



# FAITH CALLS THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE

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## DAY 1 – BE A DOER OF GOD'S COVENANT

God made promises to the children of Israel. We are already BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Promise. Paul prayed that you would know the Spirit of God who is rich in mercy.

### STUDY IT

- I. God made promises to the children of Israel.
  - In Leviticus 26 we find THE BLESSING of obedience and the penalties of disobedience.
  - God said if the people would keep His commandments, He would give them rain in due season (Leviticus 26:4).
    - The weather pattern doesn't have anything to do with El Nino in the ocean or greenhouse gases. It has to do with being a doer of the Covenant.
  - God said the land would yield increase; they would be fruitful, multiply and establish God's covenant (Leviticus 26:9-10).
  - God said, "I will be your God and you shall be My people" (Leviticus 26:12).
    - But, if the people did not do all these commandments and broke His covenant, they would live in terror and sorrow. They would sow their seed in vain. Their enemies who hated them would reign over them, and they would flee when no one pursued (Leviticus 26:14-17).
  - But, if they confessed their iniquity, then God would remember His covenant with Jacob, Isaac and Abraham; and remember the land (Leviticus 26:40-42).
    - God will remember His exceeding, great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4).
    - God gave His WORD; that's His bond.
- II. We are already BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham (Ephesians 1:3).
  - The LORD told Brother Copeland, *Find out My plan; it's already BLESSED.*
  - God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world. He made us accepted in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:4-6).
  - When El Shaddai appeared to Abram, He said, "I have *made* you the father of many nations" (Romans 4:17). God had the authority to do that.
  - God chose Abraham because he would teach his children.



- We should be teaching our children Psalm 91 for their protection.
  - Numbers 32:20-22 is the Soldier's Promise. You can pray that for the soldiers fighting in the Israel Defense Forces.
  - David took charge by knowing and using God's covenant with His people.
    - That's what the book *God, the Covenant and the Contradiction*, by Brother Copeland and Greg Stephens is about—knowing and using the Covenant.
  - People plead the blood of Jesus all the time; but how much more powerful it is when you really have a sense of occupation and ownership of what the blood purchased for you.
- III. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Promise.
- We obtained an inheritance, after we trusted and believed, and were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:11, 13).
  - It is the same Spirit who worked in Creation (Genesis 1:2). He *is* the power.
  - God spoke creation into being by faith (Hebrews 11:3). It was the Spirit of Promise who carried out God's spoken WORD.
- IV. Paul's prayer was that you would know the Spirit of God (Ephesians 1:17-23).
- Pray and believe this prayer over yourself every day. You are starting with the answer to unleash God's mighty BLESSING and wisdom in your household.
  - By praying the same prayer several times, you are not repeating yourself; you are repeating what God said.
  - The phrases "In Him" and "In Whom" are talking about your position In Christ.
  - Jesus is the Head; we are the Body of Jesus. The head and the body are one together in the natural and in the spirit.
- V. God is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4). We are His workmanship.
- Years ago, The LORD told Brother Copeland, *My children are strangers to the Covenants of promise. They don't know how to use a covenant. They don't even know it's there.*
  - In the last Passover meal, Jesus said, "This is My blood of the New Testament [New Covenant], which is shed for many" (Mark 14:24).
  - By receiving Jesus, you receive His Covenant and all the promises in it.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Let's pray together:

*Father, please teach me to be a doer of Your Covenant. I desire to work with You and do Your will. Thank You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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## DAY 2 – RECEIVE WHAT THE SPIRIT PROMISED THROUGH FAITH

We are already BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham. God is a God of life. God established His covenant with Abraham and told him, "In you all the nations shall be BLESSED."

### STUDY IT

- I. We are already BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham (Ephesians 1:3).
  - The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Promise (Ephesians 1:13).
  - Paul prayed that God would give us His Spirit who has His exceeding, self-sustaining power (Ephesians 1:17-19).
- II. God is a God of life.
  - God entered into covenant with the people, and He ratified it with blood so they wouldn't forget.
    - Jesus said, "This cup is the New Testament [New Covenant] in My blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:20).
  - You have to read the articles of the Covenant like you would a contract because that's what it is. It is a contract signed in the blood of Jesus.
    - You can't break this Covenant. It is between God and a resurrected immortal Man, Jesus.
  - Jesus didn't *atone* for (cover) sin; His blood *remitted* (removed) it.
  - Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin and unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).
- III. God established His covenant with Abraham.
  - "I will make My covenant between Me and thee and multiply thee exceedingly" (Genesis 17:2).
    - Abraham was the covenant Friend of God (James 2:23).
  - Covenants were sealed with the blood of animals until God established circumcision (Genesis 17:11).
  - God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, and Abraham immediately obeyed (Genesis 22:2-3).
  - Abraham told the servants, "The lad and I will return" (Genesis 22:5).



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- Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son. Isaac was willing to be the sacrifice.
  - Abraham took Isaac up the mountain of sacrifice by faith. He fully believed God would raise Isaac from the dead (Hebrews 11:19).
  - God knew His only begotten Son, Jesus, would ask that the cup of sacrifice be passed from Him; but God could not, because His covenant partner, Abraham, had been willing to sacrifice his son (Matthew 26:39).
  - Abraham is the father of our faith. His uncommon faith is available to us.
- IV. God told Abraham, "In you all the nations shall be BLESSED" (Galatians 3:8).
- We are BLESSED with believing Abraham through faith, and we can receive what the Spirit promised.
  - The promise was to one Seed, Jesus Christ, and we are in Christ (Galatians 3:16).
    - We are joint heirs with Jesus. That's what it means to "name it and claim it by faith," because it belongs to us.
  - We are all one in Christ. We are joint heirs, not sub heirs. We have firstborn status with Abraham's Seed, Jesus.
  - Believers are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus according to the promise (Galatians 3:26, 29).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

How do we receive? By taking what is offered. We receive with our words of acceptance.

Let's pray together:

*Heavenly Father, I know You are offering me a life of health, a life of prosperity, and a life full of the Love of God. I choose to receive what You offer through the sacrifice and blood of Jesus. I take it now! Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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## DAY 3 – HOW TO RECEIVE THE PROMISES OF GOD THROUGH FAITH

We are to “call those things that be not as though they were”—that’s faith. Call on God for help to get back on course. Paul wrote that he knew Christ after the flesh. Abraham, like God, called those things which be not as though they were.

### STUDY IT

- I. We are to “call those things that be not as though they were”—that’s faith (Romans 4:17).
  - Paul wrote, “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6). It’s a treasure!
  - Faith is the title deed to your healing, finances and whatever you need. It is the evidence, the reality of the things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1, *AMPC*).
  - We live by faith, not by sight or reasoning.
  - Faith is in the spirit, not the mind.
  - Every day my body gets one day older; and every day my spirit gets one day younger because it is renewed every day.
    - “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16).
  - Things that are seen are temporary and subject to change.
    - “For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18).
- II. Call on God for help to get back on course.
  - To get off course as a pilot is a problem.
  - In the same way, you can get an off-course problem in your life.
  - You must continually make the necessary corrections to get to your desired destination.
    - Speak God’s will. Call yourself, “on course.” Call things that be not as though they were.





- III. Paul wrote that he knew Christ after the flesh (2 Corinthians 5:16).
- It started on the road to Damascus. Saul cried out to Jesus, "Who art thou, LORD? And The LORD said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (Acts 9:5).
    - If you speak badly about another Christian, you're actually speaking badly about Jesus.
  - Paul wanted the believers to know God. The Greek word for *known* is *ginosko*. It means to have intimate knowledge which gives birth to revelation knowledge (2 Corinthians 5:16).
    - Revelation knowledge is seeing and understanding with your spirit.
  - "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not holding against them their trespasses" (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).
    - We are ambassadors for Christ, and say with Paul, "Be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).
  - God did what was necessary that we be *made* righteous in Christ.
    - "For He [God] hath made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him [Christ]" (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- IV. Abraham, like God, called those things which were not as though they were (Romans 4:17).
- Abraham, against hope, believed in hope that he might become the father of many nations. He considered not his own body nor Sarah's womb, and staggered not at the promise of God, but was strong in faith, being fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able also to perform (Romans 4:18-21).
  - We need to start calling things that are not as though they were.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Although faith is not a tangible substance, it is powerful. Ask the Holy Spirit for help as you learn to use your faith. Meditate on Jesus' words in Mark 11:22-24.

Write down Mark 11:22-24. Then read it out loud every day and believe it. You will see your faith in God's promises grow as you speak and believe His WORD.

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### DAY 4 – FAITH CALLS THE PROMISES OF GOD TO YOU

We are to be like Abraham and speak God's WORD by faith. The more you know of God and His ways, the more responsible you become to obey Him. To walk with God, we walk on the Love line.

#### STUDY IT

- I. We are to be like Abraham and speak God's WORD by faith.
  - [God] "calleth those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17).
    - Believers are to call things that are not visible as though they were.
  - Some say, "I can't support that Word of Faith. I don't think it makes any difference what I say."
    - Those words open the door for the devil to run rampant in your life.
    - You have heard the Word of Faith about the power of your words; now make a decision that you are going to guard your mouth.
  - If you believe what you say more than what God says, the devil will take advantage of that and put his words in your mouth.
    - The devil will fill your mouth full of death and bring all kinds of troubles your way, unless you repent and stop him.
- II. The more you know of God and His ways, the more responsible you become to obey Him.
  - As an illustration, Charles Capps drew an upside-down triangle.
    - The things that are in the will of God are at the top.
  - Stay with God by spending time reading His WORD.
  - Brother Capps explained about calling things that are not as though they were.
    - "You don't call the cat when you want the dog."
    - People are calling things as they are, and nothing changes in their lives.
  - To stay in Love, we must be aware of our words.
  - Walk in Love. That is our commandment.
  - Fear and faith are both spiritual forces, but they are opposites.
    - You can have faith in God, or faith in the devil's work, which is fear.



III. To walk with God, we walk on the Love line.

- The perfect Love of God pushes out fear and removes torment (1 John 4:18).
- The Love walk is a narrow way. If you get out of Love, the devil is right there to hurt you.
- Our Love for God and obedience to His WORD is a witness that we love one another (1 John 5:2).
- We overcome the world by faith (1 John 5:4).
- Our prayers are answered as we pray God's will (1 John 5:14-15).
- "Whosoever is born of God sins not, but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and the wicked one touches him not" (1 John 5:18).
- The devil can't touch you. Remind him of your position as a tither.
  - Brother Copeland's statement: "Mr. Devil, I want to remind you, you are a defeated foe. Jesus brought you to naught. I am a tither, a prompt, hilarious giver. You take your hands off me right now, in the Name of Jesus."

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Use your words to call God's will to you. His will is found in His promises.

Write down a promise you can speak and believe about a situation in your life that needs to be changed; healing, prosperity, sound mind, etc.

I need a change in \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

The promise of God I speak and believe is:

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## DAY 5 – FAITH, THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

Faith is the secret to success. Faith is guaranteed to come by hearing and hearing by The WORD of God. All those listed in Hebrews 11 paved the way for us. If you follow this checklist, things will work for you: spirit, soul and body. By grace are you saved through faith; it is the gift of God.

### STUDY IT

- I. Faith is the secret to success. We preach faith because:
  - It's impossible to please God without it.
  - You can't be saved without it.
  - You can't live the Christian life without it.
  - You can't overcome the world without it.
  - Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.
  - Faith begins where the wisdom of God is known.
- II. Faith is guaranteed to come by hearing and hearing by The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
  - It will come more quickly when you're hearing it under the anointing of teaching.
  - Jesus did more teaching than anything else. Everywhere He went, He was teaching, preaching and healing—in that order.
  - We know the ways of God.
  - The just shall live by faith (Hebrews 10:38-39).
  - The spirit and soul of a man are not the same thing.
    - Paul lists them in his prayer: "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- III. All those listed in Hebrews 11 paved the way for us.
  - This started in the Garden of Eden.
  - God said to the serpent, "There is One coming."
    - The devil tried to kill anyone who looked like God.





- The devil didn't find out the identity of the Messiah until he heard God say, "This is My beloved Son" (Mark 1:11).
- IV. If you follow this checklist, things will work for you: spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:13-22).
  - Be at peace among yourselves; warn them who are unruly; comfort the feeble-minded; support the weak; be patient toward all men; see that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
  - Rejoice evermore; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks (not *for* everything), for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
  - Quench not the Spirit; despise not prophesyings; prove all things; hold fast that which is good; abstain from all appearance of evil; pray for us.
- V. By grace are you saved through faith; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).
  - The moment you accepted Jesus, you were made a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).
  - Believe, when you say it, that God will do it; and He will.
  - Your life is sustained by your faith in God.
  - You have overcome, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). We overcome the spirit of anti-christ.
    - "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).
  - Jesus told His disciples to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, preach that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils. Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:1-2, 6-8). That's the will of God.
  - "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).
    - Here we are 2300 years later, and He's still the same—still healing people.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Now you know the secret: Live by faith. You can do it and be victorious. Please let us know about your successes by [clicking here](#), or [on Facebook](#).

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