother, obviously, was the killer of her son. I said to her, “Relax! Except God has not sent me, if your mother told you that, she is dead.” This paints a picture of how wicked and evil the world has become and until we stand to invoke the vengeance of God, we will remain under their torment. Therefore, wherever the source of your affliction is, I decree that God’s vengeance answer in your favour!

Sometime ago, another daughter of mine who was 50 years old but unmarried, told me that her mother confessed to being responsible for her unmarried status. This should not be shocking because the Bible already confirms that in the end-time, the wicked shall do

more wickedly. That is why we must be more violent; otherwise, we may be denied of what belongs to us.

For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come (Isaiah 63:4).

Therefore, today is declared the day of vengeance on your adversaries!

Understand that the whole essence of vengeance is to comfort all those that mourn; that is, all that are shattered, battered and afflicted. "Comfort" here means to open their prison doors and let them go free.

We also recall that until God put a stop to the attacks of Pharaoh and the army of Egypt, Israel could not be free. In the same vein, our comfort will not be actualised until vengeance answers. Therefore, to watch your life pressed down and sat upon by the wicked simply amounts to culpable ignorance.

In 1979, I came across a message titled, *The Lord Killeth*. It sounded strange but at the same time, it was highly liberating. Although my background in the faith at that time did not accept it easily, the word was fired into my soul like arrows from heaven and I could feel the lion in me come alive. That was when I knew the other side of God. Remember the Bible says: ***The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up*** (1 Samuel 2:6).

We indeed serve a two-sided God. He is not only the

Saviour, He is also a killer—He bringeth down to the grave and He bringeth up. We need to understand this other side of God to triumph in this wicked world. The Bible says: ***And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness*** (1 John 5:19).

Again, God said to Abram, "... I will bless them that bless thee, and curse whosoever curseth thee..." We serve both the "blesser" God and the "curser" God. Jesus also taught us how to invoke vengeance when He cursed the fig tree that mocked Him. He taught the disciples to operate God's kind of faith that curses everything that mocks them (Genesis 12:3; Mark 11:19-21). Recognise that the Holy Ghost also curses (Acts 13:8-11). Therefore, anything that mocks us is entitled to a curse.

Why Do We Need Vengeance? Vengeance is the Gateway to our Total Liberty

Until vengeance answered in Egypt, the Israelites were not set free (Exodus 12:12, 29-30, 41-42). For instance, there are men over 50 years old, well educated and employed, but who are not married because they are under bondage. Also, there are spouses who just wake up in the morning and start fighting each other without any reason. This is because forces beyond their control are working behind the scenes.

In Luke 18:2-5, the Bible records the account of a

woman who cried tirelessly to an unjust judge for vengeance until he heard her. How much more will our God hear us? This implies that the day we call for vengeance is the day we are entitled to it. Therefore, call for vengeance today against anything standing on the path of your fruitfulness, career and business breakthroughs or anything responsible for the source of your ill-health.

It is the Gateway to Our All-Round Comfort

...To comfort all that mourn, to give unto them that mourn in Zion beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for heaviness that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified.

Isaiah 61:2-3

We cannot be comforted until vengeance answers. I decree every agent of pressure in your life cursed with the arrow of death today!

It is the Gateway to Supernatural Breakthroughs

Supernatural breakthrough comes after vengeance. God has given us all things that make for life and godliness but there are contending forces in the realm of the spirit. When they are destroyed, breakthroughs become our daily experience (Isaiah 61:4-7).

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For instance, after vengeance answered for the Israelites, breakthroughs became their lot on their journey. They had plenty of silver and gold without trading, and were supernaturally fed for 40 years.

The Bible says: ***He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes*** (Psalm 105:37).

It is Our Redemptive Right to Invoke Vengeance

We must understand that the wicked may never give up until the God of vengeance shows up. That is why we must invoke vengeance (Psalm 149:6-9; Isaiah 63:4). Remember, until God unleashed His vengeance upon Egypt, Pharaoh never gave up. It was only when Pharaoh and his army drowned in the Red Sea that the captivity of the Israelites ended. You must not allow any witch oppressing your destiny to survive. Therefore, today, all your adversaries go down for you!

How, Then, Do We Provoke the Hand of God?

Faith is our guarantee for provoking the God of vengeance against all the evil forces that are arrayed against us. For it is written, ***Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?*** (Isaiah 53:1).

It is also written:

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I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:8

Christ is asking us if He will find the faith that provokes vengeance on the earth. Faith is a spiritual mystery that invokes vengeance upon the wicked. We saw this in the case of Daniel and the three Hebrew men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They were not only delivered by faith, vengeance also answered on their behalf and their enemies were destroyed. This was also true for Daniel in the lion's den. He was saved, but his enemies, who were thrown in the lion's den, were devoured instantly. Indeed, faith is a sure weapon of vengeance (Daniel 6:23-24). Therefore, wake up and deal with your adversary.

How Does Faith Do This?

Through Signs and Wonders

All miracles are proofs of God's hand at work (Acts 4:30).

And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

Exodus 3:20

The stretching forth of God's hand is what generates signs and wonders.

Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? (Isaiah 53:1). This means that we provoke the stretching forth of God's hand by faith and when He puts His hand upon the rock, He overturns the mountain by the root, so the barriers are messed up.

There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

Job 28:7-9

Faith will always bring the Hand of God to bear on any situation. It moves God to avenge every barrier on our path to generate exploits.

Faith Provokes Companionship with God

Every time we take steps of faith, God moves in and when He does, barriers clear off (Genesis 5:24).

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

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.

Hebrews 11:5-6

Faith ensures that God's tangible presence is with us and that makes us unstoppable in the journey of life. God goes with us to avenge every obstacle. The barriers on the path of the Apostles were levelled out because God was working with them, confirming their words with signs following. When we secure His companionship, signs and wonders become our natural habitat (Mark 16:20; Acts 10:38).

What, Then, Are The Weapons Of Vengeance?

Revelation

This is defined as spiritual understanding of the truth. The Bible says: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

Vengeance, just as love, is in the Word. As we already know, we serve a two-sided God and as believers, we must also be ready to operate like Him. We have a two-edged sword; one is love and the other is judgment. Putting them to work guarantees our triumph in life. Remember God said, ***I will bless them that bless you and he that curses you, I will curse*** (Genesis 12:3). That means there are times to bless and times to curse. However, until we have a revelation of our right to execute vengeance, we will remain tormented by wicked forces.

Prayer and Fasting

In the case of Jehoshaphat, God took over the battle and executed vengeance on behalf of His people. Fasting is a spiritual platform for breaking all the bands of wickedness around our lives, because certain wicked forces may not give up except by prayer and fasting (2 Chronicles 20:3-24; Isaiah 58:6; Matthew 17:19-21).

Bold Speaking

Every time we speak boldly, we commit God's integrity to manifest openly. A closed mouth will result in a closed destiny. For instance, David spoke boldly to Goliath and God gave him open victory. In the same vein, God will not step in openly until we open our mouth widely (Acts 14:3).

Prophetic Verdicts

The Bible makes us understand that ***by a prophet, the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved*** (Hosea 12:13).

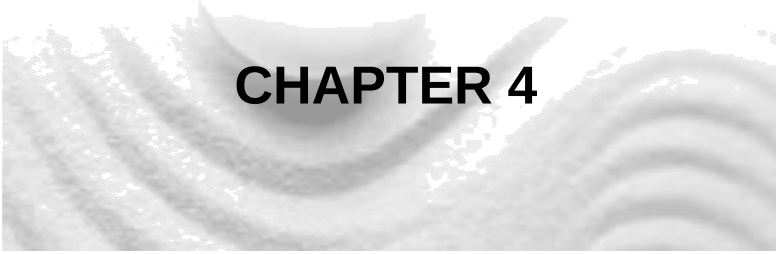
Prophets are God's agents for silencing the reproach on God's people. They are God's agents for silencing the mouth of blasphemers who ask us where our God is (Psalm 74:9-12). Under the prophetic umbrella, we are not permitted to be reproached.

Remember, Moses said to the children of Israel, ***Fear***

ye not, standstill, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever (Exodus 14:13).

It came to pass that Pharaoh and the host of Egypt drowned in the Red Sea according to that prophetic verdict. As long as prophets are off the stage, experiencing signs and wonders will be an uphill task for anyone because God has to work by the hands of some men. When God sent Moses as a prophet to the Israelites, their rescue became immediate.

The same God, Who sent Moses, sent me. Therefore, the adversaries you see today tormenting any aspect of your life, you shall see them no more forever! I declare them drowned in the Red Sea of divine vengeance in Jesus' name!



CHAPTER 4

THE BREAKTHROUGH POWER OF FAITH

The Bible is primarily a prophetic Book, and prophecies are ordained for fulfilment. They are not stories to excite us; rather, they are the unfolding of divine plans concerning us.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter: 1:19-21

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Although the Bible is a prophetic Book, it is faith that gives life to the prophetic Word. The fact that we don't believe the Word does not erase its validity; it just means we have refused to be beneficiaries. As we already know, nobody can fulfil destiny on our behalf; it requires our faith. Until our faith comes alive, we are limited. Therefore, it is our thirst for revelation that determines our position in this end-time.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Consider this, Abraham had the faith to become the father of nations, but Sarah needed her own faith to conceive. When she believed God, she received strength to conceive a child when she was past age. We need our faith to become what God has said concerning us. When we receive a prophetic word, we receive power to become it. What we do not believe, we never become. As it is written:

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord (Luke 1:45; see also John 1:12).

By believing, we provoke God's virtue for performance. In 1983, in the city of Jos, I met a man whose wife had no womb. The couple had travelled extensively, seeking a solution, but their situation did not change.

I could see that the couple was really troubled; I was moved and knew there had to be a way out. While the husband and wife were weeping, I asked Jesus, "What is the answer to this problem?"

The Lord said to me, "There is no manufacturer who produces a product without spare parts. Every time I open the eyes of the blind, I either steal the new eyes or I had spare sets of eyes, and I can never steal. Thus, I have a spare part store for any stolen part of your life." So, from John 10:10, I said to the wife, "Woman, the thief cometh not but for to steal, kill and destroy. But Jesus has come to replace whatever the thief has stolen and to replace it in its perfect form." I saw faith in their eyes and went further to say, "In nine months time, you will carry your baby." That was the end of it! Nine months later, they had their testimony in their hands. Every Word we believe releases virtue for performance.

WHAT ARE THE FORCES BEHIND PROPHETIC WORDS?

Recognise that God Speaks According to Himself

He speaks according to His Almightyness and Omnipotence. We must never consider ourselves when we are talking about prophecies because we are not part of the deal. A divine plan can only be delivered

by a divine hand.

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Romans 4:20-21

God speaks according to His power to deliver, so don't mind who you are, what you have, or who you have. There were no special caucus meetings throughout the period of the construction of the Faith Tabernacle. God cannot depend on the money in our pockets, because He is the One who gave it to us in the first place.

When God said to me, "It is time to get the aircraft", it was not premeditated; it was not in my thinking, but my faith took it without knowing the cost. We need to build our faith to the level where it can take delivery of our next levels. ***And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible*** (Mark 10:27).

God is not a man; therefore, do not measure Him with men. Whatever He says, He has the capacity to perform; all we need is matching faith. If we must see God at work in our favour, we must believe that God is what He says He is, and will do what He says He will do.

God Speaks According to His Power

His wisdom creates irresistible solutions. It is not the wisdom of intellectual debate. God's wisdom is creative wisdom (Psalm 104:24).

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Proverbs 3:19

As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

Ecclesiastes 11:5

God's wisdom creates fulfilment of prophecies. We cannot organise it; we are only called to believe it. He is only waiting for our heart-seated 'yes' (Luke 1:45).

God Speaks According to His Resources

The Faith Tabernacle was not budgeted for and could not have been budgeted for because the drawings were not ready. There was no estimate at all; it was a delivered mandate. God's Word, the Bible, is absolutely prophetic. It says:

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it

hath gathered them.

Isaiah 34:16

In 1982, God said to me: “My son, My prosperity plan is not a promise; it is a covenant.” He spoke to me from Deuteronomy 8:18 and that encounter changed my entire life. Every statement of scripture is highly prophetic.

God Speaks According to His Anger

***Why do the heathen rage, and the people
imagine a vain thing?***

***The kings of the earth set themselves, and the
rulers take counsel together, against the LORD,
and against his anointed, saying,***

***Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away
their cords from us.***

***He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the
Lord shall have them in derision.***

***Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and
vex them in his sore displeasure.***

Psalms 2:1-5

When God’s anger rises, His enemies are crushed (Isaiah 42:13-16). God still vents His wrath on our enemies like He did with Pharaoh and his army, who were all swallowed up in the Red Sea. He took them to the Red Sea, so He could bury Pharaoh and end his

torment of the Israelites. Every enemy tormenting your life is swallowed by the Red Sea of God's judgment in Jesus' name!

What Must We Do To See Prophecies Fulfilled?

The prophecy we never take heed to, will never be fulfilled in our lives. To ensure the establishment of God's prophecies in our lives, we must:

Inject Our Faith into the Prophetic Word

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Hebrews 4:2

We must personalise prophecies. A couple came to the Faith Tabernacle in 2008 and heard the word of prophecy that anyone called barren would have her miracle baby, but they did nothing about it.

They came back in 2011 and heard me say, "Every prophecy is a spiritual pregnancy that requires going to the labour room of prayer to deliver." Then, they believed it, acted on it and they had quadruplets! If they had done nothing about it the second time, they would have come back the following year and would have still written down the prophecy.

We must build our faith into every prophetic word.

This is because until it mixes with faith in our hearts, it will never deliver.

Be Expectant

What we do not expect, we are not permitted to experience. The Bible says:

***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.***

Hebrews 11:1

After Hannah heard the word from Eli the priest, she went home, took bread and her countenance was no more sad. Then, she began to act like a mother of children. This reminds me of the testimony of a woman, who saw God terminate 17 years of barrenness in her life. In her testimony, she said:

“I have been coming to Shiloh and attending the Mothers and Fathers of Nations Specialised session since inception in 1999. In 2013, I was tired and ashamed of attending without result but I had already invited my cousin and other people to come to Shiloh so as to attend the same specialised class (Mothers and Fathers of Nations). So, reluctantly, I came by encouraging myself.

At Shiloh 2013 Mothers of Nations class, my own word came when Pastor David Oyedepo (Jnr.) was preaching. He asked, ‘If missing children in town are found in Shiloh

and you are looking for your child, how will you identify your own child?' He said, 'By calling your child's name.' He admonished us to start calling the name of our child/ children as we desire. That word hit me and that was all I picked in that class.

Immediately after Shiloh, just as he advised us, I brought out my baby's bathing bowl and I will be saying, 'Flourish, come and bathe; don't cry o.' I kept doing it in faith until one day while I brought out the bathing bowl and water, my menstrual flow came again and I was discouraged. I said to myself, 'If I am pregnant, this would not happen.' I never knew that I was pregnant already. I realised that since God knows better than man, I don't need menstrual flow to get pregnant. So, I experienced my menstrual flow all through the nine months. When I went for scan, the baby wasn't seen but was growing in my body. My husband advised me not to go to the hospital again. So, there was no antenatal.

On the day of delivery, I still served in the choir during the Mid-week service. Then, labour started at night and very early the next morning, my husband took me to the clinic. When I got there, labour stopped and I started helping other pregnant women in labour to carry their baby items. The matron asked me if I was truly in labour and I told her that it had stopped. Thereafter, I drank Hebron water and immediately, I started stooling and vomiting. The Matron asked me how many times I had

been to the toilet and vomited. I told her five times. Then, she told me to lay down so she could examine me. Immediately she said, 'I have touched the baby's head, can you push?' I pushed and the third time, I heard the baby crying.

Meanwhile, the medical report stated that my fallopian tubes were blocked and my husband had low sperm count. Today, the God of Bishop David Oyedepo, Who is too faithful to fail, proved them wrong. Now, I have my baby – FLOURISH, OLUWASETEMI, DIEUDONNE, AYOMIDE, ESONIKISOMO OBANDO, to the glory of God!" — Florence Obando

Expectation is the key to supernatural manifestations. If we don't expect our desires, faith cannot deliver them (James 2:18).

Engage the Power of the Holy Ghost to See Prophecies Fulfilled

We must endeavour to invoke the ministry of the Holy Ghost upon our lives to accelerate and facilitate the fulfilment of the prophetic word.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that

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holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:34-35

This is done by engaging in prayer and putting up a fight of faith to ensure the delivery of our portion. By so doing, we ward off every adversary and lay hold on what redemption has in store for us. We cannot be spiritual civilians and conquer; we only conquer as soldiers (1 Corinthians 16:9; 1 Timothy 1:18, 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:3; Jude 1:20).

Even Jesus, Who was born of the Holy Ghost, had no identity until He returned in the power of the Spirit; then, He delivered His mission. Our breakthroughs are not in view until we are truly empowered in the Spirit. The empowerment of the Spirit is for the profiting of the saints, and it is through faith received from the Word, that we access this empowerment (Luke 4:14).

It is written: ***Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*** (Jeremiah 23:29).

God's Word carries breakthrough power in it; when we receive and believe the Word, breakthrough becomes the evidence. However, it is the Holy Spirit that facilitates our access to the Word, which engenders our faith (John 14:26).

For instance, most of us have the Word of faith and

the gift of faith; but very few of us have the Spirit of faith, mostly because we do not know that we need it.

We have to operate the Word of faith before it works. Likewise, we have to engage the gift of faith before it delivers, but the Spirit of faith drives us on the highway of faith. We naturally believe everything without stress. We speak unspeakable things and at the same time, we are at rest. We dare “undareable” things without anxiety or apprehension (Mark 1:12).

Ezekiel 2:2 says: ***And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.***

Thus, when we are intoxicated with the Spirit of faith in any area of our lives, it drives us in that area till we get results. However, we must know that every man's position is a function of the revelation at work in him. Since revelation is what begets faith, until we are adequately filled with the Word, faith is not in view.



CHAPTER 5

IMPARTATION OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

From the Scripture, we understand that every breakthrough testimony begins with the empowerment of the Spirit. There is one Spirit, with multifaceted functions and each function empowers us for breakthroughs. As it is written: ***Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit*** (1 Corinthians 12:4).

It is also written:

To another faith by the same Spirit...

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:9, 31

The Holy Spirit is the One who stirs up the gifts of the Spirit in us and His mission is to empower us and

make life better for us. Thus, all the dimensions of His gifts are for our profiting. Remember that we can learn the Word of faith, but not the Spirit of faith. Little faith grows by revelation; great faith grows by greater revelation but supernatural faith is by the manifestation of the Spirit of faith. We are not driving it but it is driving us. For instance, when we do not have fuel in our cars, we have to push it to move but when it is fuelled, it moves effortlessly. The Spirit of faith is for our profiting and it keeps us perpetually in command of the affairs of life.

Be aware that the Spirit of faith moves from one generation to another and it is accessible through the saints that carry it. God has human agents He has positioned to enhance the fulfilment of others and the platform for accessing this Spirit is followership.

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:3

It is also written:

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;

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and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:8, 11-12

From this scripture, it is clear that faith is a receivable Spirit and it generates the same order of results for the perfection of the destinies of the saints. This is why there are no self-made men in the Kingdom; rather, men of great impact are products of divine connectivity. The root we are connected to, determines the kind of fruits we bear.

There are some things that we may never get through supplication; we may have to locate channels to access them. Let us recall the story of the Ethiopian eunuch. When Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading, he replied: "How can I, except some man should guide me?" The Bible goes on to say that "He desired Philip to come up and sit with him" (Acts 8:31).

We must note that these human guides communicate to us through various means: books, videos, audio, personal interaction, etc. God gave us these men to help us fulfil His divine plan for our lives. Without such human guides, my life would have been totally shapeless. I am a beneficiary of the grace that the ministry of human guides carries.

In 1976, I read a book by Oswald J. Smith titled, *The Man God Uses* and it gave me a clear understanding of the values and the virtues of dedication. That same year, I read *The Purpose of Pentecost* authored by T. L. Osborn, which helped me to picture the Holy Spirit as a person, not just as a feeling or tongue that we speak.

Until I read the books, *The Law of Prosperity* and *God's Will is Prosperity* authored by Kenneth Copeland and Gloria Copeland respectively, in a three-day retreat, I never fully understood prosperity. I was preaching it because I knew it is God's will, but after an encounter with those books, something broke loose on my inside and I knew I had caught the secret of Kingdom prosperity.

Life is all about being open to learning. It does not matter what we know, there is much more that we do not know. If we are not open to learning, we will soon lose our lives.

Think about it: Paul the Apostle entered into an unusual realm of revelation by attending to the ministry of human guides. In his letter to Timothy, he wrote:
The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments (2 Timothy 4:13).

What, Then, Are The Channels Of Impartation? Identify a Carrier

Only those who have it can give it. For instance, we go to those who sell diesel to buy diesel; likewise, if we need the Spirit of faith, we go to those who carry it, to “buy”. However, we do not buy with money but with a desperate and thirsty heart. ***But go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves*** (Matthew 25:9).

For instance, we discover from the scriptures that when Saul found himself in the midst of the prophets, the Spirit came upon him and he prophesied among them (1 Samuel 10:10-12). Our spiritual connectedness to any spiritual platform entitles us access to every spiritual virtue obtainable there. Lot went with Abraham and he partook of the blessings proclaimed on Abraham.

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents (Genesis 13:5).

When I was to be commissioned into full-time ministry, God said to me, “I will not have you go like others have gone. I will have hands laid on you, that you may be filled with the Spirit of wisdom. Send for My servant and he will lay hands on you, so you will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom.”

Even though God called me, He connected me with human agents who would help realise my calling. This is because there are things we need that will never come

to us directly but through contact with God's positioned vessels on our paths.

Believe in the Ministry of the Carrier

We cannot be blessed by a ministry we slander.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:20

Just as we cannot get anything from God without faith, we cannot get anything from a prophet except we believe in the hand of God upon him. Therefore, our hearts must be open to learn from them because there is so much in God. If a carrier has a depth we are yet to possess, we must link up with him heartily, not just with our heads, to access the virtues he carries.

Honour the Carrier of that Virtue

Our honour seed to a prophet is as powerful as our material seed. Jesus could not do any mighty work in Nazareth because they did not honour Him. Honouring a prophet entitles us to what he carries.

But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without

honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

Mark 6:4

They saw Jesus as the carpenter's son, so the virtues He carried could not impart on them. In like manner, until we honour the carrier of the virtue in our hearts and through our words, we may not be entitled to partake of what he carries.

I met Kenneth E. Hagin in 1976 and I retained his honour in my heart and soul till he left to be with the Lord in 2003. That honour has not left my heart even though he has departed. Anything about Hagin commands my honour. No wonder all the virtues flowing in Hagin, by the grace of God, are flowing in my life. Our honour seed is more powerful than our material seed because we connect the pipe of our lives to the sources of the carrier. Those who think and speak lightly of their prophets do not connect with what they carry and they cannot duplicate their grace. Prophets are not perfect beings, but they are God-ordained instruments sent to us for our benefits.

Crave and Cry out for What the Carrier has that you Need

The Spirit of faith requires our thirst because we are not entitled to what we do not crave. Every provision of the

Spirit requires desperation to access it (John 7:37-39).

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

2 Kings 2:9

If there is no thirst, there is no access. We must crave with desperation to gain access to the Spirit of faith (Luke 11:13).

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.

Isaiah 44:3

I was drawn to and thirsty for the operation of the Spirit of God in the life of Hagin after reading his books. In 1986, I went to Tulsa, Oklahoma in the United States of America, thirsty for one thing: the spirit at work in Hagin.

I was least concerned about who sat next to me, or the name of the hotel where I lodged. All I craved was an impartation of the Spirit. I told God, whatever makes Hagin, Hagin, I need it. That was the cry of my heart and because I was thirsty for it, I got it. We cannot access any virtue until we are truly thirsty for it.

Engage in a Soul-Tie with the Carrier

We cannot partake of the blessings of a carrier we are not connected to. We must first believe that the carrier has what we are looking for before we can access the spirit at work in him. No matter how close a pipe is to water, it cannot enjoy the flow of water except it is connected. In the same vein, being around a carrier is not enough; we must receive him with our hearts and remain connected, to enjoy what he carries (Proverbs 27:19).

And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

2 Kings 2:4 & 6

Our soul must be connected to the soul of the carrier before we can draw from what he carries. For instance, a son never prays to share the DNA of his father; it is natural. When we connect as sons to our spiritual father, what he carries naturally flows into our lives (Proverbs 13:22).

Render Service as Called for by the Carrier

Joshua was only serving Moses as one of his domestic stewards until he encountered the Spirit. When God wanted to select a man to replace Moses, He told him to pick Joshua and lay his hands on him. The Bible records:

And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him.

Numbers 27:18

Also:

But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

2 Kings 3:11

We can successfully serve until we become partakers of the grace on the master we are serving. This involves providing services as required of us with all our hearts. A man that waits on his master shall be honoured (Proverbs 27:18).

How is the Spirit in a Carrier Provoked? Through His Words

***Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read:
no one of these shall fail, none shall want her
mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his
spirit it hath gathered them.***

Isaiah 34:16

It is also written:

***And the spirit entered into me when he spake
unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard
him that spake unto me.***

Ezekiel 2:2

When we open our hearts to the words of a carrier, we are imparted by what he carries. This is because spoken words directly or indirectly communicate the spirit of the carrier (Mark 4:24). We are also not only informed by what we hear; we are imparted by it. This is why we must take heed to what we hear, because we are the fruits of what we hear. Therefore, in order to reflect the carrier, we must stay connected or the flow will cease.

Physical Contact

This can be done either directly through laying of hands or by proxy. For instance, when a dead body was thrown into the sepulchre of Elisha, the body revived.

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***...And they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha:
and when the man was let down, and touched the
bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.***

2 Kings 13:21

I also encountered the spirit of life in Kenneth Copeland by sleeping on the same bed he slept on three years earlier. The bedspread must have been changed several times but when I slept on that same bed, I craved what was working in Copeland and it came into me. That virtue is still flowing in my life today. I pray that as you come in contact with God's prophets, through their books and other anointed materials, the spirit at work in them will begin to find expression in your life in Jesus' name!



CHAPTER 6

FAITH DETERMINES YOUR TURN FOR A TURNAROUND

Christianity is a race in which we accept spiritual responsibility. Until our part is played, God is not committed to fulfilling His part of the deal. By now, it must be clear to us that we have a part to play in order to commit God to fulfil His agenda for our lives.

Bible faith is a working faith, not a sleeping faith. Therefore, any faith that puts total responsibility on God is an irresponsible faith. Bible faith is potent; it can move the immovable, quench the unquenchable, recover the irrecoverable, dismiss the in-dismissible, achieve the unachievable and possess the impossible.

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For instance, Gideon's army of 32,000 men was reduced to 300 and with just 300 men, he overran the army of the Midianites (Hebrews 11:33).

If faith is this powerful, why then do we appear so powerless? It is because our faith is not rooted and grounded enough in the Word. Remember, every change of level meets people suddenly and unless our faith is ready, we will waste it.

Christians generally chorus, "I have faith" or "I believe", but when we look at their lives, they do not reflect faith. When we truly have faith, things will change and begin to answer to us at our desired frequency. I trade faith because I am a man rooted in faith. Everything we see in Canaanland is a product of faith. I have never had any reason to doubt God's instructions. Once He gives the command, I dive-in to play my part, knowing fully well that He is committed to fulfilling His part of the deal.

I am not talking about religious principle. This is the faith that made Abraham sojourn in an unknown land simply by a divine instruction. That faith made him the father of nations, despite his age. It is this faith that Sarah traded and she received strength to conceive Isaac. The truth is, we need this faith to surmount the seemingly insurmountable on our path. Remember that all patriarchs in the Bible were men of

faith (Hebrews 11:4-40).

By faith, we moved to the forest of Canaanland in 1999 which defied every logic and explanation of Church growth. Naturally, it looked like we had come to the final point, where the ministry would not break through. We did not even have a single bus when we moved to Canaanland; but today, the story is different. Through the operation of faith, we conquered the forces and obstacles on our path. The Ota witches that used to have their meetings at the present location of the Church headquarters in Canaanland were dislodged. Today, we record an ever-increasing church attendance every Sunday, because my faith is in place. As long as God said, "This is the place," then, it is the place.

How To Engage Faith For A Turnaround

We need an Overcomer's Mentality

In the race of life, defeat should never be an option. We need an overcomer's mentality to live a triumphant life always. When we see our lives in the light of Scriptures, working towards its actualisation becomes a delight and an easy task. Proverbs 23:7 says: ***For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...***

The ten spies that were sent to search the Promised Land in Numbers 14 lost their inheritance because they did not have this mentality. They saw themselves as

small and inadequate, so they truly became inadequate to fight the battle against their enemies. Likewise, in the body of Christ, many are victims of the mentality they possess. Today, that feeling of inadequacy is destroyed in Jesus' name!

Avoid Human Alternatives

No man's help can take us to where God can. Human alternatives are the worst enemies of faith. This is because God will never share His glory with any man; He is either our only source of hope, or not at all.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

Psalm 62:5

When we enslave ourselves to any man or other alternatives, God lets go and watches how far we can go without Him. I am not saying God does not bring men our way to help us. Yes, He does but He cannot bear us substituting His place for them. Unfortunately, we live in a society that depends so much on human connection for success. Most people, even faith-believing Christians, think they need to have an option when dealing with God. In case God does not act quickly enough, they execute their options. However, the Bible says in Matthew 6:22:

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The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

The more committed we are to God, the surer we are of His interventions.

Locate the Word for that Situation

We must search for the appropriate Word of God that guarantees the fulfilment of our expectation because until we locate what is written, we cannot influence what is happening. What is written concerning our situation in the Word of God puts us automatically in charge of the situation.

From Hebrews 11:3, we understand that everything was made by the Word of God. If this is so, it means that anything we address by the Word of God must obey, because the Word formed it (John 1:1-3).

We must Employ our Faith

This implies putting our faith to work. We are not permitted to quit or draw back. Bible faith is the only force that will give us command over life's challenges. It is the only force that can generate supernatural change of levels. We cannot have faith and fear what others fear or die the way they do; it puts us supernaturally in command.

Wisdom demands that we get connected to men of

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faith and we will find ourselves supernaturally swimming in that realm. Receive grace to connect to this realm of faith in Jesus' name!



CHAPTER 7

FAITH IS FAKE WITHOUT PROOFS!

Faith without proofs is fake and the proofs of faith are testimonies. The act of God is not limited to any race, colour, height or age. Thus, faith generates testimonies no matter who is engaging it. We must also understand that every testimony is a pointer to our heritage because God is no respecter of persons. There are many testimonies that validate this truth and the testimony of Austin Joseph is one of them. According to him:

On June 30, 2014, my wife was due for delivery in the United States. However, she was scheduled for two major surgeries – a hernia repair and a Caesarean Section (CS). The CS was successful and the baby was delivered without complications. However, as soon as the hernia operation

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started, my wife bled profusely. Shortly after, the nurses rushed her to the Intensive Care Unit and later confirmed her dead.

I called the Zonal Pastor who came to the hospital with the Bishop's photograph, mantle and the Communion. He placed the picture on my wife's head, placed the mantle on her stomach and anointed her body. Thereafter, he gave me the Communion to drink on my wife's behalf, since we are one flesh and believed she would experience the resurrection power of Christ.

At that moment, the medical team left the ward because they were tired of the situation. Through faith, however, we engaged in praise and worship for seven hours and thirty minutes after my wife died. Then, the power of God surged into her body and she came back to life. We give God all the glory!

It takes faith to move God to act on our behalf. This son of mine employed the mystery of faith and kept on praising God for almost eight hours without wavering or doubting. When God sees our faith, no matter the situation, He is committed to intervene.

Also, we must recognise that whatever God has done for one is a pointer to what He has in store for us, if we will connect to the same faith as that individual.

Psalm 119:111 says: ***Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. Remember God said: For I am the LORD, I change not...*** (Malachi 3:6).

Sister Oluwatoyin's testimony confirms this. Her testimony reads:

I was bedwetting for 20 years. During the 21-day prayer and fasting season, I keyed in to a testimony previously shared by a lady who used to bedwet and at the age of 20, God delivered her.

I believed God for a change of story and as I partook of the Communion, I told God to heal me. I keyed in to Isaiah 53:5 and Psalm 126:1, and God turned my captivity. Today, I can eat and drink at anytime, and wake up without wetting the bed. Praise the Lord!

Also, a four-year-old boy employed the mystery of faith and it delivered. This confirms that faith is no respecter of age. In the testimony shared by his mother, she said:

On Sunday, March 10, 2013, my four-year-old son requested for a Prayer Banquet card from my younger sister and also asked her to fill it for him. On his prayer card, he thanked God for changing his genotype from 'SS' to 'AA'.

On our way home, my son told a pastor friend to pray for him. After the prayer, the pastor gave him 1,000 Naira. When we got to the bookstore to buy the recommended books of the month, he said he would use his money to buy his own book and that it was Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo's book he wanted. I took him to the mini-books section where we picked The Healing Ministry of Jesus. Then, he said, 'Jesus will heal me.' I said, 'Yes' and 'Amen!' He also requested for a bottle of

the anointing oil.

When we got home that day, we started reading the book to him on his demand. By midnight, he became very feverish. I started pleading for the mercy of God, as I had read in the book. The following morning, while we were taking him to the hospital, he still requested that the book be read to him, especially the last paragraph on page 20, which he liked the most.

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, after a full blood count test from two laboratories, the results showed that my son's genotype that was 'SS' had turned to 'AA'. Glory be to God!
– Gift, F.

The testimony of this four-year-old boy also provoked another testimony because God is no respecter of persons when we come on key and engage the force of faith.

'AS' Turned 'AA'!

I have always known my genotype to be 'AS'. However, I never saw it as an issue of concern until it was time for me to get into a marital relationship. That was when I realised I needed to start praying about it.

I still wasn't too serious about it until I heard the testimony of a four-year-old boy whose genotype was changed from 'SS' to 'AA', and another seven-year-old boy whose genotype was also changed from 'SS' to 'AA'. I was really challenged by those testimonies. So, I got angry in my spirit and I decided to make mine a faith project.

I got Signs and Wonders Today and the books, Miracle Meal, authored by the Bishop Oyedepo and Healing, Health and Wholeness, authored by Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo. I started fasting three times a week and took the Communion every day. While I was doing this, I kept going for medical confirmation of my healing but the result remained the same.

However, towards the end of the Liberation Night service, the Bishop said we should write whatever we desired from God on a sheet of paper and then, wipe our faces with the paper after dancing. After doing that, I knew I had taken delivery of my miracle.

The next day, which was a Sunday, the Bishop declared the week as our week of restoration and testimonies. I got so excited in my spirit and the next day, I went for another test.

I got the result, and to the glory of God, my genotype is now 'AA'. I have repeated the test twice at two different laboratories and it is still 'AA'! To God alone be all the glory!

– Faith, O.

Here are more Testimonies to boost our faith for triumph over every challenge of life.

17-Year Barrenness Terminated!

For 17 years, I believed God for the fruit of the womb. When I relocated, I saw some members of this Church who attended the Winners' Satellite Fellowship (WSF) in my neighbour's house. So, I asked one of them if they could interpret to me in Yoruba. He said, 'Yes,' so I joined them.

When I came to church, the Bishop called for those who

wanted to give their lives to Christ and I stood up. After the Bishop prayed for us, I felt a heavy load fall off my body.

Furthermore, I attended one of the Miracle Babies' Services and brought baby items along as instructed. After that service, I believed I was pregnant. Thereafter, my menstrual flow stopped and now, I have my baby—David, Temitayo Oluwaseun Oluwadamilare Ekunmiderin. Praise the Lord! – **Bola Aina**

Miracle Marriage!

I joined this Church in 2005 but became fully committed in 2010. I joined the Sanctuary Keepers' Unit of the Church and also became a cell minister in my zone. Meanwhile, when I joined this Church, I was 34 years old and believed God for my life partner.

I heard testimonies of the miracle marriages of people who were far older than I and believed my case was settled. Also, I keyed in to the prophetic instructions from the Bishop and told myself that even though no one had been fully married in my family before, the God of David Oyedepo would begin with me.

When the Bishop declared 2012 as our year of 'Waves of Glory', I knew my case was settled. I announced to everyone who cared to listen that I was getting married soon. In August 2012, I reconnected with a friend in a mid-week service and in November, he proposed to me. In December, he met my parents and we got wedded in March. Now, I'm happily married.

Also, in December 2013, my younger cousin got married.

God has broken the marital spell in my family. To Him alone be all the glory! – Flourish, D. O.

Healed of Hole in the Heart!

I joined this Church through the invitation of a converted Muslim brother. Previously, I was diagnosed with a hole in my heart but the brother assured me that I would be healed within three months.

In one of the services, the Bishop quoted Exodus 23:25, and he said, 'Mark that place as your certificate because a time will come in this church when some people will celebrate many years of not going to the hospital or laying their backs on hospital beds.' At that point, I was dying; however, I said to myself that I have to join a service unit. So, I joined the Crowd Control Unit (CCU).

As soon as I started serving, God changed my story. It is over 14 years since I had anything to do with drugs or lay my back on any hospital bed. I went back to see the doctor who had earlier told me I had three months to live and I told him that the God of this Commission healed me. My health is fully restored! – Omowunmi Olufemi

Career Breakthrough!

In November 2012, I was supposed to complete a programme I started four years ago in the West Africa Postgraduate College of Pharmacy. That month, I did not write the examination because I didn't have adequate time to prepare for it.

The year 2013 was tagged Double Portion–Next Levels,

and I keyed in to the prophetic word. In November 2013, I decided to write the examination although I was sceptical because it was usually characterised by mass failure. As I prepared to take time off work to write the examination, I was given a letter to appear for a promotion interview. Meanwhile, the last time I was promoted was in 2006.

Then I asked God, 'If Jesus was to write this exam, would He fail? If the Bishop was to write this examination, would it be a challenge for him?' My faith was stirred and I wrote my promotional examination on November 18 and the West African Postgraduate examination on November 25 and 26.

While at Shiloh 2013, I received a call from my class governor that I passed the West African examination in one sitting. Also, I was promoted to the post of a deputy director and my name was the first on the list, according to the scores of the examination. I give God all the glory! – Dcns. Enigimi Felicia

Healed of Stroke!

I was afflicted with stroke; and my left hand and leg were paralysed. Then, I attended Shiloh 2004 and stayed in Canaanland for seven days before I returned to the United States. I also fasted, prayed and used the anointing oil.

When I returned to the States, the doctor told me that I would have another stroke before 10 years. Since 2004 to 2014, which is exactly 10 years, I have not had another attack. I use my left hand and leg a lot now, and even wear high-heeled shoes. I thank God for healing me. Praise be to God! – Ojeah Lucretia

15-Year Barrenness Destroyed!

We got married in this ministry in December 1998. Since then, we believed God for the fruit of the womb. By the third year of our marriage, we started getting worried but we held on to our faith. In 2003, we went for a medical check-up and the doctor informed us that my husband had low sperm count. Since then, we went from one medical establishment to another to no avail.

On May 19, 2013, during the Covenant Day of Fruitfulness service, the Bishop prophesied that an end had come to our search for fruitfulness. He also said that when we believe God, we are empowered to become what we believe, and we held on to those words.

In October, I went for a test and was confirmed five months pregnant. I was shocked because I had been menstruating and had not been sick. In November, my menstrual flow came again but I remained steadfast in faith and kept saying that it was excess blood looking for a way out.

On February 23, I was delivered of a baby boy - Oluwasemilore Diekololami David Iyanuoluwa Kolawole, just as I asked of the Lord. I bless the name of the Lord!

– Abayomi Kolawole

Supernatural Restoration!

I suffered from a disease condition named 'avascular necrosis of the femoral head' for 23 years. The left femoral head was flat, out of its socket and protruded at the hip. Also, my left leg was shorter and thinner than the right,

which resulted in pain in my hip for years. I participated in the Midst Of The Year outreaches and engaged the altar of sacrifice. I also attended the Hosanna Service of Sunday, August 3, 2014.

During the service, I heard cracking bone sounds but thought it was my imagination. When the Bishop instructed us to start praising God, I looked at my knees and said, 'O Lord, if only these two knees will become equal.' Notwithstanding, I danced very much during the praise session. While I was with my daughters in the evening, I realised that the difference between the two legs, which was about 40mm, was no longer there. Also, that leg became fatter, the protruded left femur was reinserted into the socket and my knees were equal. Now, I can walk with my left foot flat on the ground. The God of Bishop David Oyedepo has proved Himself to be the only true God. I give Him all the glory! – Omolara Akintelu

Supernatural Healing!

I delivered my baby during Shiloh 2012 and few days later, we discovered that our baby was unable to move her right hand. We took her to the hospital and after the doctor examined her, he said that she would never be able to use that hand. We rejected that report and believed God for her healing, because we know He is the manufacturer and would replace anything missing in our baby's body.

Four months later, she emaciated from her initial 4kg at birth, to 2.5kg. We returned to that same hospital and the doctor ran some tests. The result showed that she had

pneumonia, asthma and Human Immune Virus (HIV). We rejected it and applied all the Kingdom mysteries on her, believing that God would perfect her healing.

By the grace of God, before one year, the missing part of her body was replaced supernaturally and the doctor's report was rendered null and void. Today, she is alive and well. I give God all the glory! – Bienose Julian

Marital Breakthrough!

I joined this Church fully in 2012. At Shiloh 2011, I heard a testimony of how God destroyed the marital spell in a family and 11 members of that family got married that year. I was amazed and I keyed into it.

In 2012, I attended the Miracle Marriage Services for myself and particularly for my elder sister. I bought the CDs and always shared the testimonies with her. In 2013, it was declared that there would be miracles in the midst of the year. I engaged in outreaches and used the fliers as points of contact. I said to God, 'If I'm telling people that You make miracle marriages here, make it happen in my family.'

Then, at the last Miracle Marriage Service in 2013, the Bishop said God told him to lay hands on everyone. While at the viewing centre, I stretched my hands towards the screen, placed it on my forehead and believed that my case was settled.

To the glory of God, shortly after that service, my sister met her husband in June 2013 and they got wedded in October 2013 at the age of 40. Also, in February 2014, I was colourfully wedded. Praise the Lord! – Babatunde Aderonke

Genetic Disorder Averted!

I joined this Church in 2003. In the early stage of my wife's pregnancy in 2012, the doctor told us that the baby had an extra chromosome, so it would be born with 'Down Syndrome'.

He then advised us to abort the pregnancy but we refused. I called one of the pastors in Canaanland and he encouraged us to take the communion everyday till the baby was born. He also told us to confess the Word of God in Genesis chapter 1 that everything God created is good, including the baby in my wife's womb.

We obeyed that instruction and disregarded the doctor's opinion. We were referred to another hospital by the doctor but we were not deterred. After series of tests conducted by the new doctor, the result showed that there was nothing wrong with our baby. My wife delivered without complications and since the delivery of our son, he has been strong and healthy. Glory be to God! – Ayodeji, A.

Remember, God is no respecter of persons and what He does for one, He can do for another. However, we must engage the mystery of faith, as the testifiers above did, to experience our desired change of story. As we do so, testimonies will become our natural habitat.

Therefore, welcome to your season of unending breakthroughs in Jesus' name!