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Faith and Healing #6
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Communion was served and after pastor prayed for people.

Father, right now in Jesus name I pray that the healing power and virtue of Jesus Christ would flow into them afresh and anew dispelling sickness and disease, dispelling fear and anxiety, and may the peace, confidence and rest that comes from God flow into them from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet to the tips of their toes. Amen.

Pastor also recommended and encouraged reading the book Jihad - The Holy War by Dr Lester Sumrall to all regarding what is going on in the middle east. The book is out of print at this time but can be found on various websites.

Pastor has been sharing on Faith. Faith is the principle if we will somehow begin to implement in our life and it comes little by little by little we will begin to walk in victory little by little by little. We will overcome. Jesus said it is faith that will move the mountains or obstacles that we encounter in life here. This world is really not our home we are merely passing through. There is another destination for us and it's heaven. It's another world there. It's a real world. We will know each other there.

In our journey through this life there are some roadblocks and obstacles that will crop up and try to hinder us in our walk here on the earth and keep us from walking in the victory that Jesus provided for us here. The bible says faith is the victory that overcometh the world or faith is the victory that removes the obstacles or mountains that we might encounter along the way.

What has happened in faith and word churches over the years or decades is that the faith message has become so watered down because doctrine was established on circumstances of what they did or what they couldn't do, by what happened or didn't happen to them and then they established their theology on circumstances and happenings and forgot what The Bible says and it is impossible for God to lie and He hastens to perform His word. He doesn't hasten to perform your or my opinion, your doctrine or my doctrine, but he hastens to perform His Word. God's Word will not return void. When he finds someone who is believing His Word he glories and hastens to do something for them and hastens for His Word to come to pass on their behalf. In Jesus Name.

In the end of Hebrews chapter 3 and beginning of Chapter 4 is speaking of the children of Israel. God had a purpose and plan for them. They were in captivity in Egypt. There is a curse on the country of Egypt because of they held the children of Israel in captivity and it will not be removed. God's plan was for the children to come out of captivity and He had a place prepared called Canaan or the Promised Land. The bulk of them that came out and started to fulfill God's plan in and for their lives never made it. Likewise today many people come out of captivity with the purpose of fulfilling God's plan and purpose in this earth but mountains, Goliaths, or giants come and they give up. They say it's not worth

resisting and think they will just cruise through. WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED THE BELIEVERS IS WORTH IT. It is worth it all no matter how long and hard you must stand against the devil. It is worth it when you stand in the face of Jesus Christ. It is worth it in this world.

Hebrews 3:18-19 (King James Version)

¹⁸And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

¹⁹So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

They didn't enter because of their unbelief. They couldn't enter into rest, they couldn't enjoy what God had promised them because of their unbelief. Faith always has a rest to it. Faith doesn't have anxiety or worry. We have a choice if we are going to try or trust. The arena of faith has a rest about it.

Hebrews 4:1-2 (King James Version)

¹Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

²For 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.

The Word is a wonderful thing but for the word to really profit us we must act upon it. For the Word of God to benefit you and I we must mix faith with the Word of God.

Hebrews 11:1 (King James Version)

¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hope is an essential part of our lives. The bible states:

Proverbs 13:12 (King James Version)

¹²Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

The following defines hope even more.

Hebrews 11:1 (Amplified Bible)

¹NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, ^[a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Faith moves into the realm of revelation knowledge and that supersedes sense knowledge. The law of gravity is a true law. In flying there is the law of lift that supersedes the law of gravity. As long as the law lift is operating a plane will fly but if for some reason it quits it will go down.

If you are going to walk by faith you begin the walk based on The Word of God and you start towards the promises land/ what you are believing. Say a bad report or circumstance comes what are you going to do? Are you going to listen to your five senses and allow doubt and unbelief rule? NO. This is where your faith or revelation knowledge takes over beyond the five senses because the Word of God and the Holy Spirit has revealed the truth to you.

The children of Israel stalled out and got into doubt and unbelief and never reached the Promised Land. They quit mixing their faith with what God called them to do and they never made it. That is what many of us do today. We start out with joy and then we allow our five senses to dictate to us what is going on and what we are going to do. Sense knowledge takes over and faith takes a back seat. Without faith The Word will not benefit or profit us.

Faith has a voice. Our sense knowledge also has a voice. We must declare what we believe based on The Word of God.

Proverbs 18:21 (King James Version)

²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Leading up to the following scriptures Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. They had seen a fig tree a far off and he thought there would be figs on it but when they got to it there were no figs. The disciples heard Jesus say no man eat no fruit of thee hereafter. They went into Jerusalem and on their way out the disciples noticed the tree withered.

Mark 11:22-24 (King James Version)

²²And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

²³For 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.

²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Verses 23 and 24 is how the God kind of faith works. He doesn't make it complicated.

Whosoever - is you and I. Shall say – Faith has a voice. Shall say unto this mountain - you are going to speak and a mountain signifies a challenge or a hindrance. Be thou removed – you tell it what to do you are in charge not the mountain. The mountain is to obey you and that is what God takes care of.

Pastor shared what he wrote in this area of scripture in his bible.

Anybody can.

But everybody won't.

But blessed God somebody will.

If we believe in our heart the things we say without doubt in our heart what is going to happen? It is going to come to pass.

2 Corinthians 4:13 (King James Version)

¹³We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Faith has a spirit about it and it speaks what it believes on the inside.

Faith has a voice. If we have faith we are going to speak to the mountain and tell it what to do. Sense knowledge is going to bow its knee to the mountain and submit.

The bible says the mountain and the spirit of faith is to be a servant working for us. When we bow to the mountain we become the servant and it calls the shots, but a spirit of faith has a voice.

Father we worship you. We give you glory and honor. Blessed be the holy name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Glory to God! Hallelujah! Worthy are you Lord!

Teresa Gates came forward with an exhortation.

During praise and worship I saw people who are bound. I see God pulling at them. Then I saw the people standing back afraid and God is tugging at the rope. He is jerking at the rope. He is saying, "Why are you resisting? I can set you free. I can undo those bounds those ropes. I can take you into what you want". And you are just jerking back saying, "By God I am not going to do it", because you are afraid and you don't understand it. It hasn't happened the way you wanted it to happen, so you build a resistance against it and all the time God is saying, "I am pulling on you, I want it for you don't resist it." God has a plan, a way and a method. When God does it he adds no sorrow to it. All He is wanting is you and for you to trust Him no matter what it looks like. If you are feeling that tug be obedient to it and surrender to it because it is going to be glorious. AMEN!

Pastor added. With us as Christians we may have started out leading real well. Then fear may set in, we are afraid and maybe don't want to follow so we pull back. It is called resisting the Holy Ghost.

Pastor Margret added that a lot of the resistance that people have in truly believing God is because they feel condemnation and it holds them back from really entering in and trusting God because they really don't feel worthy to put their faith out there for a change in any situation they might have. Much of the resistance is from not feeling worthy, they don't feel like they have lived up to what God has instructed to do and so we pull back. There is a higher level that brings us up out of the law of condemnation and puts you in a relationship with the Father and it is simply a trusting relationship. There is nothing impossible with God. There is nothing that he can not do. There is no mountain that He can not remove but it is up to us and our faith. Listen to Him and put your faith out there instead of putting the wall of condemnation out and your situation will change.

Romans 8:1 (King James Version)

¹There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

If you are in Jesus there is NO condemnation.

Father, I am done resisting you. I am going to take another step of faith and I am going to walk into your goodness and the favor of God in Jesus name. Amen.