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Introduction

It's not about quantity. It's about duration. That's why the Bible says through Faith and Patience we possess the Promises. Patience doesn't mean just tie a knot in the end of your rope and hang on. That's not what it means. Patience actually means constancy. It means to remain the same under trial. That's what Patience means. It means to be constant. We always thought that Patience meant, "Well I just have to keep putting up with it..." That's not what Patience means. That's called *Longsuffering*. That's different than Patience.

There are some things you just have to put up with. Everything is not ideal in this life. That's why the Bible says one of the Fruits of the Spirit is Longsuffering. There are some things you're going to have to put up with for a time while God is working it out. He is working it out. I hear the Lord saying, "*I AM working it out. I'm going to finish what I started. Just hold on.*" Praise God. But Patience means to be constant. God is constant. "*I AM the Lord and I change not...*" That's why the Bible calls it, "*...the trying of your faith worketh patience...*" You learn to be constant. You learn to stay in Faith continually. Constantly be in Faith! That's what it means to have Patience, to constantly be in Faith. Through Faith and constantly being in Faith, you receive the Promises.

If you are believing for your healing, just have Faith and Patience and be constant and stay in Faith, and you will finish. God will finish what He started and what you believe Him for. What you started out believing for you will finish with. Praise God. Stay with it. Stay in Faith. How would you like to "Wow" Jesus? How would you like to be the person to make Jesus say, "WOW!"? Well that's what happened in *Matthew, Chapter 8* when the Centurion said, "Lord, I understand how your word works and all you have to do is speak your word only and my servant will be healed...", and Jesus said, "WOW!" He turned to His Disciples and said, "Hey! Did you see that?"

When you're in Faith and you have that kind of Faith, you make Jesus shout. You can make the Lord shout! You can "WOW" the Lord, when you say, "Lord, I don't need nothing but Your Word." He says, "Wow." There aren't that many people doing that. Jesus said, "I haven't found so great Faith, no not in Israel..."

A Word from the Lord

"I haven't found this kind of Faith, not even, throughout my whole Church, do I rarely find and see this kind of Faith, the Lord says, that I'm speaking of to you tonight; This kind of Faith that requires nothing only, no other evidence, but My Word only."

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A Word from the Lord (Continued...)

“And when you have that kind of Faith, says the Lord, when you don’t require Me to show you anything, to let you feel anything, to give you any other proof, when you get to that place where you don’t require that of Me and you just say, ‘Lord all I require of You is speak the Word only...’ then you will see ME shout, saith the Lord.

For My Word says, ‘The Lord has gone up with a shout...’ You will see the manifestation of My Power come out in your midst and in your trial and in your situation and you will see the miracle that you’ve been longing for and desiring. So stay in Faith! Walk by Faith! Walk in it, says the Lord. Walk in it every day! Don’t TRY Faith, LIVE Faith! Walk in it! Be Faithful! Be constant! Stir up the gift that’s within you! Stir yourself up to believe Me, says the Lord God, for I’m watching. I’m looking.

My Word says when I return shall I find Faith on the Earth. And I’m looking tonight over this whole Congregation. I’m looking over the whole Earth to see who is in Faith! And that’s where I can work, saith the Lord. That’s where I can stop in and do what I do in the midst of My people. So walk in Faith. Be Faithful and True and you will see that I will do what I do for you.”

Hallelujah! Give the Lord some praise!

1. Abraham Started Saying about Himself What God Said

I. Romans 4:19-22: Verse 19, *“And not being 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. **Verse 22**, And therefore it was imputed to him for Righteousness.”*

- Abraham said, “I am what God said I am. I have what God said I have.”
- Abraham said, “I have a multitude of children, but I don’t see one. And even though I don’t see one, I’m gonna call it done.”
- You have to get to the place where nothing matters. God has already spoken the end result and nothing else matters. Nothing is going to change the outcome because God already said it.
- When you don’t put it in the past tense and consider it done, then everything matters. But when you put it in the past tense and consider it done, nothing matters. Let the situation get worse. It doesn’t matter. Sometimes it will get worse before it gets better.

From the time God spoke this promise to Abraham and He spoke the word and told him he was Abraham, twenty-five (25) years went by. It got worse. He got older.

The problem kept becoming more impossible for twenty-five (25) years! But for twenty-five (25) years Abraham didn’t consider any of that because he wasn’t walking by sight. He was walking by Faith! It
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didn't matter. He learned it didn't matter! Let it get worse! It's already done! God quickens the dead. He RAISES the dead.

2. If God has said, "You're going to live..." You can't die!

- Sickness may try to kill you but you can't die because God already said you're going to live!
- *"You're going to live and not die and declare the works of the Lord."* Hallelujah!
- *"With long life will He will satisfy me and show me His salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the works of the Lord."*
- The MINIMUM of my life is going to be eighty (80). *"The days of my years shall be threescore and ten, or if by reason or strength eighty."*

Well, I'm strong. I'm taking care of myself. I have to contribute to that. I have to take care of my body and make it as strong as I can, do my part.

3. God is a Performer of His Word

I. Jeremiah 1:12: *"Then said the LORD unto me, You have well seen: for I will hasten My Word to perform it."*

II. Genesis 1:1-3: Verse 1, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth. **Verse 2,** And the Earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **Verse 3,** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."*

III. 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."*

- The Holy Spirit is a performer of the Word of God.
- The Holy Spirit didn't do anything until God said. Nothing has changed.
- When you speak the Word of God over your life, the Holy Spirit goes into action to perform it and out of darkness comes light, out of chaos comes order.
- God framed a picture in words and spoke it out and the Holy Ghost did it. He doesn't have a different method of operation today. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He works the same way.

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4. Learn to Work the Way God Works

- Jesus worked the same way that the Father worked.
- So many in the Church are still trying to believe God and they haven't ever really learned to use Faith and operate by Faith. They're still trying to trust the Lord. They're not using Faith. They're not operating the Laws of Faith and working Faith like Jesus did, like the Father did.
- You get nervous because of circumstances because you haven't settled the end result based on the Word of God.

I had the Word of the Lord over my children and they went the other way and it got worse for years, all four (4) of them, but I always had the end result. I always knew the outcome. Hallelujah! I said, "NO, devil! You're NOT having ANY of my kids! It ain't gonna happen! It's impossible!" God already spoke the end result over my children. He prophesied over them when they were kids.

If I don't get out of Faith, it won't happen. Now if I get out of Faith, that'd be a different story. If I stay in Faith, if I continue in Faith, if I be constant in Faith, then it's gonna work out just the way God said it's gonna work out. Hallelujah! It's coming to pass! That's what you have to understand about it. I've got to understand that about it, the Faith of Abraham. Fully Persuaded Faith has already settled the end result.

5. Cast Your Care Upon Him

- Make God responsible for the outcome.
- When you make God responsible for the outcome, you know how it's going to turn out. It's going to turn out according to the Word of God, what God said about the situation.
- Speak the end result. Let it get worse! Don't worry about it! It doesn't matter because the end result has already been determined by God!
- Keep your eye on the end result.

6. Sooner or Later It's Gonna Happen

***1. Luke 17:11-19: Verse 11**, "And it came to pass, as He went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. **Verse 12**, And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, which stood afar off: **Verse 13**, And they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. **Verse 14**, And when He saw them, He said unto them, Go show yourselves to the Priests. And it came to pass, that as they went, they were cleansed. **Verse 15**, And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back and glorified God, **Verse 16**, And fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he as a Samaritan."*

***Verse 17**, "And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"*

***Verse 18**, "There are not found who returned to give Glory to God, save this stranger."*

***Verse 19**, "And he said unto him, Arise, go your way: your faith has made you whole."*

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- When you stay constant in Faith, somewhere along your Faith Journey, the Power of God is going to manifest.
- Remember in the Bible the woman with the issue of blood? Many people were touching Jesus, but only one person touched Him in Faith. Many people come thronging to receive from God but very few people touch Him in Faith and put it in the past tense.
- When Jesus said, “*Go show yourselves to the Priests.*” He meant, “You’re healed. Consider it done.” Jesus called those things that be not as though they were. They weren’t healed yet. Jesus said, “Go act like you’re already healed. Believe it’s done and it is.”
- They had to put it in the past tense. They had to accept the Word of God as Final Authority and believe that they were healed even before they could see that they were healed.
- If you were a leper, you wouldn’t show yourself to the Priests unless you were healed. Jesus was calling their Faith into action. He will always call your Faith into action. Do what you would do if you were healed. As they went, they were cleansed.

What was already done in the Spirit Realm manifested in the Natural Realm. When God said it, it was done.

7. Look at the Faith of Jesus

1. Luke 17:17: “And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

- Jesus didn’t see them well but He knew they were. He said, “Where’s the other nine (9)? I know all ten (10) of you got healed...”
- That’s why when you’re learning to minister to the sick, YOU have to stay in Faith, even after they’re gone and they walk out looking the same way they did when they came in.
- Pray for them. Speak the word. Tell them, “Go act like you’re healed.” Some will. Some won’t. But as far as YOU, the person on the ministering end, you have to stay in Faith and believe they’re healed whether you ever see it or not. Stay in Faith.
- How many people come and go and get healed and you never know it. The manifestation comes and you never get a chance to see it, rejoice, and shout with them. Like Jesus, when that guy came back, He was celebrating, but Jesus wanted to see the other nine (9) and celebrate with them too!

8. What Does It Mean to Come to God in Faith?

- It means you’re ready to put it in the past tense. You’re ready to call it done. Hope is future tense. Faith puts it in the past tense.

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- You have to prepare yourself for that. Faith is like a light switch. The Power has been there the whole time to run the lights but until you flip the switch there's no Power getting to the lights.
- It'd be terrible to sit here and say, "Boy, I sure wish the lights would come on." But nobody ever went over and flipped the switch. That's the way a lot of Christians are. They're praying, "God, do this", "God, do that", and God is saying, "Why don't you flip the switch? Why don't you put it in the past tense? Believe it's done. You just flip the switch and keep the switch on." The Power will flow. The lights will come on!

9. Jesus Spoke the End Result

*I. **Mark 11:13-24: Verse 13**, "And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, He came, if haply He might find any thing thereon: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. **Verse 14**, And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of you hereafter forever. And His Disciples heard it. **Verse 15**, And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the Temple, and began to cast out them who sold and bought in the Temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them who sold doves; **Verse 16**, And would not suffer that any an should carry any vessel through the Temple. **Verse 17**, And He taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My House shall be called of all nations the House of Prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves. **Verse 18**, And the Scribes and Chief Priests hear it, and sought how they might destroy Him: for they feared Him, because all the people was astonished at His Doctrine. **Verse 19**, And when the evening was come, He went out of the city. **Verse 20**, And in the morning, as they passed by, They saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. **Verse 21**, And Peter calling to remembrance said unto Him, Master, behold, the fig tree which You cursed is withered away. **Verse 22**, And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God (literally says, "Have the Faith of God"). **Verse 23**, For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says. **Verse 24**, Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them."*

- Jesus said, "Tree, you're dead." So it died.
- The God kind of Faith is the kind of Faith that believes with the heart and speaks with the mouth. The God kind of Faith calls things that be not as though they were. The God kind of Faith puts it in the past tense and keeps it there.
- Jesus stayed in Faith. He didn't doubt in His heart. He didn't say, "Would you Disciples agree with me on that tree will be dead by the time we come back by here?"
- The Disciples didn't understand when God said it, it's done. They learned it later.

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People have got to learn to live by Faith. What I'm talking to you about in a very practical dimension is how to do it. We must learn to live by Faith. Faith believes in your heart, speaking it with your mouth, putting it in the past tense, acting like it's done and staying with it. That's Faith. You have to keep growing and developing your Faith until you can do that.

10. Faith Doesn't Come Easy

- Jesus said, "This is the work of God that you believe..."
- You have to meditate in the Word of God day and night. You have to pray in Tongues for hours. You have to memorize this word. You have to walk the floor and soak in the Presence of God till revelation comes in your life.
- Faith doesn't come easy or everyone would have it. Faith comes through effort. The Bible says, "*The soul of the sluggard desires but he has nothing, but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*" They'll increase.

Too many people have tried Faith and they just TRIED Faith and they give Faith a bad name. People don't think they can trust God. That's the problem. They were TRYING it. You DO it. You don't TRY it. You do it. God doesn't lie. Pay the price to develop your Faith. Stay in Faith.