

FAITH IS NOW

Hebrews 11:1 “¹ Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him”.

Introduction

Today we are going to enter a realm where all things are possible, we are going to experience God like we never have before and we believe that He will show up in such power that no one can say we serve a dead god. Our God is Alive! He is alive!

I have been asking God to do something powerful here in Malawi. And when God does it, know it is not me by He who is touching you, I give Him all the honour, glory and praise for what will happen here today. Lord manifest your Glory here in this room!

Things may get a bit out of hand but we trust God to move. Take off your Sunday face, take off your pride, lay it before God, whoever you are, trust and believe God to move here in you!

Jesus did no miracle unless Faith was present so I want you to believe God will touch you in whatever area you need to be touch. If you feel like crying, cry, if you feel like laughing, then laugh, if you feel like praising Him, then praise Him but expect Him to work in you and through you!

PRAYER: Holy Spirit we welcome you in our midst right now, I ask that you go through this room and touch each person sitting here. I pray for faith to raise up in this room and as our faith rises you will give us break though in every area of our lives. Break through in our Spiritual walk, Break through in our way of thinking, break through in our health, break through in our lives, break through in our finance, break through in our ministries in every single area of our lives let faith arise!

I declare this room an area for your miraculous power to break forth, heal our sickness and disease. Touch our lives, put your hands on the area’s where you want God to touch you right now – Touch blind eyes, touch deaf ears, open mute mouths, bring healing Lord.....Amen!

I know God is going to meet us here today! He told me He would so be expectant, I am not going to lay hands on people right now, but as God’s word is preached and becomes alive in your heart, let faith raise up and receive your miracle, right there where you are sitting.

As you feel God doing something, jump up and come to my left and testify about what God is doing in your life.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 *“¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect^[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

FAITH explained

The most foundational part of our Christian life is faith. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6, that Without Faith it is impossible to please God!

The day that we were born again we started exercising you faith. You put your trust in Christ's finished work on the cross of Calvary believing that Jesus Christ will take away your sins.

Faith is at the core of our very being, we continually live by faith every day whether we believe it or not and whether we are saved or not.

The one thing that impress Jesus was people's faith – The Roman Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13), verse 10 says he had great faith and this faith impressed Jesus, in fact Jesus said that there was no great faith displayed in all of Israel, that is quiet a statement!

Faith in Action – without you knowing it

Today all across Malawi and in fact the whole world people woke up and started applying their faith in something or some object. Some people got on an airplane a few to another city trusting that the airplanes engines would work in such a way that they aircraft could take off, nobody would of go into an airplane that did not have engines and expect that airplane to take off!

In this room, everyone who came in had faith that a pastor from South Africa would be here to preach to you. You believe the pastors when they told you even though you have never seen me or heard about me in your life, that I would be here and preach a message to you!

All of you who came into this room sat down on a chair. I saw no one get up and examine the chair to see if it would carry your weight, you just sat down trusting in some carpenter did his work correctly.

Now let's look at faith, who in this room believes that I am in this room? Is this faith? Does it take faith to believe I am in this room with you?

No it does not, according to **Hebrews 11:1**, *“¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”*. Faith is the evidence of things not seen so if you see me it take no faith at all.

Once something is seen it is the manifestation of faith, let's now go two weeks ago, Pastor George told you that a Pastor from South Africa would come here and preach today. Did that take faith from you to believe him?

Yes, it was the evidence of things not seen, no one here except Pastor George, my wife and maybe one or two other people have actually seen me so Yes you all exercised your faith believing that I would be here today!

Well done, give yourself a pat on your back, tell the person next to you, well done you exercised your faith today!

Measure of faith

According to **Romans 13:3**, each man has been given a measure of faith. The Lord has given each one here a measure of faith. You have a measure and I have a measure so NO ONE has an excuse not to have faith to believe in God!

Even if you have never heard of God, He still has put a measure of faith into you and that measure of faith is so that no one in the world can ever say they did not have faith to believe in God!

The word FAITH comes from the Hebrew root word EMUNA and EMUNA means stability. It comes from the root word AMEN!

When you say Amen, let it be! So when the Lord says, by my stripes you are healed! You say AMEN! You said let it be so. The way it should be done, EMUNA.

Faith grows by exercise

Faith is like a muscle, an athlete trains for years to run in the Olympic games. Every morning he or she is out early building muscle in the gym or on the track. As they get stronger they run further and faster and do not get tired so quickly.

Soon they develop muscle and start to look like they are training. We are exactly the same. We need to get up each day and start exercising the muscle of our faith. With training it becomes more effective and useful to our daily walk.

So not only do we each receive a measure of faith, but we each need to exercise our faith on a daily for our faith to grow! Everyday, we should be trusting God to meet certain needs in our lives. We need to put our faith in God that He will come through for us, everyday.

What are you trusting God for? Are you trusting Him to do something for you, in your life, TODAY? Do you have something you need God to do for you? Are you saying, God if you do not come through for me that nothing will happen!

Who needs God right now to come through for them! Raise your hands, stand up, prayer after me, say "God I do not know how You are going to do this miracle, I do not know how this thing will take place, but right now, I take the measure of faith you gave me and I apply my faith to this situation in my life. I trust You, I put my faith in You! Amen!

Stand up and dance around and say FAITH IS NOW!!!!, tell the person next to you faith is Now! I am trusting God for my miracle now!

Talk about a break fall

This is exactly how God wants us to develop our faith. When this world squeezes us and our resources, faith should rise up and become manifested.

The bible says in **James 2:17** that "*Faith without works is dead*" so we need to put our faith into action.

Dimensions of the Supernatural

Three dimensions of the supernatural, they are:

- FAITH
- Anointing
- The Glory

If you are trusting God to come through for you, you must realise you have a Supernatural God. That means He is above the Natural.

God made two Dimensions

- The Natural Realm / Dimension
Rule by Space, Time and Matter
- The Supernatural Realm
Super natural that means it has superiority of the Natural realm. That means it has dominion of the natural realm.

FAITH

God gave men faith in order to get into eternity. And to get into the supernatural realm to receive what we need in this natural dimension.

Hebrews 11:61 "*Without Faith it is impossible to please God*"

Faith is not:

- Faith is not Optimism
- Faith is not Hope
- Faith is not knowledge
- Faith is not your resources or money
- Faith is not your ability, in fact it is beyond your ability and resources

People think because they have knowledge they have faith. People think because they have hope, they have faith! People think because they have resources, they have faith!

Faith has nothing to do with you, your resources, your hope or your knowledge or your optimism, you can hope all you like, have all the resource you need and God will not show up because we still do not have faith.

Faith is always in the present, it cannot be in the past but right NOW!

God put faith in one tense, which is now, because God lives in the NOW. God is the great I AM, what you need now. I AM your healer, Your provider, if it is not now, it is not faith!

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

The substance

Faith according to Hebrews 11:1 is a substance. That means it consists of something, it can be defined. You define that substance, you put your trust in God for so special break through, you add the substance. And in time that substance that you hoped for will become the evidence.

Obstacles to Faith

There are obstacles to our faith, the first is:

The FACTS

The facts are the things we see with our natural eye or what we are told. The evidence I see.

The doctors says you have a sickness which is a fact, you do not feel well, it is a fact that you look terrible, it is a fact that the reports say you are not well, it is a fact the doctor is saying you are not well.

But facts are ALWAYS subject to changes! Our faith in God can change the facts!

What are the facts, I am sick in my body and there is no cure, but faith has existed BEFORE I GOT SICK. I do not know what the doctors says, but there is a higher dimension than the medical , much higher than the natural, It is UPER NATURAL, superceeds the natural!

God gave me Faith to have dominion over this natural dimension and this natural dimension has to do with facts.

Reason

Reason has its place in the natural dimension. Satan came to Eve and put doubt in her mind by saying Has God Said? Instead of Eve putting her faith in God, she reasoned with Satan and fell into sin.

God gave us logic to work in the natural dimension, He gave us reason to be able to do our work and make daily decisions, but when you come to the Supernatural dimension reason does not product anything!

Before the faith starts the miracle the second obstacle is reason!

*****Faith is the ability given by God, given to every believer to believe that which is not reasonable.**

Every miracle in the bible did not make sense! Here comes a blind man to Jesus, Jesus spits in to the sand and make mud, put's the mud in his eyes and tells him to go a wash his eyes!

If the man began to reason saying wow He spat in my eyes, I have spit in my face, who does Jesus think, He is, putting spit into mud and the mud in my eyes! How vulgar! Do you think he would have been healed?

What about the cripple at the gate beautiful, what did he say well they do not have silver or gold so I will not get up and walk, would he have been healed?

Never, once we reason we lose our faith, so do not try to reason, just say God I do not know how You are going to do it but I put my faith in You to do exceedingly above all I can ever imagine or hope for. I put my faith in you!

Reason is the guillotine to faith. The longer you reason the faster you lose your miracle.

Jesus took my curse to give me my blessing!

We first need to Believe, have faith and then God will give us the understanding! Look at Noah – he had to build the arc / Look at Moses / Look at Daniel in the Lion's Den / The three of Daniel's friends

Anyone who needs miracles today, in your body, in your business, in your family, let's stand and let pray:

Demonstration

I want to show you something, we are going to do a simple demonstration of Hebrews 11:1. I need seven men to come and help me.

Person one – NOW

Person two – FAITH IS

Person three – THE SUBSTANCE

Person four – OF THINGS

Person five – HOPED FOR

Person six – THE EVIDENCE

Person seven – OF THINGS NOT SEEN

Isaiah 46:9-10 “ – *Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning!*

Declaring the end from the beginning. That means God finished you in His mind first then He began with you. The one who began the work will finish it! If the Lord already started with it in you in His mind, He will complete it, He finished you!

He declares the end from the beginning. In the Western countries we read this way – go from left to right!

That is the way we talk and read in the western countries. We always think in the terms of the end.

For God, because He is a now God, He is always talking in the now! The way God thinks is this way – go from right to left! Did you see it? That's the way God works. He declares the end from the beginning, because He is a now God!

If you need a miracle today, if you have been waiting for God to come through for you, I want you to see what God thinks, and when He reads **Hebrews 11:1** He reads it this way – go right to left.

Faith is NOW!

When God starts doing creative miracles, He starts here – Let person seven speak "OF THINGS NOT SEEN". The fact that we do not see them does not mean they do not exist! God starts from eternity when things are not see, you do not see the thing you need in the natural, that healing you need you cannot see it. You do not see the miracle, you do not see the organ you want God to create for you.

Let person six speak "THE EVIDENCE" – from here your miracle starts. If it is an organ in the body, it starts forming from the matter. It is coming, it is coming, from the evidence something is happening!

Start from person seven – This is how you get your miracle.

If you need a miracle today, I have good news for you, FAITH IS NOW! Do not let the devil lie to you, tomorrow is not faith, faith is now! Get up and walk, if you came sick in your body declare faith is now!

You say I want my miracle – NOW

There are some obstacles to your healing – a person trusts God for healing their eyes, do not trust in what the devil tells you, no that is for the future! Your sight will return in three years, NO FAITH IS NOW!!!! God will heal you but not now, God will deliver you but not now! NO Faith is now! You refuse to doubt and you say faith is Now! God is a God of the now!

There are some obstacles for you to come into now! When you start with your miracle you start here, when you were in Evidence you felt something growing, when you were in Hope For, you were saying it is possible and when you were in the Things not Seen, this is real.

And when you were in the Substance, you said I got something. You now say I have got the substance I need from my miracle, I do not see anything in my body but I know I have got the substance. I have the title deed to my healing and suddenly you kept believe that FAITH IS, you say I do not need my healing in 10 days, Faith is like God, I AM what I AM, I am not going to conform to the future, because I want my sight..... AND FAITH NOW!!!

Let's praise God, stand up and worship Him! Let your faith arise, shout out FAITH is NOW! Faith is Now!

Prayer: God we believe Your Word, we believe that Faith is NOW! And that there is no reason why You will not do that miracle for everyone in this room right now! Faith his Now! And So right now we are believing You to perform miracles signs and wonders in this church!

Put your hand where you need healing! Put it right there, now apply your faith, trust God to heal you and as you receive your healing come to the front and testify.

Lord we ask You to right now go through this church and touch the people, Lord we know You are not a respecter of persons, and because you did it for me, You healed me when I was broken in that accident 25 years ago, and because You did it for me, I know You will do it for the people in this church, here in Lilongwe, Malawi. Touch the people and bring healing and restoration, show Your power God.

Lord please move from seat to seat in this church and touch the people! I ask that their faith will rise up and that the people will be healed, right now, right here where they are standing.

I say be healed in the might name of Jesus Christ, Be healed, take your healing, pray loud, say Lord I trust You and put my faith in You for my healing. Lord take away my doubt, take away all fear and anxiety, fill me fresh with faith to both believe and trust You that my healing is possible, in the might name of Jesus Christ!

In the mighty name of Jesus Christ be healed, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ receive your healing! In the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Satan you are a liar, you are the father of lies, I command you to lose these people from sicknesses and diseases in the mighty name of Jesus Christ! Father I now lose Your anointing to flow through this room, bring the healing to everyone who is trusting You, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!