

Objective: to enable every believer to see the ‘bigger picture’ of their lives and believe in the current manifestation of power—restarting the faith-miracle-producing-lifestyle.

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From Faith to Faith in the Last Days – Pt 20

The Harvest of Miracles

Rom. 1:16, 17 NKJV; Heb. 11:6; Luke 18:7,8
James 1:3,4; Jer. 33:3; 1 Tim. 1:5, 6 NLT; 2 Thes. 1:3, 4
Rom. 10:8-10; 2 Cor. 4:13; Rom. 3:27 NKJV; Heb. 11:33
Mark 11:23; Heb. 11:9; **Isa. 33:6**; Isa. 43:1,2; Ps. 121:1, 2
Rom. 4:16-24; Rom. 4:20, 21 KJV

Introduction

In these days, we are we so challenged to ‘rediscover’ the power of our faith—the faith that came to us when we believed the ‘gospel’—the good news. Faith is one of those ‘always on,’ truths, that is to be released, in the ‘current moment’ of challenge and opportunity. **Is your faith producing fully like you would like it to?** I have accommodated too many things and allowed them to be the ‘accepted norm’ for my life. God wants to take away the ‘mystery’ that many have concerning *faith*.

If there is anything that Satan does not want us to discover and operate it is the ‘law of faith’ just as he does not want you to discover and operate the ‘law of the seed.’

Definition of “Law.”

- A particular natural or scientific phenomenon **that always occurs if certain conditions are present.**

Examples of different laws:

1. Law of gravity – forces of mass that attract one object to another based on weight (latin—*gravitas*)
2. Law of aerodynamics – sometimes referred to as the ‘law of lift.’ It is the basic idea, that if the forces of air are increased around an object heavier than air it can rise in the air in a specific direction...as air passes over an airplanes wings because of the speed of the airplane, it lifts the ‘heavier than air’ airplane off the ground...this is called “flight.” This is a law that is *superior* to the law of gravity. However, when the conditions of the law of aerodynamics fade, the law of gravity resumes.

Defining the Law of Works

Law in Genesis—Law of the Spirit of Life, Law of Sin and Death, Law of Works are all first found in the Book of Genesis. The *law of sin and death* (Gen. 2:17, 3:3) was eventually superseded by the *law of the spirit of life* (Rom. 8:2). Gen. 3:7 reveals to us the *law of works*. The “law of works” in a spiritual sense is: trying to *become, to be and to do in my own strength*, what makes me acceptable to God— what Adam and Eve did in the Garden after sin, to be acceptable to themselves and to God, by covering themselves, their shame, and their nakedness as they had lost ‘the glory’ that had covered them.

The Law of Faith vs the Law of works – Rom. 3:27 NKJV

The Law of faith and the law of works operate in a believer’s life. Both of them, operate by faith. Faith in God and His promises, operates the ‘law of faith.’ Faith in yourself and what you can do to become, accomplish, and be acceptable, will produce a ‘self-made’ person. However good a believer may attempt to be, exercising the ‘law of works’ (believing in yourself and your own efforts), you are still an abject failure in God’s eyes. Isa. 64:6 says, “...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.” Job. 14:4; 25:4-6; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 7:18; Phil. 3:9.

Rom. 3:27-28 NKJV “Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what **law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.**” It is easy to simply live a ‘natural life’ operating in human logic, human effort, human will-power and human energy...that is, until, they don’t suffice...or they fail to solve the issues that you face.

The Law of Faith – Rom. 3:27 NKJV

Defining the ‘law of faith.’ **The Law of Faith** – faith, operated in one of God’s promises, produces what is in that promise. According to Heb. 11:1, 6... Faith is a law of certainty, of being

sure, confident, and trusting. It is exercised or generated, from the heart, towards God and His words of promise, that produces the reward of having done so.

Faith is a law of the kingdom...operated correctly, it works every single time **this is greatly contested...however, if God said you should do a thing and He would do a thing on the basis of what you did and that was what He said, He would be a liar if it did not result in what He said. Num. 23:19.

The promises of God are not “maybes...” Because of disappointments and doubts that have come and as a result of disappointments, many believers don’t really believe the **promises of God** are really **promises** so they say something like “...after all God is sovereign...” So they have a ‘get-out’ clause, just in case something doesn’t happen, that they hope will happen. *Disappointments do not make God a liar or make His promises into “maybes.”*

**The challenge of living the Christian life, is not only to *believe* God, but also, to *continue to believe*, for the whole journey of life.

We remember that the word, “law” is defined as: **cause and effect that always apply under the same conditions.** Rom. 3:27-28 NKJV says, “Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by **the law of faith.**” Gal. 3:2-3 says, “I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit **by observing the law**, or **by believing what you heard**? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to **attain your goal by human effort**?”

According to Heb. 11:1, faith has to do with ‘certainty.’

How Do I Operate the Law of Faith -- Rom. 3:27 NKJV

The Law of Faith defined: Just like gravity, the law of faith is the established and consistent rule, that whenever a promise is met with faith, it releases the supernatural power within it.

When ‘The Promise,’ (The Seed), came to earth, and died upon the Cross, and that Promise and His work, were **met with faith, salvation occurs every time.** John 3:16; 1 John 1:9. Whenever the promise for healing, provision, intervention or deliverance is met with faith, those things always occur. There may be some time, between the promise and the fulfilment, the seed-sowing, and the harvest, but nevertheless as faith endures, the promise will be realised or manifested. God is faithful. 1 Cor. 1:9.

Some, acts of faith, instantly manifest a miracle, some take a short period of time, and some take longer. i.e. instant healings, Christ’s resurrection, Abraham’s son. God is in charge of the ‘harvest manifestation time.’ We must believe and ‘hold on to believing.’ 1 Tim. 1:19; (having/keeping in your possession); Mark 4:4-9 NKJV. One of the great lessons of the first generation of Israel coming out of Egypt is that they began in faith (Passover) but let go of the promise of the Promised Land when they

got into trouble (Red Sea, food shortage, giants, etc) and thus they lost out...they were still God's covenant people...they simply lost the fruit of **continual believing**.

God Has Made You a Person of Faith—A Faith-Operating Person

You have been 'constructed' or 're-made' in salvation, to believe God's Word and hear/believe God's voice...thus connecting with Him in a relationship of power and love. Rom. 10:14; Rom. 12:3 KJV; Gal. 3:11; When you heard the message of salvation, and chose to believe it, you received at that moment, the faith-capacity to receive everything else that Christ has done for you. You became a 'faith-capable, faith-operating person.' You had a 'heart to believe,' a new heart that beats 'faith' and not fear or self-trust. One of the most powerful statements of faith that assumes this new capacity is found in Acts 3:6... "...such as I have." The person on the other end of your faith is often required to exercise faith... (lame man) Matt. 9:28, 29.

Peter's declaration, is a declaration of **the possession of faith, and its capacity**. He is really saying, "I've got your situation 'covered' in modern terminology. We must begin to practise this same declaration about every issue that we face. Say it today... "I have what you need! I have that covered!" Matt. 10:8; Matt. 4:19 – "...I will make you (supernatural) 'fishers of men....'" Luke 10:19; Mark 11:23,24.

Where are the miracles needed today? Let us begin again to make our faith-declaration regarding every one of them. Let us also 'speak **to them and not merely about them! 'Money, come! Sicknes, go! Ears, hear! Job, come! Food, come! In Jesus Name!' Acts 3:16. Restart your 'faith-engine' today!

Characteristics or Conditions of the Law of Faith

Every law has *governing conditions*. If those conditions are not met, the law does not operate. Just as in the two laws we discussed last week: the law of gravity and the law of thermodynamics. To **live** by faith your faith:

1. Faith must be based on **what God has said that we have heard**. Num. 23:19; Isa. 46:11; Ez. 36:36; I John 5:14, 15; Heb. 10:23; Ps. 89:34; Rom. 10:17 We must translate the written Word into the "spoken-heard-word." The 'hearing of faith' is the great issue of Christian living. Do we hear? *Whatever we hear, we will believe, trust, lean upon, and act upon.*

"Who has the final say?" song...find it and sing it today! Abraham – Rom. 4:19, 20 facts vs the 'word of the Lord'

**God is faithful. I am alive so you can hear this message about faith.

Hearing blockers are many. Internet 'plugs,' prevent the best voice, His voice from being heard in our time. Matt. 4:4. (Illustrate Matt. 8:7.) *Wherever I have been deficient in my life, I have been 'hearing-impaired.'*—most often by my own ignorant or neglectful choice. **What is God saying to you about your life, your future, your mission and your 'stuff?'** Faith can only be activated, built upon and released on what God has spoken...not a hope, not a wish, not a desire, not a desperation, but simple hearing and believing. You have the capacity to:

- Hear God's voice – God steps into your life with His voice...in the beginning and in every new season of challenge and living...**Gen. 3:1,3; Rom. 10:14, 17..**
- Believe what you hear
- Be certain about what you have heard

**Often people choose to 'act in faith,' (so they say), on something God has not spoken or something contrary to His written Word. God will not and cannot deny Himself, His Word.

2. We must **ask in faith** or using faith. Matt. 7:7,8; James 4:2 (neglect to ask; ask selfishly); James 1:6, 7; Matt. 21:22; Mark 11:24. God is a faith-responding, prayer-in-faith-answering God! 1 John 5:14, 15; Heb. 10:22; Mk. **11:24**. How confident are you that God is faithful to His word and that He will keep His word to you, when you pray? Is doubt allowed to 'creep in' and cancel your faith? Or do you recognise the 'voice of doubt,' which is the voice of the Devil? God is not a man that He can lie. His promises are "Yes!" and "Amen!" Do you believe that God truly loves you? Your faith is rooted in believing that God truly loves you and is 100% faithful to His Word! God is faithful...100%.

Remember that God is **so available to you, in times of trouble...that is, when you are so desperate and your situation seems the most difficult or hopeless. Come to Him and rehearse His goodness with thanksgiving. Phil. 4:6-8. We often "thank Him" after. Start before you make your petition, rehearsing and remembering what He **has** done. "Lord, I remember the day you saved me, I remember the time you healed my foot, I remember when you healed my brother, I remember when you helped us when we had no money, I remember..." "I thank you, Lord, for all these times that you have been faithful...and I come to you today and ask for _____." "You spoke to me that You would supply all my needs...."

3. We must **speak** words of faith in line or consistent with what God has spoken or promised. We have the 'speech of faith' not the speech of doubt, unbelief or fear. Rom. 10:8-10; Mark 11:23, 24. 2 Cor. 4:13. No rehearsal of disappointments, negative past experiences...always keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith.... Ex. 14:10-13. (Contradictory speech) Believe what you **say!** Words have to be spoken! Prov. 12:6; Isa. 57:19; Rom. 4:17; *Confession is both 'agreeing with God' and releasing the spirit-power of your words into situations. Acts 3:6 believing your words are powerful! And receiving the 'powerful words of others,' not resorting to lip service.*

Words spoken "**about**" negative matters are either 'faith-words' or 'doubt and unbelief words.' Words spoken "**to**" negative conditions are authoritative, faith commands. We are

meant to speak “to” conditions, not generally discuss them in detail. Get on with fixing matters.

Josh. 1:8,9. Faith is a ‘heart and mouth’ project. Your faith-words are powerful! If you choose not to believe this, you will always remain weak. *Things obey words*. Mk.11:23, 24; Acts 14:3. **Freezer died. We commanded it. It restarted and worked well for a lot longer.

David spoke boldly what he was going to do to Goliath, the giant, *before* he actually did it! 1 Sam.17:45-47.

This is why you come boldly before the throne...to hear and then to walk away and speak what you hear, that it may come to pass. **Let your mouth roar like a lion! Speak and believe! Rom. 4:17 “...calling those things that are not as though they are!” **This is a different way of living than you have learned. Decide today to ‘speak’ to some things you have never spoken to before. Decide to “call some things that are not, as though they are.”** (cf. Jesus calling to Lazarus, “Come forth...!” You do this, not because I suggest it, but because God commands you to be a commander! He says, “You will...and He shows you how to do it by the way He did it!”

Abraham did not say, “well..sometimes I feel like I am Abraham (father of many nations)...other times not...”

4. We must **act** in faith. James 2:17-26. Every believer faces a challenge bigger than himself/herself. To act in faith, you must first hear and then *act as though you did, actually, hear!* Heb. 11:8. Often, we can fail to act and make an excuse that it is because of, this question and that question, that isn’t answered yet. Put one ‘ignorant foot, but one ‘word-sponsored foot,’ in front of another and set out. The moment you decide to take the step your faith ‘kicks in!’ Abraham did this!

Stop making your miracle conditioned upon your design of how it should come! If you pray for rain, take an umbrella. If you pray for no rain, don’t take an umbrella...just in case.... Many fall into what is called, ‘paralysis from analysis’...instead of some firm decision and some act of faith! Gen. 12:1...Go...and I will show...” God said to Abram! Heb.11:8

The Produce of Faith – Sowing For Your Harvest of Miracles

You can only, have a harvest, if you plant a seed. Mark 4:26-29. Jesus, was the great illustration of the Law of Faith—He was the Seed planted, that miraculously produced and produces a harvest. He was/is The Word, mixed with faith. Jn. 12:24. Your life, like is, is meant to be the Word, planted in the

soil of this earth's population that it might produce a harvest. Will it be 'sown' or lived in faith?

We all want to have a 'harvest of miracles.' *However, no seed-planting, no harvest.* This is the law that God set up, in both Creation and Redemption. Gen. 8:22; Matt. 9:29; Mk.11:23, 24; Hosea 10:12; 1 Cor. 15:36, 37.

Three Phases of Faith-Seed Planting:



1. Sowing = the act of planting the 'seed of faith-producing word' into your mind and spirit. This means spending time in the Word and waiting before the Lord—to hear the 'hearing of faith' word that God will give to you. When you hear *that word that proceeds out of His mouth*, you plant it into your heart by meditating on it and deciding to believe and act on it.

2. Growing = waiting in the 'rest of faith' while that 'word-seed' grows toward full manifestation. It has to do with:

- ✓ Dying-to-the-selfish tendency to doubt, try to help God out, instead, we work on the invisible place of our heart and our inner conversation, about 'what God has spoken.' You remain calm, confident and full of your faith confession—i.e. "my name is 'Abraham,' father of many nations."
- ✓ "water the Word" by **Rehearsing, Remembering & Meditating!**
- ✓ **Cultivate the expectation of the supernatural**
- ✓ **Learn to wait in 'patient-faith' Heb. 6:12**

3. Harvest = the full manifestation of the 'seed-word' sown into your heart and acted upon in your life. Harvest is appointed! Hosea 6:11.

How Does the Believer Establish the Certain Word as Certain?

Heb. 11:1 says, "Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." A life of *establishing certainty in a world of uncertainty*. Has God said it? (Garden conversation with the Devil...tells us how great this issue is) Rom. 4:21 "...being **fully persuaded**..."

- Faith is a 'product' of the Spirit.' The Spirit speaks and we respond. Gal. 5:22 KJV; Matt. 4:4 "...the proceeding word out of the mouth of God," is a Spirit-spoken word, into our hearts that never is contrary to the Bible—the written Word. Faith, is an operation of the Spirit, as its spiritual activation in the person of each believer, is by 'hearing the Spirit's voice.' This is why worship, meditation, listening/hearing and speaking in tongues are so vital. Gal. 5:22 KJV tells us that **faith** is a 'fruit or a work or a production, **of the Spirit.**' Rom. 10:17 tells us that **faith comes** by hearing...the voice of God, the Holy Spirit. Matt. 4:4. *You have to **connect** with the Holy Spirit in order to hear His voice. You have to 'get quiet' by stilling all the other voices and activities in order to hear His voice.*
- Establishing our faith, means deepening our relationship to the Holy Spirit. Your first miracle started with the Holy Spirit—He spoke to you, of your need to receive Christ and you 'heard and obeyed.' You cultivate that process your whole lifelong! You only trust, deeply, those with whom, you have the deepest relationship.

Rom. 5:5 reveals to us that we are loving God by the exercise of our Spirit-man and loving others by exercise of our Spirit-man. 2 Cor. 13:14 says, "May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love** of God, and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you all." Gal. 3:14.

Grace, or the favour of God in abundant blessing, flows out of the love and fellowship we have, with God through Holy Spirit interaction. Phil. 2:1; Jude 20, 21 NASU says, "But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit**, keep yourselves in the love of God..."

**We all need to invest more time with the Holy Spirit...to deepen our relationship to Him and to trust Him, more deeply, establishing our 'faith-link,' to all that He says and thus we will see the manifestation of that God-given faith.

Practising listening to the Holy Spirit, in a 'busy' world...that tends to crowd out the voice, that brings the 'word of faith,' and its results, can be a challenge. Nevertheless, it is the salvation of our times and our world. *People die because they don't hear. People are destitute because they don't hear. People live in the paralysis and torment of fear, because they don't hear the 'other' voice...the Holy Spirit.*

**Confidence, assurance, and a strong sense of certainty are developed by 1) repetition 2) success, over and over again, in hearing and seeing it come to pass. The Bible is a book of *repetition*. We often think that if we have seen something once, we possess it. We forget, we leak, we drift, we doubt, and we fight. See practical steps.

Application 2 Tim.2:22 – Pursuing Faith/Growing Faith 2 Thes. 1:3

We want to develop and sustain our faith and give it to our next generation.

Faith is taught and ‘caught,’ from the Scriptures in six ways:

1. Hear it – Rom. 10:17; Acts 19:4,5; Gal. 3:2, 5 NKJV; Mt. 4:4. *Train your ears to hear what the Lord is whispering, not what the enemy is shouting.*
2. See it – Isa. 51:6; Gen. 13:14; Gen. 15:5, 6; Ps.123:1-2; Heb. 12:2.
3. Read it – Matt. 4:4; Deut. 17:19; Deut. 31:1; 1 Thes. 5:27,28; Heb. 11:6. God who is ‘there’ and God, the Rewarder. Misthos...a transaction...what must we **do** to work the works of God...believe...believing is the ‘work’ and the reward or payment is a miracle---it is the payment, as believing and receiving, are a spiritual transaction. We give faith, the Rewarder “pays” us with the miracle. See misapodotes hire, reward, pay, payment, hired worker, etc.
4. Say it – Rom.10:8-10 Your ‘confession of faith’ is vital, as your ‘mouth and your spirit’ are inseparably connected. When Israel did not speak right (words of faith), they died outside of Canaan. Num. 13:32; Num. 14:37; Deut. 1:35, 36; Rom. 4:17 “...calls those things that are not as though they were.” 2 Cor. 4:18 – which “reality” do you choose to focus upon. Set the ‘thermostat of faith’ with your mouth!

Jeremiah 1:4-6 – “formed, knew, born, set apart, appointed...to...” The wrong confessions: (vs.6)

- “I do not know...” – you have the ‘mind of Christ...”
- “I do not know how...” – He is the Way...
- “I do not know how to speak...” – I will put my words in your mouth...
- “I am...” – you are who He says you are...
- “I am only...” (restricted) – “nothing will be impossible for you...” Lk 17:20.
- “...a child...” – “Grow in grace and knowledge...” (not stay an infant, if, in fact,

you are.

“Do not say....” Don’t let the wrong, inaccurate, untrue words come out of your mouth! You have to get them out of your heart, by getting His words about you, into your heart.” (Scriptures) Deut. 18:18; Isa. 51:16; Jer. 1:9; Rom. 10:8-10

“You must go....”

“You must say....”

“Do not be afraid...”



5. Record it – Deut. is the Book of Remembrance...a book ‘written.’ Israel was commanded to record the history of God’s works for their own continuity of faith and the next generation of faith. Deut. 6:6-9, 20-24; Judg. 8:34; Ps. 106:7; Ps. 78:42; The Bible is a ‘record-book’ of the miracle works of God. Where is your book?
6. Do it – John 2:5; James 2:16-18; Col. 4:17; Judg. 7:17; 2 Sam.7:3; Gen. 12:4 “...so Abram left...”

Be who you are: A man/woman/child of faith – Gal.3:29; Rom. 4:16, 17.

Following The Faith of Your Father, Abraham

Rom. 4:16-24; Rom. 4:20, 21 KJV

Our relationship to God is a faith-based relationship, not a works-based relationship. Faith is what connects a person with God, in an intimate, loving relationship. Eph.2:8-10. It is **faith** that sustains you in every step of your journey. 2 Cor. 5:7 NKJV. Israel stumbled every time they got into complaining, criticising, blaming and doubt. If you allow yourself to murmur, complain, blame, or doubt, you begin to stumble at that very point. What did our ‘father,’ Abraham do?

Rom 4:20 KJV says, “He *staggered not* at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God....”

Stagger: “a way of walking or moving in which you almost fall”; “...an unsteady movement while walking or standing.” “to waver in some belief....”

What causes a believer to ‘stagger, waver, doubt, or let go of faith?’ Abraham did not stagger. Israel did, Peter did, Hymenaeus and Alexander. (1 Tim. 1:19, 20)

What Causes Believers To Stumble/Stagger in their Faith-Walk?

- Circumstances that seem contrary to the ‘word’ you have received—God’s word of promise is always in sharp contrast to ‘earthly conditions’ Rom. 4:18. “Against...”
- Criticism from others who ‘did not hear’ what you heard
- Offences that disable the heart of faith – unforgiveness is an ‘arrow’ that causes spiritual cardiac arrest.
- Time delay in seeing the manifestation – God often comes at the last minute, even in the most significant times. Gen. 12:1-4 (Story)
- Frustration over not ‘having adequate information’
- Thinking about what others must be thinking about me and what I am believing for...
- Allowing yourself to foolishly consider what may happen, if you do not succeed in your faith venture
- Worsening conditions from when you first ‘heard the promise’ – ‘trouble comes because of the word’ (Mt. 13:21). We learn to believe God ‘in spite of...’ (Story – Florence and Kenny) Israel/Pharaoh

Returning To your Heritage!

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Songs: (These can be found on the Internet for singing along)

Finished by William McDowell

Its Already Done by William McDowell

I Walk by Faith, each step by Faith by the Praise Band

I Believe God by Kurt Carr

Whose Report Shall You Believe by Ron Kenoly

You Are For Me by Kari Jobe
I Know Who I Am by Sinach

Family Project/Assignment:

- Purchase and read **aloud**, a portion, once or twice a week, to your family or **aloud** to yourself, the book, “The Power of Your Words,” by E.W. Kenyon and Don Gossett. This book is available on Kindle and in paperback on Amazon.
- Enter into your “Harvest of Miracles” book, some previous miracles that God has done, so that you can have a record of things to “remember,” as God commanded Israel.