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**Introduction**

The Bible itself is called the Word of Faith. The whole Bible is the Word of Faith. *Romans 10:8* says, "... the word of faith is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart..." That is the Word of Faith, Paul said, that we preach. It's Faith from Genesis to Revelation. It's all about Faith. You can't approach God without Faith.

**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 the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

*Hebrews, Chapter 11* explains and gives testimony of people who lived by Faith and I want to encourage you, if you haven't ever read the whole eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Chapter or if it's been a while since you've read the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Chapter of Faith from beginning to end, to do so. Do you want to do a great study? Go back and read the story, the account, of all of these people that are in *Hebrews, Chapter 11*. It's called the Hall of Faith in the Bible. These people are all examples of Faith that pleases God. *Hebrews 11:6* said, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him..." These are people that, their Faith was so pleasing to God that He put their stories in the Bible as an example for us. Praise the Lord!

**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.

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Faith is the victory that overcomes the world and Jesus is the Author and Finisher of your Faith. He is the one who is going to speak the Word of Faith into your heart and get you going, He's the one that's going to help you overcome the fears that come up in your life, and He's going to be the one that helps you finish your Faith Walk. Hallelujah! Say it with me, "I'm going all the way!" I'm going to finish this thing. Praise God. I'm going to finish what I start, by Faith. Praise God.

God calls the things that be not as though they were. That's where Abraham learned it. That's what changed his physical condition, changed his whole life and turned his world around. We really have had a Faith School here for a number of weeks. I feel like this is one of those special anointed series that should be in your library. Everybody should have this and go back over and over it again. This one will keep feeding you, for a long time....

Then there is something called Shipwrecked Faith....

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**1. Shipwrecked Faith**

**I. I Timothy 1:18-19: Verse 18**, *"This charge I commit unto you, son Timothy, according to the Prophecies which went before on you, that you by them might war a good warfare; **Verse 19**, Holding Faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning Faith have made shipwreck:"*

- This is the result of listening to false teaching.
- These are people, who started out in Faith, listening to the Truth of God's Word, but then they start believing false teaching and their Faith gets shipwrecked.

**II. I Timothy 4:1**: *"Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils:"*

- This is the same as Shipwrecked Faith. They departed from the Faith because they *"listened to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."*
- Seduction means to be drawn away from something. When you're seduced you are drawn away. The Bible says seducing spirits will draw you away from the Truth, draw you away from the Word of God.

T.V. is all about seduction. Everything you see is seduction out there in the world. That's those seducing spirits, seduction in the Natural Realm, seduction in the Spiritual Realm. Those same devils are working to seduce people away from the Truth of the Gospel, draw them away a little bit at a time with false teaching, doctrines of devils. These are teachings that are inspired by demon spirits.

**2. Many People Have Started Out Good...**

- They started out in Faith, started out strictly with the Word of God, and then were drawn away and seduced and departed from the Faith.
- They no longer believe. They may believe in God, but they don't believe everything they used to believe *about* God.
- You know what I'm saying? They still believe in God but they don't believe everything that they were taught. They got drawn away or seduced away.

For example, let's take Healing because Healing comes through Faith. Some people were taught that Healing was in the atonement, that when Christ died for our sicknesses, He died for our sins. That's what the Bible teaches. Not only did Jesus bare our sins but He bore our sicknesses. Hallelujah! Isn't that good news? That means if FORGIVENESS is available, HEALING is available!

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And it takes the same Faith to receive Forgiveness as it takes to receive Healing. One is no harder than the other. You say, "Where do you find that in the Bible, Brother John?" I'm glad you asked....

Do you remember the story where Jesus said, "Which is easier to say; Son, thy sins be forgiven thee, or rise, take up thy bed and walk...?" Do you remember that? Well, what was he saying? He said one is not any harder than the other. If you can believe God forgives you of your sins, you can believe God heals your body. And if you believe God has forgiven you, you don't keep asking God to forgive you, do you? If you believe God has forgiven you, you don't go around acting like condemned sinners on your way to hell anymore do you? You act like a forgiven person. You act like a person that's righteous now before God and you praise God and you have Joy and Peace and Happiness. You act accordingly.

Well, if you believe when you pray that God has healed you and you accept your Healing by Faith, then you don't go around crying about being sick all the time and acting like a sick person. You start believing that you are healed according to your prayer and start acting that way. Start doing what you couldn't do before. Glory to God.

**3. The Same Faith That Receives FORGIVENESS Receives HEALING**

- Why is that? It's because the same price was paid for both!
- Faith comes for both the same way. You must hear the *teaching* of the Word of God on Forgiveness. You must hear the *teaching* of the Word of God on Healing.
- You must understand that it all happened in the atoning work of Christ. It was done at Calvary. It's all done.
- It's done as far as God is concerned. Now it has to become done with you. Hallelujah. You have to put it in the past tense and make it a finished work.

-What's done with God has to be done with you.

That's what Abraham did. He called those things which be not as though they were. He considered it done. When God said, "You are the father of a multitude." Abraham said, "I'm the father of a multitude. God if you say it's done, then I'll say it's done. I'm in agreement with God. It's done." That's what Faith does.

**4. The Finished Work of Christ Is Where All of Our Needs Were Met**

- He bore our sins so we could be forgiven.
- He bore our sicknesses so we could be healed.
- He bore our poverty so we could be rich.

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You say, "Where do you find that in the Bible, Brother John? I was always taught that money is the root of all evil!" The Bible doesn't say, "Money is the root of all evil." The Bible said, "*The love of money is the root of all evil.*" If you don't love it, you can have all you can get! Hallelujah!

**The Finished Work of Christ Is Where All of Our Needs Were Met (Continued...)**

***I. II Corinthians 8:9: "For we know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich."***

- Some people didn't even know that was in the Bible!
- When Jesus died on the cross a great exchange took place. That should have been YOU and that should have been ME, but He took our place. It's called substitution. Christ was our substitute at Calvary.
- All the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. The penalty was upon Him. The consequences of sin and disobedience are to be separated from God, plus sickness, disease, and poverty. Everything under the curse is all a result of sin.
- Seducing spirits will tell you, "That's speaking about *spiritually* rich, Brother John." How many have heard that before?
- Well if you go back and read all of *II Corinthians, Chapters 8 and 9*, it's not talking about spiritual. It's talking about money.
- The whole two (2) Chapters are talking about an offering Paul took for the Church in Jerusalem and he was talking about Sowing and Reaping.

Some people come along who have been seduced by a spirit that has told them, "*God doesn't want you to be rich. He wants you to be poor and barely get along. He'll meet all your needs not your wants.*" How many have heard that one?

***II. Romans 8:32: "He Who spared not His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"***

- "All things" includes not only needs but wants. If it didn't, it would read, ".....some things that we need..."
- Do you see how those seducing spirits can get in there and twist up the meaning of Word of God?
- Somebody seduced a person into believing that God wants you to just barely get along and have barely enough and, you know, money is evil. So therefore, in order for us to

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believe that lie, we have to take scriptures like *II Corinthians Chapters 8 and 9* that are clearly talking about money and say, "That's talking about *spiritual* riches." Now you have just misinterpreted the Bible.

Is anybody following me here tonight?

**5. The Blessing of Abraham**

**I. Galatians 3:13-14: Verse 13**, *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree: Verse 14, That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the Promise of the Spirit through Faith."*

- Jesus bore our sin. He bore our sickness. He bore our poverty.
- Christ took the curse of Adam and gave us the Blessing of Abraham, the guy God made a covenant with.
- That curse involves everything that you can think of, every sickness and disease.

**II. Deuteronomy 28:58-61: Verse 58**, *"If you will not observe to do all the words of this Law that are written in this Book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD YOUR GOD; Verse 59, Then the LORD will make our plagues great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Verse 60, Moreover He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they shall cleave unto you. Verse 61, Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the Book of Law, them will the LORD bring upon you, until you be destroyed."*

- This is all under the curse, the curse of the broken Law.
- Let me tell you some good news: Christ fulfilled the Law! Hallelujah!

**III. Romans 10:4**: *"For Christ is the end of the Law for Righteousness to everyone who believes."*

- We might have broken the Law, but Jesus fulfilled the Law and kept the Law perfectly. He did that so the Blessing could be transferred to you and me. Then He went to the cross.
- When He went to the cross He took the curses upon himself of disobedience, the curses that belonged to the people who broke the Law. Even every disease that's not even named in the Book was on Christ.
- Christ became our Substitute. He said, "I'm going to take what they deserve and they're going to get what I deserve."

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Say it with me, "I'm not getting what I deserve! I'm getting what Jesus deserves!" That's what it means when the Bible says, "...*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law...*" He redeemed. He paid a ransom price. That's what the word Redemption means; to pay a ransom.

What was the ransom? It was His own blood. It was His own life. He went and died as a disobedient sinner so that we could live as a righteous person and have all the Blessings of Righteousness upon our life. Hallelujah!

Say it with me, "I am redeemed from the curse of the Law that the Blessing of Abraham might come on my life. I am already blessed. Everything Jesus deserves belongs to me because I am in Christ." Now listen. That cancels out the idea that you deserve to be sick. That cancels out the idea that you deserve to be poor. That cancels out the idea that you deserve to die in a car wreck. That cancels out the idea that any bad thing ought to happen to your life. It's not God's will. It's not a blessing for any of that stuff to happen. That cancels out the idea that any of that stuff should happen to us.

#### **6. Well, Why Does It Happen?**

***1. Hosea 4:6:*** "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no Priest to Me: seeing you have forgotten the Law of your God, I will also forget your children."

- God's people get destroyed because they don't know what they should know. Isn't that in the Bible?
- That's why you're here tonight. Because you're smart. You know you don't know it all yet. That's why I'm here because I don't know it all yet. I like to come because I'm learning too.
- When you know it all you don't have to come back, so I guess I'll see you next time.

This is what builds Faith, when you understand this.

#### **7. Everything Under the Curse Is Not Allowable In Your Life**

- Everything that is under the curse, that you read about in *Deuteronomy 28*, is not allowable in your life. It's unlawful.
- Christ has already ransomed you and redeemed you. You're in Christ and you're already blessed with the blessing of Abraham.
- The only thing that's allowable as far as God is concerned and lawful for your life is the blessing! As far as God's concerned.

#### **8. Satan is a Law Breaker**

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- Satan is a criminal. That's why God made Hell, for satan and his angels because he will eternally be a criminal. He will always be a Law Breaker.
- God locks him up for a thousand (1000) years, lets him fry for a thousand (1000) years to find out what Hell is going to be like, lets him loose for a short time, and the first thing he does is start a rebellion.
- Do you see the mercy and grace of God? God is justified even in creating a Hell because He proved that satan, even after a thousand (1000) years, won't change. God didn't create Hell for man. He created it for satan and his angels.

Satan is an eternal criminal and he doesn't care what's lawful. That's why the Bible says, "*...whatsoever things you bind on earth will be bound in heaven...*" The amplified Bible says that whatever you allow on earth is allowed in heaven. So you have to find out what's lawful and loose it on the earth. I have to find out what's allowable and I have to loose what's allowable. I have to loose according to the Law, not the Ten Commandments Law, but the Law of the Spirit, the finished Work of God in Christ Jesus.

-I have to release what's allowable in my life and I do that by Faith. I do it with my words and I resist what's not allowable.

When the devil is attacking your life, understand that, "Wait a minute, I'm redeemed from the curse! I'm supposed to be blessed! This is not allowable! I'm not allowing this!" You have to understand this. This is a key! When satan comes along and says to you, '*...You know your mama had this and your daddy died of that, and now it's your turn...*' You have to tell the devil, "No! I'm in Christ Jesus and I've been redeemed from that curse and that is not allowable! I resist you and you are fleeing from me! I know what's Lawful and what isn't Lawful and I'm not allowing you to do that to me! I'm not going to allow it!" That's what it means to bind on earth.

You allow, you loose, on earth what's already loosed in Heaven. You allow on earth what's already allowed in Heaven. You are enforcing the law! That's what it means to bind it and loose it! You tell the devil, "No! You stop! I forbid you to do that! That's not allowable!" When you put your foot down and you tell the devil, "I know what's allowable here and what's Lawful and what isn't and I know this is illegal action and I'm enforcing the Law on you and you stop it now in Jesus' name!" Guess what he's gonna have to do? He's gonna have to obey you. Hallelujah to God!

**9. Resist the devil and He'll Flee From You**

- Make satan obey you!
- If we don't know what's Lawful and what isn't Lawful then we'll accept whatever the devil brings because somebody told us, "You never know what God's will is. It may be the Lord allowing you to have cancer so you can become more compassionate for those

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that do!" I'm already compassionate. I've got the Love of God shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost.

- I don't need cancer to make me compassionate. I'm compassionate because I have God's divine nature in me.

You see how those lies come along and people that don't know the Truth, they believe the lie. They're Faith is Shipwrecked. They're seduced away from the Truth and when you get away from the Truth you are open game. Just like a sheep that strays from the flock, out from under the supervision and care of the Shepherd. The wolves will have you for lunch. That's why we are called to walk with the flock, under covering and under spiritual authority because that's where the safety is. Can I get an "Amen" here tonight? And there are people that have been seduced away from that Truth.

I've had people tell me that, "Well the Lord just told me to stay home from Church for a while." I say, "No, the Lord didn't tell you that. I'm sorry that's not scriptural. He didn't tell you that. He didn't tell you to stay home from Church." You didn't come to Church for some other reason but it wasn't God telling you not to come. He's the same One that said not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. So how can God go against Himself? How can He tell you one thing in the Bible and then tell you to do something contrary to the Bible? You're being seduced.

Seducing spirits. Doctrines of demons. If you don't know the Truth, you'll believe a lie. If you believe a lie, you'll go into bondage and captivity and satan will do whatever he wants to do in your life. That's why Jesus said in *John 8:32*, "*If you continue in my word then you are my disciples indeed and you will know the truth and truth shall set you free.*"

#### **10. Jesus Was a Righteous Man**

- Jesus was a Righteous man fulfilling the Law, tempted in all ways like as we are, yet without sin. He was a Righteous man. He was a man in right standing with God.
- *Romans 10:4*, Christ fulfilled the Law in His earthly life. He met all the requirements of the Law. He's the end of the Law. It's finished. The end. He finished it as a man.
- He deserved all the blessings. We broke the Law. We don't. Now I'm not Righteous by keeping the Law. I'm Righteous by believing in Jesus, because He fulfilled the Law for me. I don't get Righteous by fulfilling the Law. He already fulfilled the Law. I get Righteous by Faith, by believing in Him. Are you getting this?

Now think with me. This is a thinking time. Think about this: Jesus was a Righteous man, a man who perfectly fulfilled the Law, right? No curse could touch Him. Many people think that Jesus could pass through the midst of them when they came to stone Him because He was God in the flesh. No. Many people think He laid His hands on lepers and didn't get it because He was God. Many people think everything Jesus did in the Gospels was because He was God. But that's not true.

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Jesus, even though He was God, pre-existed as God, He was also man in the image of God, man as he was meant to be. When you look at Jesus in the Gospels, that's how you're meant to be, man as he was meant to be. That's what it means to be man in the image of God, man as he was meant to be. This is Christianity I'm talking about here tonight. This is Christianity; Christ-likeness. So Jesus was a man who was fulfilling the Law, living a perfect, sinless life, and because of that he could lay hands on lepers and it was unlawful for leprosy to get on Him. *John 14:30*, Jesus said, "...the prince of this world comes but he has no place in Me..." He has no window of opportunity to touch my life because I am a Righteous man and I'm Righteous because I'm living sinless.

No part of the curse could touch Jesus, nothing, not sickness, not death, not poverty, nothing. Nothing could touch Him because He was a sinless Righteous man, man in the image of God. That's why He could live the way He lived. Now, when Christ died on the cross, he died as though He was the sinful Law breaker and He passed on the Blessing to us as though we were the obedient, sinless ones who never broke the Law and that, my brothers and sisters, is the potential that you and I can live in.

If we ever get that revelation inside of us, to understand that, "...as Christ is even so are we in this world..." to understand that as far as God is concerned, it's the same as Jesus living and walking here. I am the Body of Christ. God made me that way. There was a Great Exchange. He became everything that I was that I might become everything that He is. Glory to God. There was a Great Exchange that took place.

Now, when my mind is renewed to that and I understand who I am in Christ and I understand that it is now unlawful, just as it was when Jesus was here in *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*, it was unlawful for anything to touch Him because He was a Righteous, sinless man, and now that I am in Christ, God views me as the same Righteous, sinless man, then it becomes unlawful for anything in this earth to touch me! I can say, "The prince of this world comes but he has no place in me!" I'm talking about a great exchange here! I'm talking about the reality of redemption in Christ! I'm talking about what God did for us through Christ and His finished work!

**11. Very Few People Ever Live Up To It**

- Very few people ever reach for that. Very few people ever even know that it's even possible for them.
- That what was unlawful for Jesus in His earth walk is unlawful for you now. That's why you don't have to fear cancer. That's why you don't have to fear aids. You don't have to fear sugar diabetes. You don't have to fear any of it.
- It's unlawful for all that stuff, in a legal sense, to touch you. Do you understand what I'm saying? In a legal sense, it is unlawful for any of that to touch you.

We still have to live obediently as Christians or we give place to the devil.

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**12. Give No Place to satan**

***I. Ephesians 4:27: “Neither give place to the Devil.”***

- Jesus didn’t give the devil a place.
- The devil was looking for a place so bad in Jesus’ life that when he tempted him, in *Matthew, Chapter 4*, on the cross, he was looking for a way in, tempting Jesus in every which way; trying to get a hold on His life, but Jesus would not give the devil any place. He wouldn’t be foolish. But we do foolish things.
- The Bible has given us all the Book of Proverbs, and all these scriptures and all this wisdom, the Holy Ghost, to make us wise so that we don’t give the devil any advantage over our life because he goes about “...as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour...” He’s looking for a window of opportunity in your life even though it’s unlawful for him to do it!

The number one thing he has against us is our ignorance. “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...*” The second thing the devil uses against us is disobedience. We know better but we do it anyway. Just because we’re redeemed and we have a Lawful, legal, inheritance and right standing with God doesn’t mean now that we can do anything we want and live as rebels and we’re gonna walk in the blessing anyway, because it’s not gonna happen.

**13. You Have to Walk in the Light as He Is In the Light**

- “*To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*” When you know what’s right to do, you do it.
- You have to balance this whole thing out. You should take care of yourself and be practical. Follow the practical instructions of the Bible because when you do, you have confidence in your life. When you know you’re doing the right thing you have confidence.

***I. 1 John 3:21-24: Verse 21, “Beloved, if our heart condemn us not then have we confidence toward God. 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.”***

- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Put your Faith in the finished work.
- Faith in the finished work means what was not allowable for Jesus, any of the curse, in his earth walk, is now not allowable for you.

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- You're redeemed. That's good news isn't it?

**14. Walk In Love**

- If I'm going to live in unforgiveness, if I'm going to hold bitterness in my life, and I'm going to refuse to forgive people when God hasn't refused to forgive me, then I have opened a door to the devil.
- You have to walk in Love. You have to live in Faith. You cannot live in Faith when you're disobeying the Truth that you know to do. Just do the Truth.
- Then your confidence level is up. Your Faith is up. You can resist the devil and he'll flee from you. You can apply the Word of God in your redemption.

Even if you goofed up, as soon as you repent, everybody in here is probably going to do that in about a minute, you say, "God forgive me! Jesus, help! Forgive me!" And He says, "Done." Mercy. Done. OK, you're right again. Now tell the devil, "Get out of here." Start resisting the devil.

The fact is, when you haven't been doing right, even though you receive forgiveness, you have what's called "sin consciousness." You still remember yourself and it's hard to be confident when you have "sin consciousness", when you're still feeling bad about what you've done. You have to get over that "sin consciousness" and get back to being "righteousness conscience", I am forgiven. Hallelujah! The Blood has cleansed me and I am in right standing with God. Now devil, get your stuff and get out of here! Go from me! That's not allowable anymore, devil. I gave you a little place, but I took it back! Hallelujah!

**15. You Have to Know It**

- Revelation Knowledge knows it. It's revealed to you by the Spirit of God. It's a part of you. You know it. You're not just wondering about it.
- You're going to wonder about *information*, but with *revelation*, you're not going to wonder anymore. You're going to *know* it.
- Meditate in the Word of God day and night and revelation knowledge will come.

Did you find out anything tonight? You're redeemed. There was a Great Exchange that took place. Christ was your Substitute. He took everything that was lawful against you on Him and now all that was lawful against you because of sin and disobedience and the curse is now unlawful because you are the Righteousness of God in Christ. Now it's up to you and me to bind on earth what's already bound in Heaven, release on earth what's released there, allow here what's allowed there, and don't permit what God says is not permissible against your life. Hallelujah! Lord, thank you for your word tonight.

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