



## BACK TO THE BASICS OF FAITH

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### DAY I – YOU HAVE TODAY WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY

The first fundamental of faith is to *believe* God's WORD in your heart and *say* it with your mouth. The second fundamental of faith is *act* on The WORD of God. What you say today is what you will have tomorrow. Believe what God's WORD says.

### STUDY IT

- I. The fundamentals of faith.
  - Faith is a spiritual force (Mark 11:22-26).
  - Faith is not a mental force or a physical force. Faith works in the inward man. You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a physical body.
  - Faith is a spiritual force born of the Spirit and The WORD of God.
  - It takes faith to receive salvation. You must believe with your heart and say it with your mouth (Romans 10:9-10).
  - A heart of unbelief is an evil heart (Hebrews 3:12).
  - Whatever is in your heart in abundance is going to come out of your mouth. If God's WORD is in abundance in your heart, that's what's going to come out through your words.
  
- II. The first basic fundamental of faith is to believe it in your heart and say it with your mouth (Mark 11:23; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Romans 10:10; Luke 6:43-45).
  - You have today what you said yesterday. The only way you can change what you're going to have tomorrow is to change what you're saying today.
  - Some people believe their feelings—what they see or what they hear.
  - It is vitally important to believe what's in God's WORD; and it takes time to read, search and choose to believe what's there.
  - The Bible contains what God said; you must believe it and say it, because it pertains to you.
  
- III. The second fundamental of faith is act on God's WORD. Act on your faith.
  - You were created to function in faith in The WORD of God and act on that WORD.
  - God wants to bless you in every way. He yearns to give you what you need, and you can have it by applying God's WORD to your life.
  - Brother Copeland has so much compassion for people who can't pay their bills and are hurting financially. He hates poverty, and he loves people.





- God wants you to take your faith and call in blessings for yourself and for others.

III. Believe what God's WORD says.

- Jesus spoke a parable about the sower who sows The WORD.
- Satan comes immediately to steal The WORD that was spoken (Mark 4:14-15).
- Satan knows if he can get you to believe what he's saying, and you begin to say what he's saying, then he can work in your life to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). Satan can't work until you give him that place.
- God can't work in your life unless you keep your eyes on Him and believe what He is saying.
- Keep your eyes on God's WORD instead of believing what you feel or think, or what people are saying.

Additional scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:16; John 4:24, 14:10

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask the Holy Spirit to monitor your words on a daily basis. Be sensitive to listen to Him and change your words as necessary. Speak words that match The WORD of God, and you will see changes in what is happening in your life.

Write what you *want* to say, so that your tomorrow is filled with God's blessings.

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### DAY 2 – ACTIONS OF FAITH BRING VICTORY

Act on God's WORD until it happens—until you win the victory. The Bible is faith's solid foundation. It's the Word of Faith which we preach. The Word of Faith is The WORD of God.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Act on God's WORD until it happens—until you win the victory.
  - Quitting is not an option. We need to act on The WORD and never quit.
  - We play until we win. It's not over until we say it's over.
  - Make the decision that your answer is in God's WORD, and you're going to find it.
  - You have to use The WORD, the blood and Jesus' Name. Write down scriptures you will use. Let the Bible fight your fight; you just believe and speak.
  - The WORD of God is the perfect law of liberty (James 1:25).
    - "Be ye doers of The WORD and not hears only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).
    - You shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free (John 8:32).
  - Out of the mouths of two or more witnesses, you are healed.
    - Sickness, you must bow your knee to the Name of Jesus (Philippians 2:9-10).
    - Cancer, you are a name, and you must bow your knee to the Name of Jesus.
    - Dementia, Alzheimer's, you're names. The spirit of fear is the spirit of dementia (2 Timothy 1:7).
    - The Name of Jesus is above every name (Philippians 2:9-10).
    - You are healed (James 4:7-8; 1 John 4:4)!
    - We overcome sickness and disease by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony—the word of our confession (Revelation 12:11).
  
- II. The Bible is faith's solid foundation. It's the Word of Faith which we preach. The Word of faith is The WORD of God.
  - Believe it in your heart and say it with your mouth (Romans 10:10).
  - Get the scriptural facts upon which you are basing your faith. Don't try to base your faith only on an idea—base it on God's WORD.



- III. Believe God's WORD, say what you are believing for, and then act on it.
- Faith without corresponding action is dead (James 2:20). Act on what you believe in your heart and what you say with your mouth.
  - Brother Copeland told of the early days of the ministry when he believed God for an airplane, but he didn't have enough money to purchase it.
    - So, he did something toward getting the airplane. He bought a flight case and instrument charts.
    - As he believed and spoke, it wasn't long before he had an airplane.
    - However, he didn't have a hanger for the plane, and there wasn't one available.
    - He rented a tie-down space right in front of the hanger he wanted.
    - In a few days, that hanger unexpectedly became available, and he moved his airplane right in.
  - Believe God's WORD—believe it in your heart, say it with your mouth, and act on your faith.

Additional scripture: James 2:14-17

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write scriptures you will use as God's WORD fights for you in every situation.

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### DAY 3 – FAITH THAT GIVES GLORY TO GOD

There is a faith that gives glory to God. Strong faith is when we are fully persuaded that God is able to do what He promised. The basic fundamentals of faith are simple. The WORD of God must have a greater authority to you than the problem.

#### STUDY IT

- I. There is faith that gives glory to God (Romans 4:17-21).
  - “[Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God” (Romans 4:20-21).
  - God made a promise to Abraham and said, “I have made you the father of many nations” (Romans 4:17; Genesis 17:1-5).
    - The meaning of the name *Abram* is “exalted father,” and *Abraham* means “father of a multitude.”
- II. Strong faith is when we are fully persuaded that God is able to do what He promised. That faith gives glory to God (Romans 4:20-21).
  - Faith that gives glory to God believes what God has already said and what He has already done.
  - Strong faith does not consider the circumstance or the symptoms, but believes what God has promised.
  - Weak faith considers the symptoms or the situation.
- III. The basic fundamentals of faith are simple.
  - Believing what God has already said and what God has already done gives glory to God.
  - Faith believes The WORD of God and requires no other evidence. Have faith in the power and absolute authority of The WORD of God, requiring no other evidence.
- IV. The WORD of God must have a greater authority to you than the problem.
  - Brother Copeland shared a time when he was ministering to a man in a prayer line.



- In obedience to The LORD, Brother Copeland asked the man if he was healed. The man answered, "No, I have this thing on my side."
  - Brother Copeland said, "The WORD of God says that by Jesus' stripes, you were healed." The man agreed, but continued to maintain that he was not healed, because he had a problem on his side.
  - Brother Copeland continued to remind the man of the scripture (1 Peter 2:24).
  - To the man, the problem on his side had more authority than God's WORD and what Jesus did at Calvary.
  - Brother Copeland finally said, "If I agree with you that you're not healed, you're going to keep that thing on your side. But, if you will agree with the Bible, then you have God's WORD that you're healed."
  - The man understood and said, "Lay your hands on me, and I'll be healed."
  - The man was struggling because he believed the symptoms more than he believed in the power of God.
  - The man's unbelief was actually giving honor and glory to the lies of the devil. That growth on him was a lie against the truth.
- The symptoms, situation and problems do not glorify God at all! There is no truth in a cancer.
- If you take the truth of God, put it in your heart and mouth, believe it with your heart, say it, and bring corresponding action on the scene, the truth will win.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

It's time for you to believe that you have strong faith, and use the power of God in your life and in the lives of others. Write the names of those you are praying for and believing God to help (including yourself), and speak the will of God over them with expectation and faith.

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### DAY 4 – THINGS THAT WILL SHORTCUT YOUR FAITH

Abraham was our example of strong faith in God's WORD. But faith will be cut short, and the flow of God's Spirit in our lives will be blocked, by strife and unrepented sins. We're responsible to live in obedience and according to God's will.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Abraham was our example of strong faith in God's WORD (Romans 4:16-21).
  - Abraham believed the impossible, just because God said it.
    - He was fully persuaded that what God promised, He was able to perform.
  - Abraham followed the basic fundamentals of faith, which are:
    - Hear the truth of God.
    - Believe what God says with your heart and say it.
    - Bring corresponding acting on the scene.
    - The truth of The WORD of God will overpower any unbelief.
  
- II. Strife will shortcut your faith—it will cost you.
  - Confusion comes where there is strife and every evil work, so, don't fuss (James 3:16)!
    - Don't even get in strife with the news commentator on TV. If necessary, turn the television off.
    - Just like you don't put dirt or sand in your gas tank and ruin your engine, don't pollute your faith with strife.
  - Don't have unrepented sins of strife. They will clog up your spirit to the point that God's glory can't flow through.
  - Brother Copeland gave an example of unrepented strife:
    - Gloria Copeland got some cantaloupes at a corner stand, and when she got home she realized that almost all of the cantaloupes were spoiled except for two at the top that were ripe.
    - Brother Copeland wanted to take the cantaloupes back and punish the seller who had deceived Gloria, but he didn't do it. They just threw the spoiled cantaloupes away.





- The problem was that Brother Copeland didn't stop and repent over being angry with that guy. His anger became one more grain of sand, one more piece of spiritual pollution in his spirit.
- As God began to reveal areas of unrepented strife that were hindering the anointing and the glory of God, Brother Copeland repented of them all.

III. Unrepented sins will stop the flow of God's Spirit in your life.

- You will be tempted to get in strife or fuss about something; it might be a little irritation in a restaurant or the temptation to get mad at your tools.
- The temptation to cuss may come. As believers, we know better than to use the Name of God in cursing, but we substitute curse words with slang like "dadgummit," or "golly."
  - Cursing is sin, because it's polluting your spirit—the part of you that's holy—and it pollutes the power portion of your life.
- Telling lies will pollute your spirit (Ephesians 4:25). Don't say you'll be there at 3:00 and get there at 3:05. That's a lie. If you catch yourself lying, stop and correct it.
- Deal with strife by repenting quickly.

IV. We're responsible to live according to God's will.

- We have been made soldiers in the army of The LORD.
- God has blessed us so much, and we have learned so much; now obedience is required from us.
- Give authority to God's written WORD, so that when it comes time that we need The LORD to help us, He isn't blocked by unrepented sins.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask The LORD to identify anything that is a hindrance to the glory of God in your life. As you recognize strife or other sins, repent of them. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for removing hindrances, and allowing His glory to shine through you to others.

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### DAY 5 – GOD'S WORD IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY

God's WORD tells us that whatever we desire, we can have—if we follow the fundamentals of faith. The steps of the fundamentals of faith are simple: Believe, speak and act on your faith that God's WORD is the final authority. Be assured that you *do* have strong faith, because you give glory to God, and you're fully persuaded that He's able to do what He promised.

- I. God's WORD tells us that whatever we desire, we can have—if we follow the fundamentals of faith (Mark 11:22-26).
  - We must have faith in God, and believe that those things that we say shall come to pass.
  - Jesus told Thomas to stop being faithless. Thomas had chosen to not exercise any faith (John 20:25-27).
  - You can choose to believe God's WORD and make it your final authority or not; the decision is yours.
  
- II. The steps of the fundamentals of faith are simple (2 Corinthians 4:13).
  - *Believe* it in your heart and *say* what you believe. That's the first fundamental of faith.
  - Belief and confession with your mouth bring results (Romans 10:10).
  - If a person continually feeds on fear and deposits unbelief in his/her heart, he/she is filled with fear, which is evil.
  - If a person is a believer in Jesus Christ, he/she is born again. The old man has passed away and all things now are of God (2 Corinthians 5:17-18).
    - Instead of a fountain of fear, he/she has a fountain of faith.
    - The old man was a fear producer. This new man is a faith producer.
  - It is a spiritual law: "For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:43-45). That is a law of the spirit realm, and you cannot change it.
  - What comes out of your mouth is coming to pass!





- III. The second fundamental of faith is to *act on your faith*—be a doer of The WORD (James 1:22).
- Early in their ministry, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland attended seminars taught by Brother Kenneth E. Hagin.
  - Brother Hagin taught the members of the class that if they were serious about living by faith, they should say: “From this day forward, LORD, Your WORD is final authority in my life.”
  - If you’re serious about living by faith in God, make this confession:
    - “I will not, with God’s help, ever alter His WORD to fit my lifestyle. I will alter my lifestyle to fit The WORD of God. From this day forward, The WORD of God is the final authority in my life.”
- IV. Be assured that you *do* have strong faith, because you give glory to God, and you’re fully persuaded that He’s able to do what He promised (Romans 4:19-21).
- Brother Copeland tells of a woman whose son left home, and she hadn’t had any contact from him.
    - She heard this word about acting on God’s WORD.
    - She realized that instead of crying and grieving over her son, she needed to do an action that corresponded to her belief and prayer.
    - She started setting a place at the dinner table for him, and preparing for him as if he were home.
    - In a short time, the young man came home!
  - Brother Hagin said: “Act as though the New Testament is true.” It is! God really said you have what you say! Begin to say, “Thank God I have strong faith,” and you will!
  - Make this confession: “I’m fully persuaded that my God is able to do everything He’s promised, and I give Him glory.”

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

As you make God’s WORD final authority in your life, and you take steps of faith, things will change according to the will of God. Please share those changes with us! [Click here to share with us](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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### APPENDIX

#### DAY 4 – THINGS THAT WILL SHORTCUT YOUR FAITH

Kenneth Copeland prophecy:

“But the time has come and now is,” saith The LORD, “that these things will make the difference. For in years gone by some of these things were lighter weights in your life, but now each day that goes by, they get weightier and weightier and weightier because the time is drawing nigh.

“The time has come and now is for My people, particularly those whom I’ve been teaching and training for years in the Word of Faith; it’s time for you to take hold and go up to another level.

“Come on up here with Me,” saith The LORD. “Walk with Me,” saith God. “Talk with Me. Let Me have My place in your life. Let Me have the little things. Let Me have those little grains of sand. Let Me have those. Get those out. Get rid of that. Spend some time with Me,” saith The LORD. “And you’ll find yourself in a much cleaner place, and you’ll find My gifts and My spiritual laws working more proficiently in you every day that goes by. And it won’t be long until you’ll look around and say, ‘My, my! Look how things have changed!’”