



## THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

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### DAY 1 – FAITH BELIEVES AND FAITH SPEAKS

It's essential that we learn the fundamentals of faith. The first basic fundamental of faith is to believe God will answer our prayer and say it. The WORD of God is being revealed to us by His Spirit in a greater way than to any other generation in history.

### STUDY IT

- I. It's essential that we learn the fundamentals of faith.
  - When you watch a sporting event like the Super Bowl, World Series, U.S. Open, Wimbledon and World Cup, you are watching masters of the fundamentals. Even the Little League World Series has masters of the fundamental for that age.
  - In sports, in life and in spiritual things, you get to the top by continual practice and study. You must spend time training.
  - We want to build our faith and our prayer lives, so we can become strong, growing up from spiritual babies to spiritual adults.
    - This is done by desiring revelation of Jesus through God's WORD.
  - To grow physically, you have to feed your body. To grow spiritually, you have to feed your spirit on spiritual food (Matthew 4:4).
  - Human beings are spirit beings. You **are** a spirit, you **have** a soul and your spirit and your soul **live** in a flesh body.
- II. The first basic fundamental of faith is to believe God will answer our prayer and say it (Mark 11:22-25).
  - Jesus said we should believe.
    - What do we believe? We believe God's WORD.
    - Believe that those things (words) you say will come to pass.
  - This is a basic truth with all mankind: You always say what you believe, whether you say it on purpose or not.
  - The spirit of faith is that you believe and speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).
    - The righteousness of faith speaks (Romans 10:6-10).
    - Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21).
  - Words are very important things. We live in a WORD-created, WORD-upheld, WORD-dominated universe (Hebrews 1:3).



- We live under the force and power of words.
- We cannot change the fact that we live under the spiritual law of words; but we can change and choose the words under which we live.
- That makes The WORD of God the most precious thing in the universe.

III. The WORD of God is being revealed to us by His Spirit more than to any other generation in history.

- We are in the day and time for insight, ideas and concepts from heaven.
- God's WORD is powerful!
  1. The written WORD of God is powerful and full of revelation.
  2. Jesus, The WORD of God incarnate, is the most important and powerful WORD there is.
    - Jesus did not cease being a man when He rose again. He said, "Handle Me" (John 20:27; Luke 24:39).
    - All of Jesus' blood is in the Holy of Holies crying out for us. Only Jesus could accomplish this Redemption and adoption for us. We praise Him.
- Paul was a faith preacher. He said "...The WORD of faith, which we preach" (Romans 10:8).
  1. Faith is necessary to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
  2. God's love provides salvation, but you can't get saved without faith (Galatians 5:6).
  3. Without faith, you can't have victory (1 John 5:4).
  4. Faith is important because "therefore it is of faith, so that it might be by grace" (Romans 4:16).
    - Grace is God's overwhelming desire to treat man like sin never happened.
    - Jesus bore my sins in His body on the tree, and by His stripes I was healed (1 Peter 2:24).
    - You don't go to hell because you sin; you only can go to hell, eternal punishment, because you don't accept Jesus as your LORD.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Think of one thing you are using your faith for. Write what you believe and what you will say. Guard your words, so you don't say anything to negate what you believe.

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### DAY 2 – BUILD YOUR FAITH UNTIL YOU ACT ON IT

Jesus taught the fundamentals of faith—believe, speak and act on God's WORD. Once you understand what the spiritual laws are, you can operate them by the spiritual, creative force of faith.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus taught the fundamentals of faith.
  - The first fundamental of faith is to believe and say (Mark 11:23).
    - The spirit of faith is to believe, then speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).
    - Jesus believed and spoke to the fig tree. Words carrying the spiritual force of faith penetrated that tree and caused it to dry up (Mark 11:14, 20).
    - The heart of man believes, and with his mouth he makes his confession of faith (Romans 10:10).
      - Faith is inside you.
  - The second fundamental of faith is to act on your faith.
  - Believe The WORD, say The WORD and then act on The WORD.
    - We need to believe God's WORD. Find the answer in the Bible, and pray the answer. Base everything on God's WORD.
    - Meditate on The WORD, let it build firmly in your heart and mind until you begin to act on it.
  - James, Jesus' half-brother (he had the same mother but a different father), said we should be doers of The WORD—act on God's WORD (James 1:22).
    - James also said if you have faith without works (corresponding action), your faith has no power (James 2:14).
  - Brother Copeland told of being with Oral Roberts in the invalid tent to minister healing. A young girl was fastened to a board because she was paralyzed and could only move her eyes.
    - Brother Roberts announced that once you have hands laid on you, do something you couldn't do. If you can't do anything else, stand up on the inside.



- That girl started rolling her eyes as fast as she could. She said, "Mama, untie me; I'm healed!" She took off running across the tent, totally healed. Her healing started with her action of rolling her eyes.
  
- II. Once you understand what the spiritual laws are, you can operate them by faith.
  - For example, an airplane would have flown in 1776 or 1876 as well as it did in 1976. The atmosphere was the same. But, people could not conceive of flight. They didn't know the physical laws that govern flight.
    - The same is true with spiritual laws. You must know them to operate them. Spiritual laws are exact just like the physical laws used in physics.
  - The written WORD is the will of God. We need to know and understand that the Bible is the will of God.
    - The Bible is God's bond; it is His WORD. He will not promise something in His WORD that is not His will for you to have.
  - The WORD of God is truth. It never changes. It is good for all men for all time. This is a basic fundamental of faith.
  
- III. Faith is a spiritual, creative force (Hebrews 11:3).
  - Faith is invisible to the natural man, but it is very real.
  - We are programmed to go by physical evidence, and it is exciting to see a miracle on the physical body.
    - But to be born again is a much greater miracle, and it took so much more power.
  - You heard The WORD, you received Jesus, and the most powerful miracle happened. Your human spirit was completely re-created (2 Corinthians 5:17).
    - We were born again of incorruptible seed (1 Peter 1:23).
    - The faith of God, your healing, the mind of Christ and so much more are in that incorruptible seed.
  - Every one of us received the same measure of faith when we were born again (Romans 12:3).
    - That faith was imparted to us by hearing The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
    - We have within our being a measure of exactly the same faith that put this universe into existence.
  - You need to learn what feeds faith and what releases it. Once you know, you must take action.



## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Using the one thing you are believing for in the Day 1 exercise, write at least one scripture that you are standing on to prove what you are believing for is God's will as found in God's WORD.

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### DAY 3 – UNFORGIVENESS DISARMS FAITH

Let's review the fundamentals of faith: 1. Believe and speak; 2. Act on God's WORD, and 3. Don't allow unforgiveness to disarm faith. Faith is a spiritual force and with the right food, can grow.

### STUDY IT

- I. Let's review the fundamentals of faith.
  - No. 1: Believe and speak God's WORD (Mark 11:22-25; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Romans 10:10).
  - No. 2: Act on your faith. Act on The WORD. Take your stand on God's WORD (Matthew 18:16). Act like the New Testament is true. Act on The WORD as quickly as you would the word of a lawyer, a doctor or a highly trusted friend.
  - It's impossible for God to lie. But you have to become very close to Him to know His integrity and trust His WORD. The Bible is The WORD of God. You can trust what is in there.
  - You can even get something out of the "begats." Look at Rahab. She was a harlot, but she later was blessed to become David's great-great-grandmother (Joshua 2:1; Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:31). You need to know that she in her sinful condition moved to a place of honor in the lineage of Jesus. If there was hope for her, there's hope for you.
- II. The third fundamental of faith is to forgive. Unforgiveness can totally disarm faith.
  - The woman with the issue of blood used the fundamentals of faith to receive her healing (Mark 5:25-34).
    - She heard of Jesus. We know she heard The WORD, because faith comes by hearing God's WORD (Romans 10:17).
    - She believed and spoke that Jesus could heal her, and the devil couldn't talk her out of it. She believed in the healing power of the Anointing of Jesus.
      - Jesus is the Healer today.
    - She acted by touching Jesus' clothes.
    - She forgave. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart. She held nothing against the physicians who had taken her money and not helped her physically.



- III. Faith is a spiritual force, and with the proper food, faith can grow.
- When you sit down to eat, your stomach juices are already flowing.
    - Faith is the same way. When you have the opportunity to use faith, it's ready.
  - Feed on God's WORD. The WORD not mixed with faith caused failure in the wilderness (Hebrews 4:2). So feed on God's WORD and let faith come.
  - Memorizing scripture is wonderful, but just quoting the scriptures won't feed your faith.
  - Likewise the remembrance of food does not provide nourishment. It has to go into the digestive system to benefit you.
    - Get God's WORD into your eyes, ears and heart—get it into the system (Proverbs 4:20-22).
    - Faith comes by hearing, so put God's WORD into the system (Romans 10:10).

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make a list of anyone whom you need to forgive. Lay the list before The LORD, and declare in Jesus' Name that you have chosen to forgive. Ask the Father to forgive you for holding on to their sins. Now, believe and receive your freedom from the bondage of unforgiveness!

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### DAY 4 – MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD BRINGS REVELATION

God wants us to hear and meditate on His WORD and promises day and night. Spend time meditating on God and on what He said, so you can learn more about Jesus. Revealed knowledge comes straight from the Holy Spirit to your spirit. Tune your heart to the Holy Spirit and God's WORD, and fully expect to hear and receive revelation.

#### STUDY IT

- I. God wants us to hear and meditate on His WORD and promises day and night.
  - Meditate on God's WORD, because faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17).
  - God told Joshua to meditate day and night on His WORD (Joshua 1:8).
    - The previous image Joshua had of the Promised Land was a people who were as large as giants and difficult to defeat.
    - God said, "I am the giant here. You keep your mind on Me, not the problems that are too big for you to handle. Keep your mind on Me!"
- II. Spend time meditating on God and on what He said.
  - James tells us that some people read God's WORD like they look into a mirror. When they walk away, they immediately forget what they saw (James 1:22-25). Why? They didn't decide to understand and remember.
    - It is possible to read the Bible every day and not get any faith out of it.
    - You can't know the Bible unless you know the Author.
  - James goes on to say that whoever really looks into the perfect law of liberty (the Bible) will find the truth. And the truth shall make him free (John 8:32).
    - The truth is the Man, Jesus!
- III. We can learn more about Jesus by meditating on God's WORD (John 6:15-21).
  - Get your concordance and look up Capernaum. That city was Jesus' headquarters. He lived there (Matthew 4:13-16). You will find all kinds of things happened in Jesus' home town.
  - One day the disciples had worked hard, feeding 5,000-plus people. Then, as they were returning to Capernaum by ship, a storm came up and they had to row against the waves. They had rowed for about three miles, and they saw Jesus walking on the water.





- When Jesus entered the boat, they were immediately at the shore.
  - Why did Jesus do that miracle? Brother Copeland meditated on that passage, and The LORD told him that the men were tired and needed to be home.
- IV. Revealed knowledge comes straight from the Holy Spirit to your spirit.
- There comes a time when you receive the revelation of who Jesus is.
  - Brother Copeland's mother taught him about Jesus, but he had not been born again. He didn't know that Gloria had gotten saved two weeks before, and she was praying for him.
    - Brother Copeland came home from work one evening. He was changing shoes when all of a sudden, the room filled with the glory of God. Brother Copeland heard The LORD say, "If you don't get straightened out with Me, son, you're going to a devil's hell."
    - Brother Copeland knew it, but he didn't know what to do next. Then, he heard the voice of his childhood Sunday school teacher saying, "Boys, you have to ask Jesus to come into your heart." So he did. Brother Copeland went from knowing about Jesus, to knowing Him.
- V. Tune your heart to the Holy Spirit and God's WORD, and fully expect to hear and receive revelation.
- Many people operate with sense knowledge, that is, knowledge gained from the five physical senses.
    - In the natural process of growth you learn to have certain expectations, or sense knowledge in things, like faith that a chair will hold you up.
    - You learned that seeing is believing, and if you can't see it, don't believe it. Those concepts work in the sense knowledge world. They don't work in the faith world—the spiritual realm.
  - Revelation knowledge comes when the born-again spirit receives revelation given by the Holy Spirit from The WORD of God. You see something you hadn't seen before. The entrance of His WORD brings understanding (Psalm 119:130).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer:

*Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your WORD. I love to read and meditate Your promises. I chose to listen as Your Holy Spirit reveals Jesus. Fill me with revelation and direct me as I follow You each day. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.*



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### DAY 5 – FAITH FUNDAMENTALS ALWAYS WORK

Practice the fundamentals of faith until you master them. The faith fundamentals always work because they are the foundational laws of the Spirit of God. When you were born again, you stepped over into the Spirit and into the kingdom of God.

### STUDY IT

- I. Practice the fundamentals of faith. They are the foundational laws of the Spirit of God.
  - A person doesn't have to be born again to use these spiritual laws. "Whoever shall say..." is the law.
  - There are mind-science religions that use that law, but they are not connected to the faith of God, so they don't have the power of God. They depend on the power of the mind, not the Spirit of God.
- II. When you were born again, you stepped over into the Spirit and into the kingdom of God.
  - You have been raised up and seated together with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).
    - That position gives you the right to use the faith of God.
  - Practice the fundamentals until you master them.
    - Jesus taught His disciples by saying, "Have faith in God," or "have the faith of God," or "have the God-kind of faith" (Mark 11:22-25).
    - Fundamental No. 1: Believe and say God's WORD.
    - Fundamental No. 2: Then act on your faith in The WORD of God by doing something to reinforce what you believe.
    - Fundamental No. 3: Forgive if you have anything against someone.
- III. At the beginning of his ministry, Kenneth Copeland believed and spoke in faith for an airplane.
  - His corresponding action was to purchase a flight bag and the flight charts for the whole United States, and he sowed seed for the airplane.



- The plane he believed for was a 1959 Cessna Skylane. It cost \$9,000, and he had \$5,000. He went to talk to the owner about the sale. Mr. Spinks agreed to hold the \$5,000 and the airplane until Brother Copeland had the balance.
  - Brother Copeland told the owner that he would not borrow the money, because God would give it to him.
  - All the way home, Brother Copeland believed in his heart and spoke that God was giving him the necessary money. When he got home, a couple called to say they had mailed an offering. It was the amount needed to pay for the airplane!
  - Thirty minutes later, Brother Copeland was back at the airport. He witnessed to Mr. Spinks that God had already given him the rest of the money.

IV. Kenneth Copeland tells about one of his Partners, Jasmine Mays.

- Jasmine's mother raised her in Kenneth Copeland Ministries Believers' Conventions. As an adult, she continued to attend KCM meetings, using her vacation to get the time off work.
  - On one flight, the person behind her put her bare foot on Jasmine's arm rest. Instead of being angry at the invasion of her space, Jasmine chose to walk in love.
  - She took a short video of the foot and of her expression of surprise, and posted it on Facebook™ to her friends. The video went viral and was picked up by a national media company. They pay Jasmine every time it's viewed!
- God has a million ways to make you a billionaire.
- You are redeemed from the curse (Galatians 3:13), and through Jesus, you have been made rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The fundamentals of faith will work when you put them into your life! We want to rejoice with you, so please let us know about your faith journey. [Click here to share with us](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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