

FAITH ABOVE ALL

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DAY 1 – MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE ANOINTING IS HERE!

God had a specific and purposeful plan for sending His Son to earth. No detail was left out! Jesus is the Anointing, He had the Anointing of the Spirit of God upon Him, and He brought the Anointing to earth to destroy the yoke that had been on man since the Fall of Adam. This is what we celebrate on Christmas! Through His sacrifice, we have access to all authority on earth and can operate in the fullness of it to receive and walk in victory every day.

STUDY IT

- I. God's plan for the birth of Jesus was precise and intentional.
 - Jesus was not born in a stable by accident, or because He was born into a poor family. Everything that occurred leading up to His birth was preordained and designed by God (Luke 2:1-18).
 - The prophet Micah prophesied the details of His birth centuries before (Micah 5:2).
 - God is exact in His plans. He was exact in the details of the birth of Christ, and He is exact in His plans for you. But you must cooperate with Him.

- II. The anointing that we operate in today was delivered through Jesus, and we celebrate that at Christmas.
 - The Hebrew word *Messiah* means “anointing” or “anointed.”
 - The Greek word *Christ* means the same thing—“anointing” or “anointed.”
 - *To christen* means “to rub, pour or anoint.”
 - The word *mass* means “to celebrate.” So, the word *Christmas* means to celebrate that the anointing is here.
 - Isaiah 11:1-3 lists the Anointings that were upon Jesus.
 - The yoke, that was upon man since Adam, was destroyed because of the anointing (Isaiah 10:27).

- III. Authority was transferred back to man through Jesus.
 - Jesus came to bring good will *toward* men, not among men (Luke 2:14).
 - Thirty-three years after His birth, Jesus went to hell, suffered as no man had ever suffered, and took back the authority Adam had turned over to the devil.



- God made His enemies, and therefore our enemies, His footstool (Hebrews 1:13).
- God gave ministering spirits to minister to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

IV. To operate in this authority Jesus came to give us, we must first understand that authority.

- It requires supernatural revelation, wisdom and knowledge (Ephesians 1:18).
- When we know He has put all things under our feet (Hebrews 2:8), then we can operate in the fullness of the authority He came to recover for us.
- Christ sits at the right hand of the Father, and since we are in Him, we are at Jesus' right hand as He is at the Father's (Mark 16:19).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

This Christmas Day, spend time thanking The LORD for what the birth of Jesus truly means, and how it paved the way for our victory and abundant life. Ask Him to help you understand and operate in the authority He died to recover for you. Then, purpose in your heart to leave none of His promises on the table.





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DAY 2 – HOW TO HAVE LIMITLESS FAITH

There is no limit to what your faith can accomplish! Whether you are seeking healing in your body or increase in your finances—the route to victory is the same. Get in The WORD of God, stay in The WORD of God, and stand firm on His promises. Let God's WORD permeate your spirit on a daily basis, and refuse to be influenced by the world.

STUDY IT

- I. You can receive your healing and be made whole when you refuse to move from your stand of faith.
 - Watch Irita Willaby's testimony as she shares how she stood for healing against an aggressive attack on her body.
 - Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
 - She saturated herself in The WORD and defied a negative diagnosis to receive full and complete healing!
 - She would not allow those who would not agree with her in faith to visit or influence her. She guarded her heart and The WORD she was planting in her spirit.
 - She is living proof that when you have the faith of God, you *will* receive (Mark 11:22)!

- II. You can receive a miracle in your finances when you make The WORD first place in your life.
 - Watch Adebisi Nori's testimony. He is an attorney in Nigeria. He was dealing with a corrupt government, failing businesses and a crashing economy.
 - He made a spiritual decision to not join the recession in his country.
 - As a Partner with KCM, he responded by sowing more and increasing his giving.
 - The year there was a crisis in his nation was one of his most prosperous years in his entire career. Not only were all his needs met, but every desire, as well.
 - His testimony is proof that when you give attention to God's WORD, and keep it in your heart, it doesn't matter what is going on around you—you will be blessed.





III. The WORD of God permeates every area of your life and can turn your situation around.

- You cannot stay in faith without staying in The WORD!
- When you keep The WORD in your eyes and ears, and lock out everything that opposes the truth, you will see a change in your circumstances.
- Make a stand, take a stand and keep on standing to get results.

Additional scriptures: Hebrews 11:1; Mark 11:23

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make a list of those things you are standing for in faith today. Then, find the scriptures that pertain to your situation, and list them as well. Stand in faith, without wavering, until you see the manifestation in your life.



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DAY 3 – WHY PUT FAITH FIRST?

Faith, a spiritual force and creative power, is the most important thing in a believer's life. Without it, you can't be saved, you can't walk in victory, and you can't fight the good fight! To pursue faith is to continually talk about it, think about it, get it in your eyes and your ears, and seek it out in everything you do. But faith won't come without time spent in The WORD on a daily basis.

STUDY IT

- I. Faith is a spiritual force and a creative power.
 - The worlds were framed by The WORD of God, meaning all material things that are seen were not made of things that are visible.
 - He didn't create the universe out of nothing—He created it out of something you can't see—the force of faith.
 - Faith is the *evidence* of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
 - When you diligently seek God in His WORD, and you use these spiritual laws, they will work for you and anyone else.
 - That is why, without faith, it is impossible to please God. Because a heart that seeks Him is a heart of faith.

- II. Why put faith first?
 1. You can't be saved without faith (Ephesians 2:8).
 2. You can't live the Christian life without faith (Hebrews 10:38; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Habakkuk 2:4).
 - This is a lifestyle. You can't wait for something bad to happen before you start operating in it.
 - The just shall *live* by faith.
 3. You can't walk the Christian walk without faith (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - That means 24-hours a day, we do everything by faith.
 - We live and move and have our being by faith (Acts 17:28). Our lives are sustained by faith.
 4. You can't fight the good fight of faith without faith (1 Timothy 6:12).
 5. It's impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6).
 6. You can't overcome the world without faith (1 John 5:4).



III. Everything operates by faith.

- Healing, prosperity and safety operate by faith.
- That's part of the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4).
- By faith, you can prosper when no one else does.
- God created all material things out of the force of faith. That means everything you can see and touch can be affected by the force of faith.
 - Things will respond to the force by which it was created.
- You have all the faith you need to operate in its fullness.
 - God has dealt to every born-again believer the same measure of faith that He used to create the world (Romans 12:3).
- By faith, you can cast your cares onto the Lord (1 Peter 5:7).
 - How? By faith. He is faithful and just. So, give everything to The LORD. He will take it—if you leave it with Him by faith.

IV. You have to feed your faith on a regular basis for it to work.

- Don't let The WORD depart from your eyes—that's a continual feast (Proverbs 4:20-21).
- You likely remember what you had for your last meal—even how it tasted. You can think about that meal, but when you get hungry again, the memory of the last meal will not do one thing to nourish you in that moment. New food needs to be put into the system on a regular basis.
 - In the same way, The WORD of God needs to be put into your system over and over again for it to be effective.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

For total and complete victory, you must pursue faith above all. In what ways can you begin to put faith in God's WORD first? List activities you can add or eliminate from your life to ensure the building and maintaining of your faith.





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DAY 4 – ALL THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO FAITH

Why do we talk about faith so much? According to Ephesians 6:16, faith is above all the armor of God. It is above every principality and power, and it gives us dominion and authority. Without faith, it is impossible to live a victorious Christian life, and it is impossible to please God. We develop a victory-producing faith when we put The WORD of God first place in our lives.

STUDY IT

- I. The armor of God described in Ephesians 6 reveals why faith is above all.
 - *Above all*, take the shield of faith (verse 16).
 - The breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit, and the shoes of the gospel of peace are all dependent upon faith.
 - How do you receive the righteousness of God? By faith.
 - How do you receive salvation? By faith.
 - The WORD of God is more powerful than a two-edged sword, but you must have *faith* in The WORD for it to work.
 - You can't preach the gospel without faith.
 - You can't quench the fiery darts of the enemy without faith.
 - Put on your shield of faith and pray.
 - Prayer doesn't make faith work, faith makes prayer work.
 - Don't ever leave the house undressed—put your armor on!

- II. Everything is subject to faith.
 - The grounds for faith are what the Bible says!
 - We wrestle with principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness (dominion), and spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).
 - Faith puts us above every principality and power, and gives us dominion and authority, according to:
 - Ephesians 1:20-22, "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above **all** principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put **all** things under his feet...."





- When you made Jesus The LORD of your life, at that moment, you were made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - Don't confuse righteousness with holiness. Righteousness is the rebirth of your spirit by grace, through faith.
 - All authority has been given to you through faith in Him.
 - You've been delivered, and you've been translated into Jesus' kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
- Romans 4:16—"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace...." Grace is right-standing with God. Grace is God's overwhelming desire to treat you as if sin had never happened.

III. Why is it impossible to please God without faith?

- Faith opens the door to grace. It receives it—it takes it.
- All the promises of God in Christ Jesus are "Yes!" and "Amen!" (2 Corinthians 1:20, NKJV).
 - It isn't in The WORD that God sometimes says yes, sometimes says no, or sometimes says wait awhile. Where is that in The WORD? That's not New Testament; that's religion. That is coming from a hurt heart—a heart that doesn't know why something didn't happen.
 - The idea that God giveth and God taketh away—that was from Job. But Job was wrong when he said it, and God chastised him for it.
 - God doesn't refuse to deliver a promise; it is we who refuse to receive it.
 - Grace and faith working together is the most important thing.
- Faith comes from revealed knowledge that God gives to your spirit, but you have to spend time in The WORD to receive it.

Additional scripture: Romans 4:16

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Without faith, it is impossible to please God and live a victorious Christian life. Faith can only be developed through time in The WORD. Set a goal for yourself concerning time in The WORD, and write it down here. Then, pray and ask The LORD to help you achieve it.





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DAY 5 – FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS

The power and authority of the Name of Jesus belongs to YOU. When you were born again, you inherited His Name and were given all rights associated with it. When you develop faith in the Name, you will operate in the full authority of the Name of Jesus and have a supernatural ability to love others.

STUDY IT

- I. The Name of Jesus is your inherited Name, and you have the power and authority to use it!
 - Ephesians 3:14-21: “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, of whom **the whole family in heaven and earth is named**, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **the power that worketh in us**, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”
 - Jesus inherited His Name from the Father, and we inherited the Name of Jesus when we were born again.
 - Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, and our spirit man is at the right hand of Jesus (Ephesians 1:20).
 - When we were born again, He didn't leave us like we were. We were renamed. We've been named after the Father. We have the same Name in the spirit as Jesus, because He bought and paid for us to have that right.
- II. You have to understand your right to the Name to receive the power behind it.
 - To understand your right to the Name of Jesus, you need to get rid of any feelings of unworthiness.
 - Unworthiness is twisted religion.
 - When you were born again, your spirit was re-created in Christ Jesus; you were born of God. You were given a new identity in Christ. You were *made* worthy.





- Satan will do everything he can to keep you from finding out your right to the Name of Jesus—to keep you from having faith in the Name.
- When Gloria entered into covenant with Kenneth—his name became her name. She has every right to use his name, because it is no longer his name—it is their name together.
- The moment we were born again, the Name of Jesus became *our* Name. Not just Jesus' Name—it became *our* Name.
- When the Holy Ghost pronounces you one with Christ, you inherit His Name and all the rights associated with it.

III. There is authority in the Name of Jesus that is yours to use.

- He said, “All authority has been given to Me” (Matthew 28:18, *NKJV*). And He said, **You** go and take My Name, and **you** cast out devils (see Mark 16:17).
- “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **the power that worketh in us...**” (Ephesians 3:20).
 - The power and authority is on the inside of us—but if we don't have faith, it won't work.
- Peter was confident in his ability to use the power of the Name of Jesus, and he used it.
 - When Peter came upon a man who was lame in the gate called Beautiful, he didn't give him alms, he didn't pray for him—he used the authority of the Name of Jesus as if it were his own—because it was!
 - “Then Peter said, ‘Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.’ And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength” (Acts 3:6-7).
 - Faith in Jesus' Name made this man strong. The people marveled at what had happened, but Peter responded in verse 12, “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?” (*NKJV*).
 - Then, he preached faith to them. “And His name, **through faith in His name**, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, *the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness* in the presence of you all” (verse 16, *NKJV*).
 - It wasn't Peter's holiness that accomplished the miracle—it was faith in the Name.
 - How do you get that kind of faith? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
 - Study the power of the Name.



IV. Faith in the Name of Jesus will enable you to love supernaturally.

- In Mark 11:25, Jesus said, “And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any....” He was in the middle of teaching on faith when He said this. He was talking about faith and love, because no love equals no faith.
- Ephesians 3:19, “To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (NKJV).
- 1 John 3:1, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.”
 - The same love was bestowed on us when we accepted Jesus as Savior and LORD.
- In 1 John 3:23, He gave us the commandment to love one another.
 - The Name of Jesus is so powerful, you can love people even under the greatest persecution.
 - That is how you can keep His commandments, no matter what—because of the Name.
- Get The WORD in your mouth. Talk about it; meditate on it. You’ve got the power—in Him!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Spend time this week studying and meditating on the scriptures that talk about the Name of Jesus and the authority given to us through Him. Let them get down into your spirit. Then, ask The LORD to reveal any areas where you have not been operating in the fullness of the authority you’ve been given. Boldly begin to operate in faith in that area.

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