

FAITH

Introduction

In our last session we talked about some elements of faith, these are really some of the basics about faith. In this session I want us to go a little deeper and then tomorrow I will talk about faith and healing in the main Sunday service.

Once again, this is a condensed version of a nine part series and some extra nuggets I have received recently, so you are getting the most up to date part of my sermon but not all of it.

Maybe next time I could take a whole convention and just preach on faith.

I am so amazed that just when I think I have faith sorted out another new nugget pops up in the scripture or I hear another person interpretation of faith which let's find out more and more about faith!

So I do not have all the answers, I am learning just like you but at least I am a little further down the road!

Also please do not be overwhelmed by what I say! The key is that you start to operate in faith and this session I am going to show you how to operate in faith!

The Laws of the Kingdom

Faith is a law of the Kingdom of God and we need to operate in it to access the benefits of the Kingdom of God in our lives.

Just as there is a law of gravity! If you jump of a high building you will fall a predetermined speed because gravity is a constant!

- You can believe that gravity is a myth and you do not believe it exists.
- You can say you do not believe in gravity because you cannot see it
- You can say that gravity is only a figment of my imagination.

But the truth of the matter is that when you walk off the end of that cliff or jump out that aeroplane you will not fly around but you will fall to the ground!

Whether you believe in gravity or not, does not matter – once you try the law you will find it works, that is how I came here. Some clever person designed an aeroplane and a specific speed that aeroplane stops obeying the law of gravity and starts to obey a new law, the law of aerodynamics and it defies gravity and flies.

This is true about faith! It does not matter if you believe God can do something with your life! It does not matter who you are, or rather should I say who you think you are!

There are laws of the Kingdom and when you operate in those laws, when you access them they will unlock and work for you. Just like an aeroplane flies and ignores gravity because another law is in operation!

Making God's Way of doing things a priority in your life

The first step we have to make when wanting to get into faith is to start putting yourself in position to start making God's way of doing things, a priority in your life!

Put God first in Everything

What I am saying is that you need to start putting God first in ALL you do! He needs to have access to everything in your life! You need to come to a point where you say, God I need you to take over EVERYTHING in my life – I give you my marriage, my wife, my children, my money, my work, my possessions, my everything – I give it all to you!

Seek first His Kingdom – His way of doing things

Matthew 6:33 say that we MUST first seek His Kingdom, and His righteousness and ALL the other things will be given to us!

But it starts by seeking His Kingdom we start to do the following:

- We start to spend quality time with God – speaking to Him, reading His Word and communicating with Him on a consistent daily basis - this is more than just a quiet time because you allow God to speak to you and you speak to Him!
- Starting to operate in Faith – start believing God to do so small things in your life!
- Start getting your finances in order! Start to Tithe, become a cheerful giver and always make sure that you have something to give at every service, every offering! Bless people in the supermarket – pay for their groceries, push their trolleys, help them carry their bags.
- Sort your relationship with your husband / wife out – your spouse is your most important ally
- Allow God to change your way of think – **Romans 12:2** "be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

We need to do it God's way

If God has a way of doing things and man has a way of doing things – Choose God's way!!!

God's way is always best because God has not limits or lack in any area!

So if you want to reap from God's Kingdom, start to make His Kingdom a priority in your lives!

Let God become your source in everything, eliminate all other sources be seeing all you income, all you blessing as a source of God's blessing and provision in your life!

UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD IN YOUR LIFE

We have to understand the importance of God's Word in our life. His Word must take priority over ALL your decisions! If God says no in His Word then it is never a maybe, IT IS A NO!!!

The first thing that you need to do in every situation is to go to God's Word for ALL your answers! Look up scriptures that talk about your situation and begin to implement what you read in your life!

Find at least two or three scriptures that cover the situation you are facing and make them part of your life!

- Reading them everyday
- Memorizing them
- Personalizing them to yourself
- Allow your mind to be renewed
- Deposit them in your heart!

Do not let anyone tell you about your problem, do not talk to anyone about your problem – Never speak your problem – get into God's Word and get His answer to your problem and speak His solution to your problem in FAITH!

PLANT YOUR SEED IN THE GROUND!

Faith is a unique kind of thing. It can never work if it is not used! Faith only works when it is put into action. We need to plant the seed of faith in our lives and start to water them through action.

When you have found the scriptures that are related to your situation, you need to start making those scriptures the focus of your life. Learn them, recite them, meditate on them and proclaim them over your situation!

If facts, do not only declare them over your situation once, do it daily over and over!

When you start to speak, to say God's Word in your situation and over your situation you plant God's Word into your life!

Meditation means you take God's Word and think about it as it applies to your situation! You take the scripture and roll it over in your mind.

You take the Word of God, through your eye ear and mouth gates. AS it passes through these gates it becomes like water that washes your way of thinking clean and focused on God! Start to focus on what God's Word says and not what the world says!

Proverbs 23:7 says that "...far as he thinks in his heart, so is he..."

RECEIVER THE SEED / WORD OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE / SITUATION!

As you receive this Word that God has given you like a little child. You apply your faith to His Word and you start to believe the Word of God and receive it in your spirit, your heart you will start to experience the changes.

You have to become impregnated with the Word of God, so that you can give birth the thing that you are believing God to do in your life! God is faith; we must allow

the Word to impregnate our spirit because when it impregnates our spirit it will give birth to supernatural faith!

You see the Word of God must be planted into your heart. You need to do whatever it takes to put His Word in your heart or spirit. You need to allow the Word of God to change you in every way!

Once you have the Word of God in your heart through meditation, reading the Word of God and by walking in faith!

Tell your mouth, your mind, your faith to believe and to act in accordance with the Word in your heart!

Put a smile back on your face! God is in control
Change what you say, the way you used to talk!
Believe and you will receive
Declare God's Word over your situation!
Act in line with what you're are saying and according to the Word of God!
Trust God and Him only for your outcome!

BRING FORTH FRUIT

When you plant a seed, any seed, if you do not water it and make sure you nurture it – get rid of the weeds, clean around the base etc. You will not have a good harvest or you might have no crop at all!

If you plant a seed and forget to fertilize the soil your harvest will not be good, the same way as not giving your crop water will kill it. You cannot let your cattle walk though you fields or allow people to pick the fruit before time!

You need to protect your harvest!

1. No matter what your situation – Stick with it. Believe that God can change your situation in an instant!
2. Realise that as you wait on God, believing He will do what He says in His Word, you are growing a harvest!
3. Know your seed and water it everyday
4. Remember you are the sum total of your seeds planted in your life!
5. Put a guard on your word, what you think, what you choose to dwell on!
6. Be positive – As the Hymn says God will make a way, where there seems to be no way!

Ending

The Bible says that the righteousness which is of faith, speaks! We need to open our mouths and start speaking the goodness of God in our lives. We need to see what His Word says and then we need to apply that Word in our lives and speak that Word into our situation!

Do not get faith and sit there. Faith is alive and need to be exercise, remember faith without works is DEAD! Get your faith ALIVE.

We not only have to get Faith alive but we must remember the steps to faith in any situation!

- Make God's way of doing things a priority in your life
- Understand the importance of God's Word in your life
- Plant your seed in the ground
- Receive the Seed / Word of God in your life / your situation
- You bring for fruit / the harvest

Let's Pray

Let's ask repent of things done not in FAITH!

Let's repent of dead works, works done not in faith!

Let's ask God for FAITH, the kind that moves mountains

Let's start to operate in Godly for FAITH!