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DEVELOPING GREAT FAITH

Dear Partner,

By the time you read this letter, our 2017 International Faith Conference, *“Lighting the Fire of Faith,”* will be over. If you were not able to physically be here or join us somewhere in the world over the internet, I strongly recommend that you order or download a complete set of the teachings. Each day and night you could “feel” the fire of faith rising exponentially in the atmosphere.

One of our speakers laid the perfect foundation for this month’s partner letter, DEVELOPING GREAT FAITH, when he said, **“Faith is a non-negotiable necessity for the Christian’s adventure on the face of the earth.”** I think some church folk have been trying to negotiate with God, hoping to be sent to a local church where they don’t have to use one ounce of faith, and here’s a newsflash, “It ain’t gonna happen.” In my opinion, one of the worst things a believer can do is try and stay in a place where he or she doesn’t have to use any faith.

Jesus purposely told His disciples things such as feed the multitude with only two fish and five loaves of bread. He intentionally sent them forth, two by two, saying take no money, change of clothing or any of life’s necessities.

Our speaker was absolutely right. FAITH IS NOT AN OPTION IN OUR CHRISTIAN WALK. To be successful in our kingdom assignment here on the earth and to guarantee the life that God has planned for us, we *must* constantly develop our FAITH.

The Bible says **“the just shall live by faith”** and repeats this four times (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38). Everything in our lives—our provision and protection, our health, our quality of life, and even what we can do for the kingdom—are all anchored in our faith. Said another way, where we end up in life will be according to our faith, not according to our country, color, or currency. Developing our faith must be a priority in these last days.

Degrees of Faith

Some people ask why their faith doesn’t produce like someone else’s. The answer could be any number of things...from wrong associations, to wrong teaching, to feelings of inferiority, guilt and shame, to strife or unforgiveness. Those I call “faith roadblocks,” and combined with fear, doubt and unbelief, can rob believers of their most precious spiritual asset...FAITH.

But the real key to growing our faith is **revelation** or **revelation knowledge**. Faith and knowledge always go together. Revelation, or your level of spiritual insight, will determine the degree of faith you will operate in, along with putting your faith to work.

“God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

True enough, at the new birth, every born-again believer is given the same measure of faith (Romans 12:3), but that’s just the beginning. It’s up to us to move to the next level where we can deliver supernatural results. The individual person must grow or develop that measure. Our faith should be growing constantly from one degree of faith to a greater degree of faith.

Jesus said, **“Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”** (Luke 18:8), meaning that “in these last days, the world’s challenges are becoming so enormous that only those who have taken the time to develop their faith will be found successful and living in victory.”

In the Scriptures, the Lord identified several degrees of faith. In Mark 4:40 KJ21, Jesus said to the disciples, **“Why are you so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?”** This says that faith, which is a living force, can fail and become zero.

When Peter was walking on water and began to sink because he saw the wind boisterous, Jesus rebuked him, saying **“O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?”** (Matthew 14:31 KJ21). “Little Faith” people are susceptible to doubt when challenges come. They have short bursts of faith and cannot stand when the pressures of life come.

Read what is written in the book of Proverbs, **“If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small,”** (Proverbs 24:10). *The Message* translation says it this way, **“If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn’t much to you in the first place.”** According to verse 5, **revelation knowledge** is the key to spiritual strength. As you gain greater depth of insight of the scripture, or the clearer you see it, the stronger your conviction and the stronger your faith becomes.

Great Faith

This leads us to the third level, what Jesus calls **GREAT FAITH**. To the Canaanite (non-Jewish) woman seeking deliverance for her demon-possessed daughter, Jesus 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 KJ21).

One of the characteristics of **GREAT FAITH** is that **you can have it the way you want it...when you want it...and how you want it.** This woman received her daughter’s deliverance with her daughter probably miles away and get this...it was not prophetically her time to experience the “children’s bread” (verses 24-26). No matter how deep or serious her daughter’s demon possession, the mother’s **great faith** secured her deliverance.

Jesus also talks about great faith in the story of the centurion who sought healing for his sick servant.

⁷ And Jesus said unto him, “I will come and heal him.”

⁸ The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof. But **speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.” (Matthew 8:7–8 KJ21)

Jesus responds in verse 10, “*Verily I say unto you, I have not found such **great faith, no, not in Israel.***”

Another characteristic of **great faith** is that it puts you in command and makes you unshakeable when facing the challenges of life, which I call “giants.” It delivers great victories and commands great signs. Jesus told His disciples that He would be delivered to the Gentiles and that they would mock Him, scourge Him, spit on Him and kill Him. But on the third day “*shall rise again*” (Mark 10:34 KJ21). And Jesus did, by great faith.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew that the God whom they served was able to deliver them from the burning fiery furnace and declared, “*and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king,*” (Daniel 3:17 KJ21). God did exactly what they spoke, *according to their faith.*

The Spirit of Faith

God speaks about Caleb after the twelve spies returned from spying out the land of Canaan, “*but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it*” (Numbers 14:24). The apostle Paul says it like this, “*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).

In these last days, the wicked will do more wickedness. God wants us sufficiently built up in faith that we can violently respond naturally by faith to everything contrary to our rights in Christ...“*the violent take it by force*” (Matthew 11:12).

You Must Feed Your Faith

Last, as I said earlier, faith is a living force, and like all living things, faith must be fed. How do you feed faith? By laboring in the Word of God. “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Romans 10:17). As someone once said, “Word level low, faith level low. Word level high, faith level high.” To grow your faith, you must continually stay in the Word.

Faith also is fed by acting on the impossible. So when impossible or challenging situations come your way, don’t get discouraged, get excited! God is about to take your faith to another level. I believe that the giant Goliath was not sent to defeat David but to promote him. The same is true for the “giants” in your life.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. (Mark 10:27)

I encourage you to build your faith to the point that you have a violent reaction against every situation contrary to the promises of God in your life. Remember, it's ***not*** the volume of scriptures you can memorize that determines the degree of faith you will operate in, but your level of spiritual insight or revelation and taking action on what the Holy Spirit has revealed.

Veronica and I love you and pray for you every day. Like the apostle Paul, we thank God for you always and that ***"your faith is growing exceedingly"*** (2 Thessalonians 1:3 AMPC). As you sow your seed this month, make a decision that you're going to develop GREAT FAITH. Then, believe God to do the unthinkable, the incredible, and the impossible in your life!

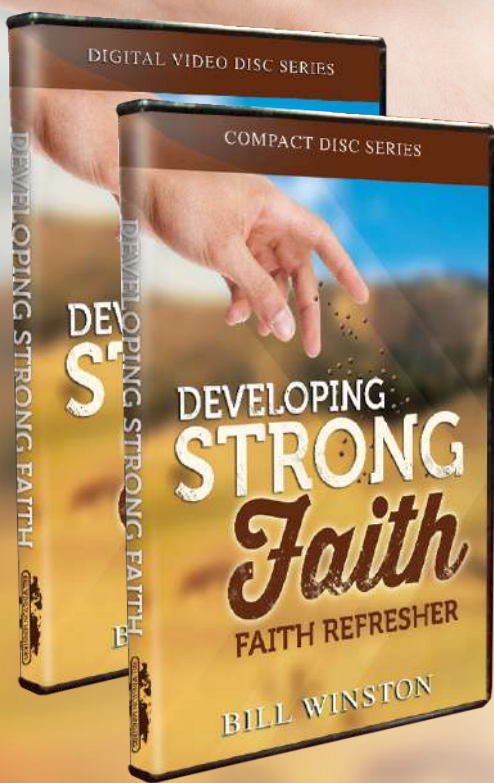
We love you. And remember, keep walking by faith!

Your Partner and Friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill', with a large, stylized initial 'W' above it.

William S. Winston

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