

Victorious Christian Ministry

EVER INCREASING FAITH

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Hebrews 11:1,6 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 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.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Every word in the bible has a meaning and God has reasons for writing them. In the above references, Paul is telling us “NOW” (i.e. he is not talking about future prospects but present realities of faith). The passage says “now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”. He went on to say in verse 6 that without faith it impossible to please God.

As salvation is through faith, it implies that every believer has faith. But to many believers, the level of their faith is similar to the faith of the disciples at the time they could not cast out demons from the child that was brought to them by his father. However, the disciples did not remain at that level of faith forever, a time came when they prayed to the Lord Jesus, to increase their faith. **And that is a solemn reminder, that faith has room for growth.** No matter what level of faith you have now, there is room for that faith to grow. If you are already born again, you have some faith, but God doesn't want that faith to remain at that level. God wants

your faith to grow to a higher level. Irrespective of the position you are in the church, God wants you to have a higher level of faith.

As Jesus, answered the prayer of the disciples - “Lord increase our faith”; God will always answer prayers offered in line with His will. How do we know that their prayer was answered? If we look at their life after Jesus had gone away, we find that their faith had increased, to such a point that they who could cast out any demon, by just speaking the word. We find in their report to Jesus, following an evangelism venture that evil spirits were subject to them—their faith had increased to the point of casting out devils! Their faith increased to the point that even if they were not physically there, yet their shadow touching the sick caused them to be healed.

Now our faith needs to increase so that we will begin to do far more than we have been doing. In this church, the Lord

has been with us, we heard testimonies of God healing people of incurable diseases, delivering the oppressed, setting the captives free and doing all sorts of wonders. We want to move on to higher grounds—a higher level, where greater things will begin to manifest through our lives in Jesus' name.

Once you are born again, by the Lord Jesus Christ, your next target should be for your faith to increase. God wants our faith to increase. We have been talking about moving on to the next level; if we are going to move to that level, the starting point is growing our faith. Our faith must first increase beyond its current level till we begin to see the manifestations of the new level of faith, even in physical circumstances.

Speaking metaphorically, this could be likened to faith taking a journey towards its desired destination. Arrival at the destiny will pay the desired dividends.

Recently, I was contemplating on how we are going to raise enough money to purchase a good building to use for our Church Programmes and Activities in view of the ever rising property prices compared to our current level of income.

As I thought and meditated upon these things, Proverbs 16:1 - **“The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD”** came into my mind. The next thought that came to my mind was along the lines of **“Well, our faith needs to go on an ever increasing journey. We do not have to walk by sight, we don’t have to go only by Mathematical calculations. We need to develop our faith, to get to that level of faith that will be able to acquire whatever type of property that we need to be able to do the work of God in this City”**.

I believe, we are right now at the point that we need to begin this journey of ever increasing faith. We need to move to the next level where we will not be limited by our physical or circumstantial abilities, possibilities, knowledge and / or possessions.

We need to grow to that level, whereby we will begin to operate at the supernatural level of God, where God will begin to perform wonderful miracles and abundant provisions. I have heard of testimonies of miraculous supplies in difficult circumstances. The Lord can do the same for us today, because He is the same God today as He has always been. He is not limited in power, time or circumstances.

Even in our personal lives, we need to exercise the same kind of

faith. Whatever you are expecting, whatever you are praying for, even if it seems the door is blocked and there is no way forward, never resign to your situation no matter how impossible it may seem. The Lord is telling you, its not time for giving up. Its time to move to the next level of faith, because with faith, all things are possible. As our faith increases to the right level everything will become possible in the name of Jesus!

One fact you must never lose sight of is that where the Lord leads, he also provides. It is the Lord that started this church and I strongly believe that as He continues to lead us, he will also provide everything that we need, to be able to do the type of work that will bring glory to His holy name. As we walk with God, we will discover those provisions that He has already made for us. We will discover them by faith, not by sight. People that God used mightily in the Bible and contemporary times often sensed the move of God by faith. Then as they meditated upon the revelation and released their faith, they possessed the promise. They believed that God is not a liar, that God is still alive, that God can do it. As God did it for Abraham, he will do it for you. Because with God nothing will ever be impossible.

You think about men God used like Moses. He came to the Red sea, and there was a big problem. One thing I notice about these people is that when they were in the middle of all their troubles, they had no precedent (i.e. example) to encourage their faith on the possibility of God doing it again. What they knew was that

the God who called them is leading them, and they were following in obedience; therefore every problem on the way will turn out for the glory of God until they get to their promised land.

Never forget this—that as you are heading to your promised land, whatever problem you encounter on the way will never constitute an effective barrier to prevent you from possessing your possessions in Christ.

These heroes of faith had the assurance and confidence that what God promised He will always bring to pass. When the ordinary Israelites saw the Egyptian army, they began to cry but Moses told them to be still and see the glory of God. The question is, did Moses know exactly what God was going to do? The answer is no! Moses didn’t know that God was going to part the Red sea. What he knew was that God had commissioned Him to take the Israelites to the promised land, and no barrier would stop them on the way.

The people were critical of Moses on the basis of what they could see, feel, hear, etc but Moses was talking on the basis of faith. We must learn to change. To be able to move from the level of faith we are in right now, our language must change. You no longer talk like you feel to talk, you no longer talk like you used to do in the past. You must always talk with the language that is in line with the promises of God. Talk in line with the word of God.

When your language is right, you are co-operating with God for Him to fulfil His Word in Isaiah 44:26—“That **confirmeth the word of His servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers...**” God will confirm your spoken word as you speak in line with His will and word. Miracles will follow your declarations in Jesus name!

Abraham was walking with Isaac, when God told him to go and sacrifice his son. Abraham knew in his heart that God told him to go and sacrifice his son, and they had everything needed - the wood, fire and knife. At a point the son turned around and asked his father, this one looks strange, we have been doing sacrifices all these years, but today it looks strange, we've got the fire, we've got the wood, the knife is in your hand, but where is the animal that we are going to sacrifice? What did Abraham say? - 'My son, the Lord will provide Himself a lamb'!

Your language must change. And as that language is changing, the Lord will begin to use those new words that you are speaking to bring to pass the very things you are prophesying.

The Lord anointed David and assured him that he was going to be the next king in the land. Out of envy, Saul sought to kill him. At least on two occasions recorded in the Bible, David had very good opportunities of killing Saul. Saul was lying down in deep sleep after being exhausted. David's men requested for authorisation to kill Saul but David said no! don't

do it, because there is nobody who can stretch forth his hand and touch the Lord's anointed and go free. Let us not do it. Leave him alone, for God will send him into a battle and he will die there, and I will become king. And that's exactly how Saul died - a salient reminder that God confirms the words of His servants!

So, our language must change. Begin now to talk the language of God. And as your language changes, begin to prophesy the impossible, and those things will begin to happen in your life. We must also always be ready through prayer and fasting as well as living a holy life in order to be able to possess our possessions. Personal holiness is very important. Remember the disciples before the day of Pentecost, there were all sorts of fighting and seeking for leadership positions. But after Pentecost all the vices were gone. We must live a holy life. There must not be any arguments among believers. We want God to take us into the impossible. There must also be consecration to obedience - the type of consecration that will make the flesh (figuratively) to die so that your inner man can increase in faith to see the invisible.

Think of the kind of consecration Elijah had. Elijah was so jealous about the glory of God that he did not want to see evil continuing in Israel. He went to the king and told him there would be no rain in the land, except by his word. One could have asked him, 'if there is no rain, how are you going to feed yourself?' To him it didn't matter. Even if he was going to go through hunger, he wanted to

see the glory of God in Israel. He had the faith to go through any hardship so that he could see the glory of God.

When that famine started, God said to Elijah, go to the brook and stay there, because I have commanded a raven to feed you. He obeyed and went. He was drinking of the water from the river, and eating the food brought to him by the raven. As time went by, God came again to him and told him, now that the water is dried up, leave this place and go to the town of Zarephath because I have commanded a widow woman there to feed you.

Remember that in those days, it was unacceptable for men to be familiar with women let alone for a prophet to live with a widow. Elijah, as a prophet could have thought - if people found me in the house of a widow, they could suspect my integrity. However, since it was God that sent him, he was not bothered what people would think. He was going there in obedience to God's command. Will you also obey God, irrespective of what people will think or say about you? We often fail to do what God wants us to because we are too conscious of what our friends might say. We have to be ourselves, so that we can relate well with God, because God is only going to honour those who do what He says. As it has been mentioned already, our language must change, We cannot be talking just by what we see, how we think, how we feel. No! We must change our language and begin to talk by faith and the Lord will answer and fulfil it in Jesus' name. We must saturate ourselves with the word of God. Faith comes by hearing and by hearing the word of God.

We thank God for technology these days. We have so much technology that we can do anything and everything. With computers, you can set a CD to play over and over again. You can use all those means to soak yourself with the word of God, so as to be fully saturated with His Word.

Our faith need to grow to the next level, so that those situations that have been impossible will now become possible. As you commence this journey of faith, never look back. Never forget Paul's admonition in Hebrews 10:38 - **"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him"**.

Similarly, Jesus warned His followers in Luke 9:63 that "... No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God". Therefore, keep believing. Your miracle is nearer than when you first commenced the journey of faith. Faith keeps the man that keeps his faith.

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Special Invitation

"Come Thou With Us!"

"And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel".

(Numbers 10:29)

Let's Talk About Jesus

Let's talk about Jesus,
The Prince of Peace He is
The Lord of Lords Supreme
Throughout Eternity,
The Great I am The Way
The truth, the life, the door
Let's talk about Jesus
More and More!

When We Call Him Saviour

He did not come to judge the world
He did not come to blame
He did not only come to seek
It was to save He came

*And when we call Him Saviour
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Then, We call Him by His name.*