

**Faith Church International**  
**Presents: Faith School, Disc 7**  
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**Introduction**

Little faith is faith that didn't last long enough; faith to start but not faith to finish. Little means short; faith that didn't last long enough. It's like when Peter had Faith to jump out of the boat until satan stirred the storm up a little bit worse and then he got in fear. His Faith wasn't developed enough to keep fear subdued in his life. Did you get that? Let me say that again. His Faith wasn't developed strong enough to keep fear subdued in his life! He started out in Faith and then he was overcome by fear. That's little faith.

Great Faith is Faith that requires no evidence apart from the Word of God. The Centurion, in *Matthew, Chapter 8*, said, *"Speak the word only and my servant shall be healed..."* Jesus said, *"I have not found so great faith, no not in all Israel..."* Boy, what a slap in the face that was to the people who had the Bible! The Jews, they had all the scriptures. The Gentiles, they had no scriptures, but here's one Gentile who had more Faith than all the Jews who had all of the Bible. That really endeared Jesus to their hearts. *They wanted to kill him all that much more!*

I think Jesus would like to find that in the Church today. I think he'd like to find a bunch of people who would quit asking for proof, and evidence, and "explain it to me, Lord" and instead have the attitude of "Just *speaking* to me, Lord! Just say it and it's done! Just say it and I believe it and I don't need anything else." Jesus said that's Great Faith. Next, there is Fully Persuaded Faith...

**1. Fully Persuaded Faith, the Faith of Abraham**

**I. Romans 4:12-16: Verse 12**, *"And the father of Circumcision to them who are not of the Circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that Faith our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. Verse 13, For the Promise, that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the Law, but through the Righteousness of Faith. Verse 14, For if they which are of the Law be heirs, faith is made void, and the Promise, made of none effect: Verse 15, Because the Law works wrath: for where no Law is, there is no transgression. Verse 16, Therefore it is of Faith, that it might be by Grace; to the end the Promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the Law (Jews), but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham."*

- Abraham's Faith came by the Word of God. We can all have the Faith of Abraham.
- You don't get the blessing through keeping the Law. You get it through the Promise. You have to *believe* the Promise. Law is your own efforts and works. That's why God gave Abraham the Promise *before* the Law.
- You're right with God because God said so.

**2. The Steps of Abraham's Faith**

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**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. **Verse 18**, Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations: according to that which was spoken, So shall your seed be (Gen 15:5). **Verse 19**, And being not weak in Faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: **Verse 20**, He staggered not at the Promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in Faith, giving glory to God; **Verse 21**, And being fully persuaded that, what He (God) had Promised, He was able also to perform."

- He believed according to that which was spoken. Abraham didn't have anything to base his Faith on that he was the father of many nations, except the Promise of God.
- Abraham had a Word from God. That's where it all started.

Do you have a Word from God? You have a whole Bible full of promises here, but not only the *written* Word of God but the *rhema* word, the word God spoke to your heart.

#### **A Few Personal Testimonies**

Back in 1983 when God spoke to me from this passage of scripture and he said change the name of your Church to Light of Life World Outreach Center, all I had to go on was God's word. He said if you call it that, I'll make it that. And he gave me this promise like Abraham. Hallelujah, glory to God! He said I changed Abraham's name and I made him a father of a multitude. His name was Abram, which means "high father". Abraham means "father of a multitude". He said if you will change your name then I'm going to do for you what I did for Abraham. I'm going to make you a father of a multitude. I'm going to let you go to the nations of the world. I'm going to give you a multitude, by Faith.

So, I changed the name of our Church to Light of Life World Outreach Center. It was a laughing stock of Fairmont. Some of you have heard me say that, because it was a big ole name we had about seventy-five (75) people at the time, a little old Church building, with a big ole sign out in the front yard. People around town thought Dr. John was having an ego trip with that big fancy name. You know? But I had a Word from God. And nobody else heard it, but me. So I had to just take the abuse. "You all just don't understand..." was all I could say. "You just don't understand..."

God told me to call it Light of Life World Outreach Center and I had to believe according to that which was spoken. I had nothing to go on but God's Word. I hadn't even been out of Fairmont yet! I hadn't done *anything* outside of my Church yet! And now God said, "*You're a World Outreach Center.*" I said, Hallelujah! I'm a World Outreach Center, praise God, and hadn't been out of Fairmont yet. Before the year was over, I was preaching in Kenya.

Before the year was over I'd been invited to Kenya. I preached in Kenya, to Full Gospel Churches in Kenya, to over eight hundred (800) young people in this meeting and it was an awesome revival. The \*Bible **Verses** are quoted from the Expositor's Study Bible, KJV.

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rest is history. God spoke a word to me and I didn't have anything else to go on. That was the first step of following Abraham's Faith: Believe according to that which was spoken.

All these sicknesses in our family, I was coming home from a meeting one day, and God said to me, *"I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease."* I was driving in a car. I was just praying and worshipping God and all of a sudden, out of nowhere, God spoke and he said, *"I have cleansed your blood..."* I HAVE! What did he say to Abraham? I HAVE made thee a father of many nations, not GOING TO, but he said, "I HAVE...!"

**A Word from the Lord**

God said I have a word for you tonight. That's it. *"I'm going to do the same for you. I'm going to cleanse your blood every one of you tonight, from your hereditary diseases if you believe and receive this word, then consider it done tonight in your life. Your blood is cleansed."*

**Exhortation**

Give God some Praise! He just gave YOU what he gave ME! I want to end the service right now and just run, for the next twenty (20) minutes! And shout and scream! God has just saved your life! God has just saved you from doctor bills. He just saved you time in the hospital and everything else! If you believe the Word! Only believe! All things are possible to him that believes! Only! Only! Only! Only! Only! Only believe! Nothing else! Just believe! Only believe! Claim it! Take it! That's the way the Word of the Lord works!

God spoke to me one Word. He said, *"I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease."* Heart disease, cancer, sugar diabetes, arthritis, kidney issues... God said to me, *"I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease."* And He said it to YOU tonight. Isn't that amazing? So from tonight on, you should never entertain a thought of having cancer. You should never entertain a thought of having heart disease or whatever runs in your family tree. Say, **"I WILL NEVER HAVE THOSE DISEASES! FOR MY BLOOD IS CLEANSED BY THE WORD OF GOD!"** Hallelujah!

*"I have cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease!"* I HAVE done it. Abraham. I HAVE made thee... the first step of Abraham's Faith. You have to put it in the past tense. I HAVE made thee... When God said it, it was done. It's not going to be done when you see it. It was done when He said it! Most people think it was done when they saw it. No, it was done when He said it! We walk by Faith not by sight! You have to know it was done when He said it was done. I was cleansed back then. My blood was cleansed then.

Somebody said, "Well have you been to the doctor to get a blood test to see?" No. "Are you going too?" Why do I need to waste my money to do that? Why do I need to get the doctor to tell me God was right? Did He say it or didn't He say it? He said it.

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*“Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God...”*

You have to learn to live by this thing! If He said it, you stake your life on it! That's what He meant. He's not talking about a rule that you keep. He means, “When I tell you something, you live by it, you die by it, that's it!” You live by it! Fully Persuaded Faith is going to live by what God said. This is my life. This is going to keep me going. This sustains me. That's what Faith is.

### **3. Faith Sustains You**

**I. Hebrews 11:1-3: Verse 1**, “Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **Verse 2**, For by it the Elders obtained a good report. **Verse 3**, Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

- That word substance means the undergirding, that which supports or holds up. Its sub, it's underneath. The sub-stance, it's what is holding you up. It's what God said.

**II. Hebrews 1:1-3: Verse 1**, “God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets, **Verse 2**, Has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom he has appointed Heir of all things, by Whom also he made the worlds; **Verse 3**, Who being the brightness of His Glory, and the express Image of His Person and upholding all things by the Word of His Power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the Right Hand of Majesty on high;”

- He upholds all things by the Word of His Power.
- Faith and the Word are synonymous. Fred Price used to say, “If you get the water, you get the wet. If you get the Word, you get the Faith.” One comes with the other.
- What's holding you up? Your Faith. And what is your Faith? It's what God has said to you. It's what's holding our life up. This is what's going to hold you up in tough times.
- If I'm standing on the Word, I can't go down unless He goes down and He ain't going down! Heaven and Earth will pass away but His Word will never pass away! Hallelujah!

-Have you heard from God?

### **4. Don't Think There Won't be a Battle and a Contest over the Word of God**

**I. Proverbs 30:5**: “Every Word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them who put their trust in Him.”

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- Every Word of God is tried.

**II. Psalms 105:19:** *“Until the time of His Word came: the Word of the Lord tried him.”*

- Joseph had promises. Everything was reversed and it didn't look like what God said was happening at all. It looked like the opposite was happening. That's just the Trial of your Faith.
- That's going to prove to you when things reverse on you, you're going to find out whether you really believe it or not.
- Circumstances have nothing to do with it. Reversals have nothing to do with it. The Word of God is going to stand fast forever! It's not going to change! God said, *“I AM the Lord and I change not.”* Let it happen.
- YOU find out what YOU really believed. You find out if you had sub-stance in your life. You find out if you were really being supported by the Word of God and by Faith or whether you were being supported by something else.

**5. Faith, Foolishness, or Presumption**

- Fred Price wrote a book called “Faith, Foolishness, or Presumption.” Everyone should read that book if you've never read it.
- A lot of people get in presumption. They presume, “Well, Praise God, that's never happened in MY family...” or “We've never had any of that so it'll never happen to me...” That's called presumption.
- Foolishness is when you test God. Foolishness is asking God to bless something that He already said isn't blessing.

**A Few Personal Testimonies (Continued...)**

I was riding with Becky not long after that and I began to tell her what happened. Her mom and dad both had strokes. I was telling Rebecca about that Word from God that God cleansed my blood and I felt the same thing that I did here tonight. Tonight, God gave YOU that Word. He spoke it to you. But I felt to lay hands on Rebecca. I said, “Becky, I want to pray and release that into you.” And when I laid hands on Rebecca, as I told her God cleansed me from every hereditary disease, and I said, “You're one flesh with me, so that means guess what? You are cleansed too.”

And when I laid hands on her, a spirit came up out of her belly. It was a real manifestation. She doubled over and she breathed out that spirit. It was like something punched her in the belly and it came out. She said, “A demon just came out of me!” She said, “It was a stroke demon that my mom and dad had. It just came out of me.” Give the Lord some praise! Deliverance! By the Word of God! *“He sent His word to heal them and deliver them from all their destructions...”* Becky got set free from the stroke demons! Thank God because we didn't know that devil was in there. We didn't realize. Now she has the lowest

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blood pressure probably of anybody in this place. But she had a demon. God went in and shook the bushes and got him out. Glory to God!

You say, "Can Christians have a demon?" Yes they can. They absolutely can. When I get finished with this Faith School, I'm going to start on *Spiritual Warfare*. God gave me an outline. I've got a wonderful, fresh outline on *Spiritual Warfare*. I'll be teaching on that after I finish Faith School.

What a wonderful thing it is to be full of the Holy Ghost. If you haven't made up your mind yet whether you're going to live for Jesus Christ and with Him as Lord of your life and live a spirit-filled life all the days of your life, you need to hurry up and make up your mind. You need to consecrate every day of your life. This supernatural life doesn't come by being half-hearted about Christianity and about Jesus. Jesus wasn't half-hearted about the Father's Will. The Disciples weren't half-hearted about Jesus. Christians today think we can just turn God on and off whenever we want to. It doesn't work that way. God is God.

**6. God Requires Absolute Surrender**

- Not when you pray and He does a miracle. Not when He blesses you financially.
- When you say, "You speak and I'll obey."
- Surrender is the only thing that tells God that you recognize He's God.

**7. Enter Into the Finished Work of Every Word**

***I. Hebrews 4:1-2: Verse 1***, "Let us therefore fear, lest a Promise being left us of entering into His rest any of you should seem to come short of it. ***Verse 2***, For unto us was the Gospel Preached, as well as unto them: but the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with Faith in them who heard it."

***II. Romans 4:17***: "(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."

- Anytime God says something to you, it's done.
- That's what Abraham did. Abraham considered it done.
  
- Abraham believed it was done when God said it, not when he saw it. That's the first step of Abraham's Faith. Put it the past tense. Call those things which be not as though they were!

I want to add something. God said this to me. This goes all the way down to my grandbabies. In the car that day when God said, "*I've cleansed your blood from every hereditary disease...*" and He said, "*And your seed.*" It doesn't make any difference if you get a bad report or you get a symptom. You just start calling yourself clean! Everybody in here! This Word is good for everybody! "*...and Jesus healed them all...*" the Bible said! "*...whosoever will...*"

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**8. The Power of Putting It in the Past Tense**

***I. I Corinthians 1:17-21, 25-29: Verse 17, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to Preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect. Verse 18, For the Preaching of the Cross is to them who perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the Power of God. Verse 19, For it is written (Isa. 29:14), I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Verse 20, Where is the wise? Where is the Scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? Verse 21, For after that in the Wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of Preaching to save them who believe."***

***Verse 25, Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Verse 26, For you see your calling, Brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are Called: Verse 27, But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; Verse 28, And base things of the word, and things which are despised, has God chosen yes, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are. Verse 29, That no flesh should glory in His Presence."***

- This is the Wisdom of God.
- God chooses things that *are not* to bring to nothing the things that *are*.
- Abraham brought to nothing the things that were; His own impotent body and his wife's dead womb.
- The Wisdom of God changes situations into the Will of God. That's how you release the Power of God.
- Sarah got in Faith with Abraham and God changed her name too! From Sarai (Strife) to Sarah (Princess).

The Wisdom of God is to take the thing that is not to bring to nothing the thing that is! What Christ did on the cross worked for YOU!