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Introduction

I Corinthians 12:7-12: **Verse 7**, “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **Verse 8**, For to one is given by the Spirit the Word of Wisdom; to another the Word of Knowledge by the same Spirit; **Verse 9**, To another Faith by the same; to another the Gifts of Healing by the same Spirit; **Verse 10**, To another the working of Miracles; to another Prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of Tongues; to another the interpretation of Tongues; **Verse 11**, But all these work that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. **Verse 12**, For as the Body (Church) is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one Body, being many, are one Body: so also is Christ.”

The Definition of the “Gift of Faith”: A special endowment given to someone called upon to exercise an extraordinary capacity of trust, to enable someone to accomplish God’s purpose despite every contrary, contradictory circumstance of life. God supernaturally empties him of any doubts and fills him or her with Special Faith. It is the special dispensation God grants a believer when the task he has given that believer requires more than ordinary or General Faith.

-Nothing can stop you when you have the Gifts of the Spirit, the supernatural endowment of God, in your life.

We’ve talked about the fact that our Faith grows. Everybody say it with me, “My Faith can grow!” We talked about *II Thessalonians 1:3* where Paul said, “Your faith grows exceedingly...” Exceedingly growing Faith, from little faith to Great Faith to Fully Persuaded Faith, we’ve talked about all of these different levels of Faith in our life, but the Gift of Faith supersedes all of those. The Gift of Faith is really what we call God’s Faith. It’s the Holy Spirit actually believing in and through us. It’s not our Faith that we develop from hearing the Word of God.

People who have baby faith, who have never really developed their Faith at all, may operate in a Gift of Faith even though they have baby faith. They may be new Christians and never really had time. They may get in a circumstance or a situation that requires more than the Faith they have at that moment and God will believe through them. His Gift of Faith will operate in and through that believer. It will accomplish the extraordinary. The purpose of God will be accomplished.

Testimony

I remember in Kenya, this was in 1983, my first time in Kenya, and I was staying with some Kenyan believers. Some of them were high school teachers. I was teaching at a youth conference. I was teaching on the Gifts of the Spirit. As I was teaching on these things, I taught on the Gift of Faith, one of the school teachers, Isaac Muthama, was interpreting for me.

Afterwards he said, “You know Brother John, now I know what happened. The Gift of Faith worked in my life one night. I didn’t know what it was, but now I know what happened.”

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Now listen, I'm teaching *them* on the Gifts of the Spirit, right? He said, "We were all at a friend's house one night and two (2) or three (3) of us were sleeping in one bed. I woke up in the morning and the guy in the middle was dead. He was cold dead. He died during the night. Everybody started crying in the house, but something rose up in me and I couldn't accept the fact that he was dead. Something in me was saying, 'He's not dead. He's not dead.' But in fact, he was physically dead and had been for several hours." Something in him kept saying, "He's not dead." Hallelujah!

"So," he said, "I called him by name and he sucked in a bunch of air, sneezed and coughed, and woke up, and got up out of the bed!" Hallelujah! This school teacher raised this guy from the dead that had been dead half the night, through a Gift of Faith and he didn't even know what was operating in his life! You know what I said the next day? I said, "Hey, how about YOU finish teaching this lesson, brother!" I'm teaching it but you did it! You know? The Gift of Faith, Hallelujah!

Everybody say it with me, "All nine are mine!" The nine Gifts of the Holy Ghost. You have to claim them as yours! You have to confess it every day! You have to speak that, believe God and confess that you have the Gifts of the Spirit. You know what will happen? They'll manifest when you least expect it. God will just manifest in that moment of need and work supernaturally through your life. Afterwards, you'll look back and figure out what it was. Has anybody ever had that happen in their life? I've had it happen in my life.

A. The Gift of Faith

1. 1 Corinthians 13:1-2: Verse 1, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. ***Verse 2***, And though I have the Gift of Prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all Faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love), I am nothing."

- When the Gift of Faith comes, it's *all Faith*. There is no doubt mixed with it. It's the Faith of God.
- That's what Jesus meant when He spoke to the fig tree when He commanded it to dry up. When He spoke to His Disciples He told them to have the Faith of God or one translation says the "God Kind of Faith."
- The Gift of Faith will remove mountains. Our Faith may not be at the level at that point and time to move that mountain, but the Gift of Faith will come through and move it. God will add His Faith to our Faith and get the job done when it's a task He has required of us to do.

-You should never give up and say, "I don't have enough Faith." Say, "Lord, give me the Gift of Faith! Add Your Faith to my Faith, Lord, to get your purpose done! Hallelujah!"

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Never give up. Never quit. Never confess, "I don't have enough Faith." You may feel like you don't, but if you do then just say, "Lord, add Your Faith to my Faith. Give me the Gift of Faith." Praise God. Get the job done.

B. A Gift of Faith for Provision

II. 1 Kings 17:1-7: Verse 1, "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. Verse 2, And the Word of the LORD came to him saying, Verse 3, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. Verse 4, And it shall be, that you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. Verse 5, So he went and did according unto the Word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. Verse 6, And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. Verse 7, And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land."

- It is a time of famine in Israel. No one is eating. There is no rain. Elijah had the Gift of Faith to believe that he was going to eat, supernaturally, when everybody else was starving and that ravens were going to bring him his breakfast and his dinner.
- Faith will bring your provision. The Gift of Faith will bring your provision against all contradictory circumstances.
- You don't have to worry in a time of recession. Hallelujah!

A Word from the Lord

"You don't have to worry in a time of recession, the Lord says. For I have given unto you the Gifts of My Spirit. I've given unto you supernatural endowment, supernatural ability, and you can bring things to pass in an hour when no one else can get it done. You can have what others can't have. You can do what others can't do because you're not the same as everybody else, says the Lord. You're My People. You're My Church. You're My Body. You're anointed and filled with the Holy Ghost so declare it! Declare that you are the Body of Christ! Declare that you have the Gifts of the Spirit! Declare that you are filled with the Knowledge of God and that the Power of God works in you!"

"In the day when others can't do it and don't have it, you will have abundance, and you will stand tall in the land, and you will be fed, says the Lord. You will be fed supernaturally because My Spirit will bring it to you through the Gift of Faith. So use it! Hallelujah! Use it in your life!"

Give the Lord some praise! Hallelujah! Well that's good news right there, isn't it? That's wonderful! Don't you love it when God comes to talk to you? That excites me right there because I'm not subject to what this world is going through. They're in a recession. I'm in the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah! Are you hearing what I'm saying? They're having a recession but we are having a Kingdom! In the Kingdom

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of God there is seedtime and harvest! In the Kingdom of God there is abundance and no lack! In the Kingdom of God there's more than enough! Hallelujah to God!

Say it with me, "I have more than enough!" Yes! *Deuteronomy, Chapter 28*, says you shall be above only and not beneath. I was quoting that one day, *Deuteronomy 28*. As I was quoting it, the anointing got on that word *only*. It just got big in me and I heard the Lord saying to me, "*You are above only and don't ever forget it, only. Don't ever except anything but being above; above sin, above sickness, above poverty, above weakness, above failure, above it all. You are above only and not beneath!*" Hallelujah to God.

You have to set your sight there. I'm above only. Why? Because I'm in Christ! He has set me in heavenly places far above all principality and power. I'm so blessed I can't be stressed! Hallelujah! Let's give the Lord some praise!

-Supernatural, that's how we live folks.

A Gift of Faith for Provision (Continued...)

- You can call money to you. You can call the ravens to bring the bread and the flesh to you through Faith.
- Elijah spoke these things. The Word of the Lord came to him, the Bible says. He spoke these things. When God spoke to him and said, "*I've commanded the ravens...*" You know what he said? "Hey ravens! Get over here with my bread and flesh! Come to me!" The ravens honed in on his words.
- When you speak the Word of God, it's like sending out a beam. Your angels find it and lock in and come right to you. Hallelujah!

The Gift of Faith for Provision; You and I have to understand that we are not limited to what the rest of the world apart from God is limited to. We bump up against all that stuff because we are in the world, but we're not subject to the same bondage that they are. We have that Gift of Faith. God is a creator. He can make something out of nothing with the Gift of Faith. He created these worlds. He's still a creator. He'll create a job for you. You need to speak it. You need to command a job to come to you in Jesus' name if you need it. Let the Gifts of the Spirit operate in your life. Live supernaturally. Hallelujah! Don't be limited.

The Gift of Faith for Provision, I guarantee you I'm using it. I have the Gift of Faith for money. Every time I get up here and start calling, "Money come!" that Gift of Faith rises up in me and I cannot accept lack. There's nothing in me that can accept lack. It's the Gift of Faith that God gave me to bring finances. That

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same gift is imparted to you. Hallelujah! I said it's imparted to YOU! Hallelujah! Get your spiritual sensors out there! This thing is happening! It's imparted to you!

That's why it's so important that you get in that when we are calling it. Get it in your mouth. Let it be rubbed on and smeared onto you because you're never going to have lack when you have that gift in your life. You can't accept lack. Hallelujah. We need Faith for protection because there are wicked men. We need Faith for provision because the in the world we live in there is lack and shortage.

C. A Gift of Faith for Protection

*I. **Daniel 6:18-23: Verse 18**, "Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him. **Verse 19**, Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. **Verse 20**, And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God Whom you serve continually able to deliver you from the lions? **Verse 21**, Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. **Verse 22**, My God has sent His Angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no hurt. **Verse 23**, Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God."*

- That takes a little extra measure of Faith, wouldn't you say? How many of you would be as cool and calm as a cucumber if you went to the zoo and the zookeeper said, "We're going to throw you in with the lions and they haven't eaten for a week!"
- Daniel had the Gift of Faith on the inside of him. Daniel had a Faith that was able to accomplish God's purpose despite the contrary and contradictory circumstance. This was a task he was given that required more than ordinary or General Faith.
- He had Supernatural Faith for protection that those lions would not touch him, could not touch him, and they didn't.

We can have Faith in this world to be protected from terrorists, from nuclear attacks, from whatever. I remember seeing in a vision, I saw myself. I faced a fireball. I saw a fireball explode and I was facing it because in the vision I could see me. I could see my back and I knew what my back looked like. I knew it was me. I saw me from the back. There I was standing there and I'm behind me looking at me and there's this nuclear explosion, a big fire ball. God told me I was going to see that but that I wouldn't be hurt by it.

Now I don't know where that's going to happen or when it's going to happen. But I know at some point and time in my life, I'm going to be face to face with a fire ball. It may be in this country. It may be in another country. I don't know. But I know one thing: I'm not going to be hurt when that time comes. I won't be hurt. Hallelujah! I won't be burned. That sounds crazy or ridiculous, I know, but it happened

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to me and I have Faith to believe that. It's a Gift of Faith, Faith for protection. You and I need that in this hour in which we live. Amen.

Say, "I have the Gift of Faith!" Absolutely. Confess that. Believe it. Hallelujah, praise you Jesus!

D. A Gift of Faith for Prevailing

I. Joshua 10:12-14: Verse 12, "Then spoke Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the Children of Israel, and he (Joshua) said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. ***Verse 13***, And the Sun stood still, and the Moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jasher? So the Sun stood still in the midst of Heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. ***Verse 14***, And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel."

- Joshua looks at the situation and knows he needs more time to finish the battle. They were winning and they just needed more time. Something rose up in him. It had to be the Gift of Faith. No normal, ordinary, human being is going to tell the sun to stand still.
- The Gift of Faith rose up in him and he commanded nature. He commanded God's creation.
- The Gift of Faith can speed things up and the Gift of Faith can slow things down, supernaturally.

Personal Testimony

This is how people get translated in the spirit. I had this happen one time. In fact, Margaret Vis will remember it. I had gone to pick up John Kelly at the airport during our camp meeting a few years ago in Fairmont. His plane came in late. He was scheduled to speak at seven o'clock (7:00 P.M.). I picked him up at about six o'clock (6:00 P.M.), something like that, and we had to drive back from the airport. It's almost a two (2) hour drive. I knew we were not going to make it in time for the service to start. Margaret Vis prayed and something happened. We pulled up in Fairmont at about six forty-five (6:45 P.M.) We got translated in the spirit. It was the weirdest thing.

Kelly and I looked at each other; we looked at our watches, and said this can't be. But it did happen. Hallelujah! I'm sure Margaret, in her prayer, had a Gift of Faith and she got something done. The time sped up. Time slowed down. We got to Church on time! Hallelujah! Do you believe that can happen? It did happen. We're talking about the Gifts of the Holy Ghost. That wasn't the Gift of Faith in me. It had to be a Gift of Faith in Margaret.

Anything God did there, He can do today for you and me. He's the same God. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen? That's why we need to believe God for the Gift of Faith. That's why I want

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you to understand the difference between General Faith, Faith that comes by hearing and can grow. The Gift of Faith can't grow. The Gift of Faith is absolute. It's like this: God is Love. God's Love doesn't grow. Your love grows. My love grows. God's Love doesn't grow. It's absolute. God's Patience doesn't grow. Yours grows. Mine grows. It's called the Fruit of the Spirit. He already has it in the absolute sense.

His Love is absolute. His Faith is absolute. His Joy is absolute. Did you know your joy grows and your joy increases and some days you have more joy than others? How many know what I'm talking about? Can you imagine joy that's absolute? God has Joy that's absolute. The Bible said, "*...in the presence of the Lord is fullness...*" Joy in the absolute sense. Down here when we get a little bit of it, we can hardly stand it. You know? When God turns up the joy a little bit we laugh until our sides hurt.

We'll have our new glorified body when we get to Heaven and we're going to experience life in the absolute sense. Are you getting what I'm saying? We're going to experience Love in the absolute sense. We'll be able to experience it at the level that God has it. We're growing in it now. It's called the Fruit of the Spirit. His Love doesn't grow. His Faith doesn't grow. It's absolute. That's why it can do *anything*. Hallelujah!

Prayer

"Father God, in the name of Jesus, we believe tonight for the Gift, for a deposit of the Spirit of God in our lives here tonight and everywhere that we're being viewed, Father God, that you are releasing Gifts of the Holy Ghost and an anointing in our life tonight. You're manifesting and stirring up the Gifts of the Holy Ghost in everybody under the sound of our voice, in Jesus' name, Lord. Hallelujah!"

Say it with me, "I got it!" Believe it! Activate it in your life. I want to give you the last part of my outline. I want to give you five (5) steps to strong Faith. We finished up on the Gift of Faith now we're back to General Faith, your Faith:

1. Surround Yourself With that Which Produces Faith

I. Proverbs 13:20: "He who walks with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

II. Matthew 8:23-27: Verse 23, "And when He was entered into a ship, His Disciples followed Him,"

Verse 24, "And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with waves: but He was asleep. Verse 25, And His Disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Lord save us: we perish. Verse 26, And He said unto them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. Verse 27, But the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!"

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III. Acts 4:13: *“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”*

The Disciples' Faith had grown in those three and a half (3 ½) years. How did it grow? It grew by being with Jesus. Hallelujah! If you want to have strong Faith, you have to get around people that have strong Faith. Let me tell you four (4) of the people that you need to hang around with every day: *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*. You can do that by reading their writings.

Get in there and spend time with *Matthew* and get the Faith off of *Matthew*, the revelation of *Matthew*: the Authority of the Kingdom. Spend time with *Luke*. The Healing ministry of Jesus is strong in *Luke*. Spend time with *Mark*. In *Mark*, the word “immediate” is a predominant word. Things happen immediately in *Mark*, not gradual but immediately. Hang around with *Mark* and you'll start seeing things happen immediately. Hang around with *John*. *John* is a mature son of God who walked in the fullness of the grace of God, *John 1:18*. Hang around with *John* and you'll start getting a vision of a fully mature son.

Hang around with these four (4) guys and you will grow. Hang around with these four (4) guys and you will flow. *“Hang around with these guys and you will know how to live the way I lived, says the Lord God.”* Hallelujah to God! Give Him some praise!

2. Build on the Word of God, Not Experience

I. Luke 6:46-48: Verse 46, *“And why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Verse 47, Whosoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings, and does them, I will show you to whom he is like: Verse 48, He is like a man which built an house digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.”*

- Don't wait until you are in a storm to develop your Faith. Develop your Faith when things are good and the day will come when you will need it.
- Some people believe God is going to do something for them because He did it for somebody else. Some people think, “Well God is going to heal me because I saw Him heal Brother Billy Bob...” Not necessarily so. You can't build your life on a human experience. You have to build your Faith on the Word of God.
- Never get discouraged if you see people get defeated or you see people coming and going or you see people overcome by this, that, and the other. That doesn't mean that it has to happen to YOU. My Faith is built on the Word of God, not somebody else's experience.

3. Use Your Memory

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I. Matthew 16:5-10: Verse 5, “And when His Disciples wee come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. **Verse 6**, Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. **Verse 7**, And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. **Verse 8**, Which when Jesus perceived, He said unto them, O you of little faith, why reason you among yourselves, because you have brought no bread? **Verse 9**, Do you not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up? **Verse 10**, Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up?”

- Jesus told His Disciples they need to use their memory to make their Faith strong.
- Keep in mind the victories of the past to draw inspiration for the future.
- Sit and think about the miracles, the answers to prayer, the things you’ve seen Him do, and your Faith will come right back up. Use your memory!

4. Live Obediently

I. John 3:22-23: Verse 22, “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. **Verse 23**, And this is His Commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us Commandment.”

- This is Faith working.
- All the Commandments are wrapped up into one great Commandment: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Walk in Love and do His will for your life. That’s how you please God. Your Faith will grow strong.
- You cannot have strong Faith living in disobedience because you have sin-consciousness and guilt.

5. Live in Humility

I. Matthew 17:21: “Howbeit this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting.”

II. John 5:44: “How can you believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that comes from God only?”

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- Living in humility is a key to strong Faith. We don't seek to be honored by man. We seek to be honored by God. Amen?
- If we're still seeking man's honor, we won't believe because our Faith is not directed toward the right object.
- I want God to honor me. I want to find out what it is that honors God. I want God to honor me so I have to honor Him. What you sow you reap. I have to find out how to live honorably before God.

Do those five (5) things and your Faith will grow.

Closing Prayer

"Father God, it's been many weeks that we've talked about Faith. You have been in it every time. Tonight again, Lord, You have spoken to us. You have built Faith. You've encouraged us. You've equipped us. We've heard Your voice here tonight, Lord. Yes. We leave refreshed. We leave strengthened. We leave built up in the Holy Ghost because Your Word was sent to build us up. We thank You for it. We receive every blessing, Lord, that comes from You. We ask You, Lord, now that you will do what You said in Your Word, that you will bring to remembrance everything we've been taught. Holy Spirit, we invite you to bring us into remembrance of the things we've been taught so we can be doers of the Word and that our Faith can grow strong. Not only will we have strong Faith generally speaking, but we'll be available for the Gift of Faith and we'll recognize it when it flows in our life. We'll be Your Vessels of Honor. Hallelujah, Glory to God."