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**Presents: Faith School, Disc 9**  
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-You really haven't learned to love until you've been loved by God. When you've experienced God's Love, the Love that He has for you, it's not a feeling. You can feel it, but it's not necessarily a feeling. It's knowledge. We *know* and *believe* the Love that God has for us. Amen? You *know* it. It takes away your fears, just like when you know your parents love you.

**Introduction**

*Hebrews 11: 1-3* says the things which are seen were made out of something *invisible*. You'll hear people say, "God made everything out of nothing." The Bible doesn't say that. It says that God made everything through Faith. "...*Faith is the substance of things hoped for...*" God took invisible substance and made visible substance. Spiritual things are invisible. Faith is invisible. The Spirit of God is invisible unless He allows you to see Him. His Presence can be seen. God made everything you *can* see out of something that you *can't* see. He didn't make things out of nothing. Whenever you hear people say that God made everything out of nothing means they don't understand that the Spiritual Realm is the parent of the Natural Realm. God is a spirit. He made everything out of spiritual substance, of which Faith is a spiritual substance. Right? Praise the Lord.

When your Faith has gotten strong in an area, then you've got to put a challenge to it. I believe our Faith can grow and develop until we're able to receive everything that God has for us, EVERYTHING. Can you shout, "Everything!"? Hallelujah! I want to leave nothing on the table! I want to take it all! Everything that God has can be obtained through Faith. However, everything that God has doesn't get obtained by everybody. But it can! That's why Jesus said, "*According to your faith, so be it unto you...*" In other words, it's not up to God. You hear people say, "Well, if it's the Lord's will, He'll do it." No. That's not a true statement at all.

The Bible said in *II Peter 3:9* that God is not willing that any should perish. It's not God's will that one soul should perish. *Well why doesn't He just save everybody then?* Because *everybody* doesn't want to be saved! *Everybody* refuses to believe. There are people who refuse to believe the Gospel, and so they can't be saved. If God could just do whatever He wanted to do then we wouldn't have any problems would we? He'd take care of it all without us even *thinking* about it. But that doesn't happen. That happens when you're a baby in Christ. How many remember the baby days? When, you know, it just seemed like you went around making messes and God cleaned up everything for you, like we do with babies. Whatever it took to stop you from crying, He'd give it to you. Remember those days? They didn't last long did they? You can't stay a baby forever.

The same thing is true in the Natural Realm. If your kid is still crying for a pacifier when they're four (4), you didn't do something right. Right? The same thing is true with us and God. God expects us to grow up. God expects us to mature. God expects us to develop our Faith and leave babyhood and become adolescents in the Spirit and then become mature adults in the Spirit, and begin to walk in the same level of Faith that Jesus walked in. Hallelujah!

**A Word from the Lord**

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*"If you will grow and develop your Faith, then I'm going to bring to pass, in your life, everything that I have promised you and everything that I have provided for you. I'll bring it into your life, says the Lord. But it will only come as you grow and as you develop and as you mature in your Faith. Be of good cheer because I have provided the way. My Holy Spirit and My Word are here to help you grow and help your Faith mature. And so be sure, you will mature if you allow Me and the Holy Spirit to work in your life and feed you and lead you into the process of the development of your Faith. Your Faith will grow and mature until one day all that you ask for shall be done, Hallelujah, and every battle shall be won, Hallelujah, saith the Lord."*

And then, Glory to God, your life will be fun. Give the Lord some praise!

**1. God Wants Your Faith to Grow and Develop**

- He doesn't want you and me to stay at the same level. If after twenty (20) years I'm still struggling to believe God to heal my headache, that's a sure sign that I've never developed my Faith.
- If I'm still struggling to believe God for a hundred (100) bucks after twenty (20) years, I haven't developed my Faith.
- All things are possible to him that believes.

**2. Everything Is Already Possible with God**

**I. Mark 9:23:** *"And Jesus said unto him, If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

- With God all things are possible, but everything isn't possible to you or me yet.
- My Faith hasn't grown yet to include *everything* as a possibility.
- That is the highest level of Faith, where all things become possible to us.

I'm not there yet, but I'm working on it. I want to get there. I want to get there to where no challenge is too big, no sickness, no disease, nothing, no problem is too great. I want get there to where I can believe for everything. Jesus was at that level.

**II. Mark 9:14-29: Verse 14,** *"And when He came to His Disciples, He saw a great multitude about them, and the Scribes questioning with them. Verse 15, And straightway all the people, when they beheld Him, were greatly amazed, and running to Him saluted Him. Verse 16, And He asked the Scribes, What question ye with them? Verse 17, And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto You my son, which has a dumb spirit;"*

**Verse 18,** *"And wheresoever he takes him, he tears him: and he foams, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pines away: and I spoke to Your Disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not."*

**Verse 19,** *"He answered him, and said, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? (Will My short time be enough?) How long shall I suffer you? (Is it possible for even the Twelve who are constantly*

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with Me, to understand?) Bring him unto Me. **Verse 20**, And they brought him unto Him: and when he (the demon spirit) saw Him (Jesus), straightway the spirit (demon spirit) tore him (the boy); and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. **Verse 21**, And He (Jesus) asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. **Verse 22**, And oftentimes it has cast in into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if You can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. **Verse 23**, Jesus said unto him, If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. **Verse 24**, And straightway he father of the childe cried out and said with tears, Lord I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. **Verse 25**, When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, You dumb and deaf spirit, I charge you, come out of him, and enter not more into him. **Verse 26**, And the spirit (demon spirit) cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, he is dead. **Verse 27**, But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. **Verse 28**, And when He was come into the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, Why could not we cast him out? **Verse 29**, And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting."

- Jesus was telling His Disciples the reason why they couldn't cast the devil out was because they didn't believe they could.
- That kind of unbelief comes out through prayer and fasting, through seeking God, through developing your Faith.
- Jesus had already developed His Faith to that level. He had already prayed and fasted forty (40) days. He had already spent many nights in prayer. He was already full of the Word. He had already developed and exercised His Faith.

-Some people teach it this way: certain demons can only come out through prayer and fasting. That's not true. All demons have to obey Authority, Faith in the name of Jesus. ALL demons have to obey that. Amen.

Say it with me, "Demons have to obey when I speak in Faith." That's right. What happened with the Disciples was that they didn't believe they could do it. Jesus said, "Bring him here to me. Why? I believe I *can*. I have gotten all the unbelief out of my life." That's what Jesus was saying. "I don't have any more question or any doubt about it. I know I can do it. Bring him here to me." And His Disciples, He corrected them when they said, "Why couldn't we do it?" He said, "You're gonna have to pay the price too, the same price I paid, if you want to live in the same level of Faith I live in then you have to pay the same level of price that I paid. You have to grow and develop your Faith and mature in Faith."

Faith doesn't grow by having hands laid on you. Faith doesn't grow by just being Faithful at Church. Faith grows by using it, feeding it and using it. Amen? Feed it and use it.

### **3. Target Your Faith**

**I. Mark 11:24**, (*the Prayer of Faith*): "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire when you pray, believe you receive them, and you shall have them."

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- Pick something you're gonna believe God for and target your Faith and don't do anything until your Faith produces the thing you believed for. Be realistic. Find your level of Faith.
- Believe you receive when you pray. Not when you see it, but when you pray. And you will have it.
- Faith is right now. The answer is coming. The manifestation is future. Believing you receive it is present tense.

When you pray you believe you receive it, just like healing. You pray, you believe you receive your healing for whatever the issue is, and it says you shall have it. It might take a week for it to manifest, or a month, but if you never take the seed out of the ground.... When you believe you receive it, that's when you plant the seed of Faith. I believe I receive it when I pray. Are you feeling that? "I believe I receive it when I pray!" Hallelujah! When I pray, that's when I receive it. When do you receive it? When you *believe* you receive it that's when you receive it. Did you get that?

-I want to be like the good carpenter. He nails the nail in the board and then he pounds it all the way in, and then he turns the board over and pounds it down so it can't work loose. I want to pound this down here and bend it over on the back so when you leave, it isn't going to work loose.

As our Faith grows, the Prayer of Faith increases in our life. We can believe we receive more and more things. We can believe we receive something much greater than we believed we received last time. One victory precipitates another victory in the Kingdom. *John 5:24, Most assuredly I say unto you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me, hath everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death to life.* You see where it says, *He that believes has....He that believes has eternal life.* Amen.

#### **4. Start Some Place with a Faith That's Realistic for You**

I. **Mark 11:24**, *"...what things soever you desire..."* Does anybody have any desires in here?

- Write it down. What are you believing for?
- Say it with me, "I believe I receive it." That's what you say when you pray. *"... He that believeth hath...."*
- *"...and you will have them..."* It's going to come. It's going to manifest at some point in time. Some things come quick, some things take a little longer. If you don't quit believing you have it, then you'll have it.

What the Lord is saying to us here tonight in Faith School is He wants us to develop our Faith. The way you do that, Faith is like that muscle; you have to start praying for some other things.

#### **5. We Can Do Things Ourselves, and That's the Problem...**

- What happens is we medicate ourselves for years. We've got medicine cabinets full of medicine; Ibuprofen for bone aches, Nyquil for coughs... We know how to take care of

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ourselves. We've got all these things that we lean on. *"...cursed is the man that maketh flesh his arm..."*

- You hear people say, "I don't want to bother the Lord with those little things. I can take care of that..." Honey, you better bother the Lord with them little things, or you'll never be able to believe Him for the big things. It's not a bother. God wants you to believe. It's not a bother, it's believing.
- We've got our medical journals under the living room table because we want to check a symptom out if we get one. We want to know what the devil is killing us with. *"I've got a pain in my side. I believe I must be having a..... gall bladder attack..."* Check out the medical journal... and so we read our medical journals and get all the medicines. We know how to medicate and doctor ourselves up.
- Then the time comes when you really have a problem and there's no medicine for it. Now what are you gonna do? You're gonna hope for a miracle because chances are your Faith is not going to be at the level to believe God for an incurable disease when you didn't have Faith to believe God for one that's curable.

You say, "Why pray about that? I can take medicine for that..." THE REASON THAT YOU SHOULD PRAY ABOUT IT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE DEVELOPING YOUR FAITH! The easy way out is, "I have a pain. I don't want to hurt. Give me medicine. I just want to be relieved of my suffering so hurry up..." You need to get your Faith in gear and apply the Power of God to that thing and if it hurts for a little while, let it hurt and tough your way through it! Not enough people are doing what I'm saying.

Not enough people are taking this seriously. They're not developing their Faith. They're just going to Church, hearing it over and over, and over again, but they're never growing in Faith because they're never developing their Faith. They're never exercising it. They never, on purpose, believe God for anything, just live in this passive realm that says, "Well if God wants to do it, He will..." and it never happens. Or, "Bless God, we'll just do it for our self. We'll make it happen," never really learning to have Faith and develop Great Faith in God.

What is the Lord saying to you tonight? He's saying that He doesn't want your Faith to stay at the level it is. Next year it needs to be greater. I'm gonna believe for greater things next year than I'm believing for this year.

Isn't it great to have God tell you what to do with your life? God wants your future to be good. He'll tell you how to succeed. But it's a walk of Faith. It takes Faith. Every step takes Faith. If we're walking by Faith, we should be increasing! If our Faith is growing everything else should be growing with it! Our Faith should be growing for Divine Healing to where I can believe God to keep me from anything. *Psalm 91* says, *"...there shall no evil befall you and no plague shall come near your dwelling..."*, but that is not baby faith.

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You hear a lot of people saying, “*Psalms 91* is my favorite Psalm. I read it every day...” taking aspirins, going to the doctor getting shots... You may say, “Brother John, you’re really far out with this stuff.” No. Get the shots and take the medicine when you need to do it. I’m not saying that. Thank God for doctors. *If we didn’t have doctors, most Christians would be dead.* I’m just saying do we really believe this Bible? Does God mean what he said and said what He means? Is this possible or are we just playing here? Is anybody gonna live in this? That’s what I’m talking about. Is anybody gonna be more than just what I call an unbelieving believer? When are we gonna start *acting* on this. That’s what I’m talking about. When are we gonna be *doers* of the Word?

-You can’t grow your Faith if you’re not a doer of the Word.

**6. God Wants to Put that Level of Faith on You and Me (Psalm 91)**

- You know, Peter radiated with the Holy Ghost so much that when people walked by Peter and got in his shadow they got healed. He was radiating the Holy Ghost.
- Jesus radiated the Holy Ghost. The Bible said the woman came and touched the hem of his garment and virtue flowed out of Him. He radiated the Holy Ghost. He lived in such a level of Faith, but He didn’t get there over night.
- He didn’t get there by reading a promise out of grandma’s promise box on the way out the door in the morning and praying, “...now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep...”
- You don’t get to that kind of great level of Faith unless you pay the price to get there, unless you pray and fast and meditate in the Word of God and pray in tongues and develop your Faith on purpose. Develop your Faith on purpose. Use your Faith on purpose, people.

**7. Abraham’s Faith Grew**

**I. Romans 4:17-21: Verse 17**, “(As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations, <Gen. 12:1-3; 17:4-5>) before Him Whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, and calls those things which be not as though they were.”

- He grew strong in Faith. He got to that place of being fully persuaded about it. He was fully persuaded by the Word of God that he heard.
- He was so fully persuaded that he called things that be not as though they were. He believed he had received it and he spoke of something that didn’t exist as though it already did. That’s being fully persuaded, when you can say it’s done, when you haven’t seen it yet, when you can say, “It’s done. I have it now.”
- “I have what God said I have.” “I can do what God said I can do.” “I am who God said I am.” Fully Persuaded Faith. Fully Persuaded Faith puts it in the past tense.

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Fully Persuaded Faith is not moved by the five (5) senses. In other words, nothing is going to persuade that Faith away from the Word of God. It's fully persuaded by the Word. Amen? Abraham was fully persuaded by the Word of God. Nothing could *dissuade* him. He was *persuaded* by the Word of God. He couldn't be dissuaded.

**8. Don't Let Anything in the Natural Change Your Persuasion**

- If you're fully persuaded, nothing can change your persuasion. You've been persuaded by the Word of God.
- Have you been persuaded by God's Word that you're healed? Have you been persuaded by God's Word that you're prosperous, you're abundant, that you're a millionaire?
- Have you been persuaded by God's Word that everything you lay your hand to will prosper? Have you been persuaded by God's Word that your seed is mighty upon the earth and the generation of the upright is blessed? Have you been persuaded by the Word of God?

The problem is it's so easy to get persuaded by the five (5) senses, by the circumstances, by the media, by the pain you feel. So many things can persuade us, but what's supposed to persuade us is the Word of God. Abraham was fully persuaded. You have to be convinced by the Word of God, so convinced that you put it in the past tense. Hallelujah!