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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen....Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"
(Hebrews 11:1,6, NKJV).

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FOREWORD

*"Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for,
and the evidence of things not seen"*
(Hebrews 11:1)

Dan Bohi was raised with bold Kingdom heritage and family impact. In 1995, he endured an auto calamity that traumatized him near fatality but transformed his eternity. This tragedy wrecked his body, robbed varsity athletic agility, destroyed his construction industry, and depleted currency from him, his wife Debbie, and their family.

By faith, the Lord removed futility, restored mobility, forgave iniquity, and cleansed impurity. The Lord now increases in Dan humility, grows maturity, and renews fidelity to Jesus and intimacy in the Spirit. Late in 2008, God called him into ministry with one priority: becoming love in Jesus!

The Holy Spirit called and qualified Dan Bohi to proclaim faith based on the Word of God. Now, Dan and Debbie lead Becoming Love Ministries Association, teamed with nine colleagues and couples with accountability to a dynamic non-profit board. Within this team of Spirit-anointed servant leaders, my wife Carol and I are blessed to serve with Dan and his team among congregations, denominations, generations, and nations.

In 2010, we first heard Dan preach at a church near Kansas City. When he spoke the next year during a national evangelism conference plenary session, hundreds of pastors and leaders responded for prayer. Beginning in 2012, Dan participated in national prayer

summits we hosted at the Global Ministry Center (GMC) and at church facilities in Kansas City. To the praise of God's glory, during these 15 years, Dan has preached in more than 1,500 churches.

In 2014, Carol and I first conversed deeply with Dan and Debbie during dinner in our Kansas City home. Soon, the Lord revealed to Dan in a dream that I would resign at the GMC, and we would move to Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit challenged Dan to invite us to partner with him while he helped to support our ministries there. After four years ministering in Israel, the Lord led us back to the USA to help care for elderly parents and to advance *Becoming Love Ministries*. Now, this entire team is pursuing together the call of the Holy Spirit who fulfills each of us in Yeshua Messiah through global ministries, including several based in Jerusalem.

The Lord began to enable Dan and the *Becoming Love Ministries* team to invest in other mission leaders, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, ministry organizations, and international revival movements. All of these team ministries thrive through partners who give sacrificially, generously, and monthly. The vision for global impact through Becoming Love in Jesus is achieving reality daily through persons and partners such as you and your family.

Several *Becoming Love Ministries* colleagues helped to edit *Now Faith* by Dan. Each section grips and compels all of us to stretch authentic faith in Jesus. Throughout these 12 chapters, Dan proclaims and practices faith in the Lord and the Word of God in holiness and purity of heart and life. As a result, more leaders and congregations experience deep cleansing from God in tandem with the supernatural power of the Spirit demonstrated in extraordinary miracles.

Dan's preaching and writing is fervent in fusion of the Word and Spirit to empower leaders and congregations globally. He preaches

a lifestyle of intimacy with Christ in which each of us activates the Word, reproducing a lifestyle of worship naturally in the supernatural.

I commend wholeheartedly Dan's priority for the Word of God and insights on faith. As we read this book with a prayerful mind and healthy courage, the LORD will change our lives and add our names to a list of His mighty ones: faithful servants of King Yeshua, valiant victors, fearless overcomers, experienced in exploits, and cherished champions.

We pray for you who receive and believe *Now Faith*. With you, by faith in Jesus, we are becoming love.

Daniel D. Ketchum, Ph.D.
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I would be remiss if I did not thank the Becoming Love Ministry Board who gives me unwavering support as we fulfill the call to wake up the church to the power, purity and freedom of the Spirit-filled life. Without your constant encouragement this would be a difficult task.

Finally, to our partners worldwide that sacrificially give so that we can fulfill our mission. You are a constant encouragement and support as we keep advancing the footprint of the Kingdom. Each one of you are a good and perfect gift from Abba!



INTRODUCTION

What is Faith? If you were to look up the definition of faith in the dictionary you would find this: Faith is a “complete trust or confidence in someone or something.” Hebrews 11:1 says: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (NKJV) Let’s talk about active faith or as the book suggest, *Now Faith*. Dan Bohi gives insight into what *Now Faith* consists of when he suggests that “Faith is a *power* and a *substance* that is innate and a part of the actual DNA of God.” In other words, faith is rooted in the Word of God.

As you read this book you will become convinced that Dan Bohi sees faith not merely as something that we practice like we participate in an activity or hobby, no, faith is much more than mere practice. Faith is power, faith is a force to be reckoned with. When we have *Now Faith*, we begin to release into our lives unlimited possibilities in the spiritual realm. When Dan Bohi suggests that faith is a power and a substance, he means that when you have faith you are connecting into a power source that is part of the DNA or the heart of God. We are connecting to that same power through His word that spoke worlds into existence. You can’t separate God from His word!

One of the great thoughts in this book is the fact that salvation is more than just a get out of hell and entrance into heaven reality. No, Dan suggests that salvation describes the total victory and prosperity that Jesus provides for your total man. *Now Faith* allows us to understand that Christ has provided everything we need for life and Godliness.

Righteousness is the work that is done by the Spirit of the Living God in a moment in time. Simply understood, it is when we were put in right standing with God and because we are in right relationship

with God we then can be in right relationship with others around us. This only happens by the power of the Holy Spirit that lives inside of us. Jesus reminded us that it better that the Spirit live inside you, than walk beside you. As Dan states: "Faith is the power and substance that releases the righteousness of God from our spirit, into our bodies and into our souls and into the circumstances around us."

We understand two words as they relate to faith. The first is substance and the second is power. Let's look at the word substance. We sometimes understand substance as the principal or necessary part of something. Faith is a substance or a principal or necessary ingredient of what we are hoping for. And if faith is power and our faith is grounded in a power source then that would mean that our *Now Faith* is grounded in the Word of God. It is God's word that is the generator that produces our desires in which we hope for. The second word is power which is always found in the Word of God. The power of our faith is found in the written or spoken word of God. Think about the power of His spoken word! Think about creation, amazing, nothing was created unless God spoke it into existence. Now that's power.

The power of our *Faith* is in His word. That is why we should not neglect such an incredible gift. It is the Word of God that activates our faith in our present circumstances so that we live not by what we see with our physical eyes but by what we know is true based on God's word. You won't journey very far in this book without agreeing that we can base our words, our lives and our actions by faith in the Word of God. This is the fight of faith. When we engage in this fight we will release the substance, the power that is only found in His Word. Come on, take this journey into faith that is constant and present in every moment of our lives.

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FAITHING IN JESUS NOW AND FOREVER!

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). When Jesus transformed Paul’s life, he wrote these words.

I believe Jesus transformed my life by faith in Him, a miracle I will recount in this book. Now, I believe. I believe Jesus. I believe His miracle power for salvation of all who believe. Do you believe? Do you experience “Now Faith”?

In Hebrews 11: 1 we read, “Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. Now faith is the certainty or substance of things hoped for, and the proof or evidence of things not seen.”

In this book and in our world now for such a time as this, I relate stories of people who received and practiced “Now Faith” and overcame fear. My father-in-law, Dr. Don Owens, the father of my wife Debbie, tells two of these stories. Here is his first account of now faith.

When my father-in-law went to New Guinea to ordain new pastors, he saw five guys carrying a man who had no hands and no feet. He had legs and arms, but he had no hands and no feet. Also, half of that man’s tongue was cut off.

My father-in-law asked the man being carried, "What happened?" The man uttered, "Oh, I went to a village, and I preached the gospel. Several men said that if I didn't stop preaching about Jesus, they were going to cut my hand off. And I said, 'Well, I cannot and will not stop.'" So, they cut his hand off.

About a month and a half later, when his hand healed a little, he went back and preached again. And they said, "If you don't shut up, we're going to cut off your other hand." So, he lost his other hand. When he healed, he went back again, and they told him they would cut off his foot. He kept proclaiming Jesus, so they cut his foot off.

After he healed, he went back to preach again, and the men threatened to take his other foot. He taught the love of Jesus again and they kept their word to cut off his other foot. He went back and they said, "We're going to cut your tongue out, so you can't talk about Jesus." Well, they only got half of his tongue, so he could still talk.

So, my father-in-law asked the man being carried, "What happened to those guys who nearly killed you?" The man said, "Well, the five guys you are ordaining tonight are the men who did this to me. These men saw they could not defeat the love and power of Jesus in me, because I had faith that established me in the midst of persecution. They wanted to know my Jesus. Now they are all pastoring churches and the Gospel is expanding, even exploding."

Again, "The Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes!" And again, I ask, "Do we believe now? Do we have now faith?"

In Luke 18:8, Jesus asks, "When the Son of Man returns, will He find faith on the earth?" That question has inspired and motivated me to dig out realities of faith. As we study many Bible passages, we will learn more together about possibilities of faith: believing now.

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I have been drafting a definition of faith; here is my latest attempt. **Faith is a power and a substance that is innate and a part of the actual DNA of God's Word.** The Word of God is part of God Himself. The Word of God is the LORD Himself speaking and revealing Himself and truth to us.

So, faith is a power: the power of substance. Faith is a part of the DNA of God's Word. We cannot separate God from His Word. Faith is not something we merely practice or exercise. Faith is a power. It is a force. I believe there are unending possibilities in the realm of faith.

When we are teaching on themes such as faith, we should avoid causing people to feel we are prideful or arrogant. We cannot simply tell God to do things and expect He will do them. So, we must always teach with love and humility. I repeat. We will always teach with love and humility.

In other words, we should never take some truth and say, "This is THE Truth." We should never receive some new revelation ourselves and begin to say, "This is the truth now." Why? Because that is how cults start. That is how churches divide. Instead, we should say, "Let's study and practice truth that points to and clarifies THE Truth." THE truth is the Person Jesus Christ and His power that sets us free.

Let's start in Romans chapter one, verse 11: "I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, so that you might be established, to make you strong."

So, Paul was eager to get to Rome to impart a supernatural charisma to the believers, so they could be established...established in the middle of persecution. Do you hear that? I want you to know persecution is coming. Do we sense that and are we ready?

I opened this chapter by sharing an amazing story of faith without fear. I relay another story now from my father-in-law, Dr. Don Owens,

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the father of my wife, Debbie. Both of these are stories of people who were established and could not be moved.

Dr. Owens was in Nashville at a conference where a Vietnamese man was speaking. This man had been a prisoner of war in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp led by Communists. He told stories about days he and all prisoners were desperately hungry.

Finally, he believed he was led by the Lord to stand alone by a fence right next to a river. Soon, fish would jump out of the river, and he could grab them, cook them, and eat them. Nobody knew how he got his food. But he knew the story in 1 Kings 17 of ravens feeding Elijah, which was like miracles of God keeping this Christian Vietnamese man alive in a prisoner of war camp when everybody else was starving.

Men who controlled those prisoners tortured him to try to force him to give up his faith, but he never did. Then one day, the Colonel in charge of the prisoner of war camp said, "If you don't renounce Jesus, I'm going to shoot you in the head tomorrow morning at seven o'clock near the flagpole."

That night after he was threatened to death, the Colonel got drunk, was hung over the next morning, and slept in until he was mostly sober. Then, he looked into that foggy jungle morning and saw that little Christian man standing out there by the flagpole, waiting to be shot. With faith in God, he was ready and waiting for the Colonel.

So, the officer splashed cold water, got dressed, and walked arrogantly to the flagpole. He cocked the gun in his hand, and said, "This is your last chance." The little Christian man said, "I will not denounce this Jesus! He is my life!"

The Colonel pointed, pulled the trigger, and the gun would not fire. So, he glanced at a guard, pointed the gun up, pulled the trigger,

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and the gun shot into the air. So, he cocked the gun again, pressed it against the Christian's head, and shouted, "I am not joking! This is your last chance."

The Vietnamese believer responded slowly and confidently, "You can shoot me. I have already given my life to Jesus. I will not renounce my Savior."

The officer pulled the trigger again. It did not fire. He cursed and when he threw the gun on the ground, it fired. Everyone jumped, except the stunned Colonel who stood still and silent.

So, my father-in-law was talking to this same Vietnamese Christian speaker at a Nashville conference. Dr. Owens asked him, "What happened to that officer?" The speaker pointed to a taller, stronger man nearby and said, "Oh, that's him." The Colonel was the guy now carrying the believer's bags.

Wherever this faith-filled Vietnamese preacher traveled around the world, declaring faith in God, the once-opposing officer who tried to kill him with a gun that wouldn't work, was now carrying his luggage all over the world. He was now serving Christ, because he had been established through a humble witness and a supernatural impartation of the Holy Spirit.

Those are examples of Christians similar to believers we might know who are solid in faith and will not be moved. The power of the gospel cannot be stopped, if it's the true gospel.

Now, let's return to Romans 1:15-16: "That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel." Friend, isn't that a strong statement? "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." The gospel is the power of God for salvation!

Do you know that “salvation” is a word that describes the total victory and prosperity the LORD provides for your spirit, your soul, and your body? Do we agree that “salvation” is the meaning of the name Jesus? This gospel of Jesus Christ is the total divine prosperity package, providing whatever our spirit needs, our soul needs, and our body needs. That is salvation.

Paul declares to the community of faith persecuted in Rome, “I am not ashamed of salvation. I am not ashamed of the gospel.” Why? Because in the gospel, the power of God produces salvation. This is one major reason we are studying these Scriptures together!

Is this power available to everyone who performs? No, the Word does not say that. To everyone who works harder? No, the Word does not say that either. What is this power? Where is this power? Who is eligible for this power? The Bible says, “To everyone who believes.” Remember, we are learning about real faith. But isn’t this power of salvation for everyone who keeps the rules? No. I am not teaching on law. I’m teaching on faith!

This gospel is the power of God. This gospel brings salvation (Jesus) “to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

Verse 17: “For in the gospel the righteousness....” Listen to this: “The righteousness of God is revealed.”

How? From faith...to faith...to faith...to faith...and more faith...from first to last. “Just as it is written, ‘The righteous one will live by faith.’” Not by striving, not by worrying, not by stressing. But by faith!

What is righteousness? Righteousness is what the Holy Spirit accomplishes in our spirit in a moment in time. Righteousness is right relationship with God that results in right relationship with others.

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Faith is the path that releases the righteousness of God from our spirit, into our bodies, into our souls, and into the circumstances of life around us. That is why I think we will learn more about faith for the rest of our days until Yeshua returns. Amen?

Now, I emphasize again that we should always teach with love and humility. Proverbs 16:21 is a verse the Lord has given me like new. Look with me at this: "The wise in heart will be called understanding, and sweet speech increases persuasiveness." In other words, we can teach the hardest truth if our speech is sweet with love and humility.

People will not put up their walls in defense, shut us off, or turn us off, if our speech is sweet, kind, caring. If our faith is motivated with love, we can persuade. Paul wrote in Galatians 5:6, "The only thing that matters is faith working through love." If we are trying to speak truth without being motivated by love, all it does is give people knowledge, which merely puffs up.

But if we are trying to speak the truth in love, as Paul taught in Ephesians 4:15, then God's edifying grace establishes people for what is coming in these end times. So, if the speech of our lips is motivated by love, the unchangeable message of truth will be accepted by more and more people. Right?

Let's return now to Hebrews 11 and consider this theme on faith as a powerful substance. In Hebrews 11:1 we read, "Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." Read this aloud with me: now faith is the certainty or substance of things hoped for, and the proof or evidence of things not seen.

Now faith is the substance--the certainty--the substance of what we're hoping for. So, faith is a substance that is power found in God's Word to provide our desires, because what we hope flows from our desires.

Let's look closer at two words that describe faith in a different angle. Note the two words on either side of the word "faith". The Bible says, "Now faith is..."

"Now": present tense. "Is": present tense. "Now, faith is."

Now faith is practicing faith in the Lord now.

Let me give you another angle on Faith. Together in the Spirit of the Lord, we will gain and even seize a lot of new discoveries about faith in the following chapters.

How do we know Jesus is the faithful one? I want each of us to get this. Faith is the substance of what we desire, of what we are hoping for. So, ultimately, what is the substance of faith? Jesus! Jesus is the desire of all nations. Do we understand this yet? The true essence or substance of faith is Jesus. Not something. Someone: The One!

In Hebrews 13:8 we read, "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever." So, what is faith and what does faith do? How do we appropriate or receive faith? How do we walk in faith? How do we live by faith? Faith is the power that brings the Jesus of yesterday and the Jesus of forever into right now. History into eternity. Faithing in Jesus is now and forever!

We know what Jesus did yesterday, because we can read about it in the Bible. And we know what He is going to do in the future, because we can read about it in the Bible. But faith brings us to right now. Now, faith is. Is!

So, the only way we can operate in faith is to receive it from the Word of God, the Bible. We cannot operate in faith by someone else's opinion or by someone else's words. We can only get to God's reality by getting into the Word of God ourselves. Because the Word of God

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is where faith exists. The DNA of faith is found in the actual Word of God.

Now faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. Now faith is made perfect by seeing Jesus, the Word made flesh. Again, the essence or substance of faith is in the God-Man and the Word: Christ Jesus and His Word, the whole Bible.

While we explore and apply faith, we will search verses that encourage us to get more involved in what the Word says instead of what others say with other words. For example, let's embrace 2 Corinthians chapter one, verse 20 where Paul writes, "The promises of God are many. In Jesus they are Yes. Therefore, through Him also is our 'Amen' to the glory of God through us." God is waiting on our faith and agreement to what He has already said "Yes" to. The promises do not become "Yes" to us until our faith agreement enables them to be our reality.

In God's Word, He has given believers more than 8,000 promises. Remember the verse we noted? "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God unto salvation for those who believe." So, every believer has access to over 8,000 promises that are already stamped "Approved" with Jesus' "Yes!" on each promise. He is waiting to give us this faith. And He is waiting for us to receive it and agree.

If we do not get into the Word, if we do not receive what actually is ours, then we will never want to "Amen" what God says about us. If we don't get into the Word, our lives are an "Amen" to what the devil says about us. But now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the words of Christ. He is releasing the substance of the desires we have in real time: now!

So, faith is the substance of what we desire. Then, fear is the substance of what we don't want. Fear is the substance of what we don't desire.

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Fear and faith are opposites. Faith comes by hearing the words of Christ. Fear comes by hearing other words. We have a choice, a free will to choose. We can receive the Messiah's power to say about ourselves what God says about us, instead of what the devil says about us.

The devil says we'll never be healed. The devil says we'll never get ahead. The devil says our family will never be saved. The devil says our church will never experience revival or transform our city. The devil says some persons will never break through.

God's Word says the exact opposite. Faith comes by hearing the words of God. Fear comes by hearing the words of the world. All the promises of God are already "Yes."

Let's remember Jesus' teaching, "I gave you the keys to the kingdom. Whatever you bind on earth has already been bound in heaven. And whatever you loose on earth, has already been loosed in heaven." What was He saying? "I have already said 'Yes'. Now, I am waiting for someone to believe. I have already done the work. I have already provided. I have already sacrificed My blood for your salvation. Now, I am waiting on you to believe the possibilities that are endless if you totally believe!"

Amen. Are we receiving and believing this? Now?

Let's look at Romans 3:21, "Now apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. But it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ, for all those who believe, since there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a sacrifice of atonement in his blood to be received by faith."

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God demonstrated faith when He provided the blood of Christ, so we could actually receive faith. God worked with faith to demonstrate His righteousness. In God's merciful restraint, He let the sins previously committed go unpunished. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness now--at the present time--so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Can we see how many times the words "faith" and "righteousness" are evident in this passage?

Now, look at verse 27. Where then is boasting? It has been excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No. We are justified and redeemed by the law or principle that requires faith.

Do we really see this? Brothers and sisters, I propose that as we go on this 12-chapter journey, that the law of faith is a key principle of the New Covenant. Some refer to the Old Covenant as the law of works. Nobody can keep all the laws in the Old Covenant, so working to be redeemed by law does not work. Everybody who believes is fulfilling the principle of faith. Are you with me? This is a really big deal.

In Romans 3:31 we read: "Do we then nullify the law by this faith? Far from it! On the contrary, we establish or uphold the law. Paul does not recommend or condone going back to the law of Moses. He's talking about us establishing the law of faith, the principle of faith!

We're supposed to be walking in the new principle of faith that works through love, not performance. Amen? Faith is the law of the New Covenant. The Lord offers to plant this truth first in our heart and in our spirit. Then, faith can help transform our minds and our bodies.

I want each of us to realize the dilemma we are in. Paul wrote in Romans 8:5-7, "Those who are in accord with the flesh, set their minds on the things of the flesh. But those who are in accord with the Spirit, set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For the mind set

on the flesh is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God. For it does not submit to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.”

Paul is not writing about subjecting ourselves to Old Covenant law. He is teaching us to submit ourselves to the new law of faith, trusting in Jesus alone, faithing only into Christ. Do you see this? To live controlled by the flesh means we try to do things by ourselves to earn God’s approval. We try to keep 613 laws and commandments. And the flesh-self wants to brag about how many of the 613 laws we keep compared to how many of the 613 others keep. It’s always a comparison of what we ourselves can do. If you’re set on that mindset, you cannot enter into the new law of faith.

Paul writes in Romans 8:9-10, “You are not in the flesh or controlled by sinful nature, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.” The Messiah and the Spirit in us provide righteousness: right relationships with Jesus and others!

We remember that Christ-likeness is revealed to the world through people who have received the power of the gospel through faith. Faith is in our spirit. The righteousness of God is in our spirit, waiting for us to live faith. So, it can change our thoughts, our reactions, our words, our body. In fact, look at Romans 8:11, which is amazing: “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised the Messiah from the dead will also give life to your physical bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Remember that in Luke 18:8, Jesus asked, “When the Son of Man comes back, will He find faith on the earth?” The life of faith Jesus modeled and desires for each of us a lifestyle that releases through

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our right spirit supernatural things from the Kingdom of God into our soul and body and through us into people and circumstances around us. That is the life of faith. Come on! The possibilities are endless!

Many of us who have been on weekly video gatherings together know a lady in Illinois who is suffering and confined to her bed. Even if some do not know her, think for a moment about her and possibilities of now faith. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in her and can flow out of her spirit to resurrect her body. That's a possibility of faith.

Do you understand the possibilities of faith? Jesus declared, "All things are possible to the one who believes." "All things" would cover a person in paralysis on a bed who needs resurrection. That is included in "all things". Do you see why we need to be so adamant, determined, and resolved to receive the principle and practice of faith? It's amazing!

Let's look at this: now faith is the substance of things we are desiring, right? Yes, faith is the substance of things we are hoping for and the evidence of things we cannot yet see physically. But we "see" them by faith now. We have to start where we're at.

I cannot start where John G. Lake, Oral Roberts, or Billy Graham were. I can't start where Randy Clark is. I have to start right where I am. I have to start with the Faithful One who's willing to walk step by step with me right where I am now. So, if we're comparing ourselves to others, we are going back to the law. We need to start living the faith right now, where we're at. Come on! We need to get our eyes off ourselves and others. We need to fix our eyes on the Faithful One: Jesus Christ.

We have to start where we are. We have to learn what doesn't work. And we are only going to learn that by trial and error. I used to do

some pretty dumb stuff, thinking it was faith. I prefer not to talk about it, but I learned what doesn't work. I will tell you that this past year has been my favorite year of ministry since I the LORD called me into ministry. Although I have preached in an average of more than eight services a week this entire year, I feel like I haven't worked.

I've seen more miracles this past year than I have ever seen. And I'm not working! Do you know what I'm doing? I am believing. I'm actually believing in the power of the Word. I have not asked God or prayed for one healing. Instead, I am releasing the Word of God into people's bodies. I am declaring the Word of God into people's souls: their will, mind, and emotions.

One night after I preached the Word and during a healing service, people lined up for prayer all the way to the back of the room. The Lord showed me what each person needed. I spoke a few words to each of them, their tears flowed, and they received words of discernment from the Spirit. I will not work hard in the flesh by going back to the law. I will remain in grace and right relationship (righteousness) with Jesus and people in need. I will live the faith "not by might or power, but by the Spirit, says the Lord Almighty."

Romans 10:17 reminds us, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ." Right? Faith comes when we hear the word of Christ, which is the Bible. So, we need to speak the Word of the Lord more than to speak what anybody else says. Also, regarding faith, James 1:26 teaches that a person who claims to have religion, but has not yet learned to bridle the tongue, that person has deceived himself or herself.

Now if faith comes by hearing the word of Christ, we can by faith perceive the Word and the Spirit speaking in our inner ear, our inner spirit. And from my previous teachings, we realize that the LORD created our spirit to produce the seed we put in it. Right? The LORD

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created our soul and our spirit with the capability to put whatever it needs to make the seed work.

Sometimes in private settings, we think thoughts or speak words such as “I’m tired, I’m sick, I’m depressed, I don’t want to live, or I don’t know why I can’t get a breakthrough.” Those thoughts or words settle in our heart and our heart thinks that what we just thought or said is what we actually want. Then, our heart tries to produce those thoughts or words as our reality.

Other times in public settings, we might say words that sound spiritual or mature or what we want people to hear. Then, our heart hears those conflicting words, and our hearts become confused and deceived. Why? Because sometimes, our heart hears we don’t want to live, but other times, our heart hears we want everybody else to live. Some of us have not yet learned to speak words about ourselves and others based only on the Word of God.

If we speak negative feelings about ourselves or others, then critical thought patterns, fears, worries, and concerns accumulate in our soul. Our heart hears all that, and our heart thinks the words we speak are what we intend or desire. However, if we think, speak, and talk about ourselves and others consistently the way God speaks about us faith-fully, our heart could and would produce that faith reality all the time. Amen?

So, the Word and Spirit give us faith to activate what we cannot see. Right? This is very important. Faith is the evidence of things we cannot see. I don’t need faith for my desk chair, because I see it and touch it. I don’t need faith for my phone that plays my background music, because I can hear it. I don’t need faith, for what I can see or hear with my senses. I don’t need faith for that. But I need faith for what I cannot see or hear. I cannot walk in faith for what I cannot see,

unless that gift of faith is based on the Word of God and what the Lord says.

In 2 Corinthians 4:18, Paul writes, "Therefore, we do not fix our eyes on what is seen, for things that are seen are temporary. Things that are unseen are eternal." So, if we are going to live the life of faith, we refuse to become preoccupied with things we see or thoughts or words that try to draw us out of faith. We all know so much of what we see or hear is designed to talk us out of faith: prices at grocery stores or gas stations, news on TV, our bank account balance, and all kinds of stress. The only way we are going to live consistently authentic, biblical faith is to think in our minds and speak over our lives what God says about us.

That is where faith comes from. Faith from God always sees and always knows. Faith in the Word and Spirit always sees and always knows. When you and I get into the realm of faith, we can know the answer before we see the answer. We can believe the breakthrough before we see the breakthrough. Sometimes we see it by faith. How and why? Because we're not looking at temporary distractions.

One night in Boise, a gentleman took me out for dinner and spent two and a half hours sharing about his life and how God has blessed his life. His name is Mark, a realtor and developer in Boise and the Treasure Valley. He poured into me for two and a half hours until I came away with so much more faith. The last thing he said to me was, "If you ever need anything, call me," and he meant it. This brother is developing Starbucks, Walmarts, Krogers, and subdivisions. I mean, this guy is everywhere. In fact, when I was praying later with a man who had MS Multiple Sclerosis, his son walked in. I asked the boy, "Do you know this man named Mark? He said, "Oh, yeah. I don't know him personally, but his name is on every sign around here."

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Anyway, while Mark was sharing his life in Christ with me for two and a half hours, he proved that faith always sees. Faith always knows. Based on nothing in the natural. Based 100% on what God's Word says! I want to practice this message in faith and not emotion, without getting too fired up in feelings.

Now, let's come to Second Peter together. Look at 2 Peter 1:3, "For His divine power." Who's? God's. "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness." Do you know what that verse is? That is Peter's rendition of Paul's Romans 1:16. Paul says faith is the power of God for salvation. Peter says faith is the power of God for everything that pertains to life and godliness. These are the same description with unique, powerful words of hope!

In this book, we will study twelve teachings on faith, each focused on the same biblical description. We will see how the Lord in the Word applies and practices faith in hundreds of different words and ways. I pray each of us will receive this faith as we study together.

For example, one person living the faith can change their city. As Paul said, God's divine power has granted to us everything (that includes everything) pertaining to life and godliness. Life is our physical life. Godliness is our eternal life. When we believe, when we live by faith and become the righteousness of God in Christ, His power in the gospel provides everything we will ever need for eternity. His power in the gospel is already in our spirit. Everything we will ever need for eternity has been deposited in our spirit, waiting on us to live the faith and to release it into our soul, our body, and our circumstances. That's the gospel. That's the power of Christ in the gospel.

So, whether we are trying to weigh faith, measure it, assess it, or grow it, faith has exactly the same value to produce everything we hope for. Everything in our whole existence in Christ that we desire

is the same proper path to faith. And the greater our faith grows, the greater our desires become our reality.

Let me give you a red-letter verse, truth from our Savior highlighted in red ink in some Bibles. Every time I read this verse, I almost drop my microphone. In Matthew 21:22, Jesus declares, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Does that verse challenge you? Jesus' words in that verse certainly confront and challenge me. Here is the same verse in different words: "Whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive it all." Jesus said that. He speaks the truth; He cannot lie! Pray. Believe. Receive it all.

Jesus challenges us: there is more believing for us to tap into. There is more in His gift of faith and more in our practice of faith than we have even begun to realize. There is more believing than we see at first glance when we merely scratch the surface! Because the power of Jesus and the gospel depend on our faith, He does have more for each of us trying to live by faith.

I wrote this phrase down after that verse. Faith is the evidence. Faith is the only evidence we have until it manifests in our soul and body. We don't have any evidence, except faith!

And we will only receive that manifestation of faith when we base it on what God says about us. So, we must stop listening to what the world, the flesh, and the devil says about us. Amen?

Now, how do we get into this faith life, where the reality of God's Word is the daily life that we're actually living? It's a life walking in the grace of God, right? Yes, now faith is our whole life, walking in the grace of God in every moment of every day!

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In Romans 5:2, we learn that...by faith...we can enter into this grace... by which we stand. Remember, Paul wanted to travel to Rome so he could impart to them spiritual gifts to establish and ground them. He wanted them to experience a grace where they could stand. I propose to you the only way...to live...in the grace of God...is...by... faith...in every now.

In fact, I believe that people who “burn out” have quit living by grace. They “burn out” trying to live by works. I believe it is literally impossible for us to burn out in grace. Why do people hit walls of exhaustion or defeat, get worn down by stress, and run out of steam? I will explain why through a definition of grace the Lord has been burning on my heart. Here it is: Grace is God’s willingness to use His power and ability on our behalf, even though we don’t deserve it. Again: **Grace is God’s willingness to use His power and ability on our behalf, even though we don’t deserve it.** The only way we can live in grace is by faith. We enter into grace by faith.

You see why grace is so powerful. God’s grace enables us to walk in His power, to live by God’s ability. So, when we touch some, they’re healed. We touch others, and they’re delivered. We touch many, and their lives turn around. We touch a couple, and their marriage is saved. We touch others marginalized, and their family is restored. We touch others for financial blessing, and they receive a thousand-fold return. If we want to live in the ability of God, it’s only possible by His grace through faith.

In Hebrews 11:3, we see that everything was created by God’s Word. Right? So, in essence, God created everything by using His words. Nothing came into existence without His Word. In John 1:1, a disciple Jesus loved reminds us, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And all things came into being through Him.”

In John 1:1-3, the Lord helps us see three pictures of the Word. The first picture of the Word is the “Logos” or the thoughts of God. The second picture is the spoken Word that came out of God’s thoughts. The third picture of the Word is the God-Man Christ Jesus. These three word pictures describe our journey in faith.

Faith starts in our thoughts. As a person thinks within himself or herself, so that person actually is according to Proverbs 23:7. In the beginning are the thoughts of God. Do you know we have the mind of Christ? In our spirit, in the righteousness of God, in Christ who is in our spirit, we have the mind of Christ. We have His thoughts in us. If we let those thoughts produce our words that we will speak, they will manifest in our flesh. Christ became flesh and dwelt among us. The life of faith is believing that everything we will need for eternity... that is already in our spirit is waiting to be released...through our thoughts...that produce our words...that release the grace and power of God...that let us receive all things. That is the life of grace... through...faith.

As Moses wrote in Genesis 1:3, the Spirit of God was hovering over creation and over the waters. It was chaotic, right? The Hebrew word for “waters” can be translated chaos. God’s Holy Spirit hovers over chaos. We know and feel a lot of chaotic turbulence in global culture right now.

Now, we meditate on the word “hovering” in the phrase “the Spirit of God was hovering”. The Hebrew word for “hovering” means to brood over with anticipation or to crouch down with excitement. So, here’s the picture. If we’re living in faith, God’s Spirit alive in our spirit will be crouched down with expectancy, even in the worst of circumstances!

Do we really understand? Some people fear because it looks like divorce is imminent. Others groan when disease looks terminal. Or

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we panic when it looks like we're going to lose our house. Or we become distressed, because it looks like our ministry is not going to survive.

However, if we are living in the Spirit and in the faith--which means we're in righteousness and right relationship--then, we're in grace. Therefore, instead of circumstances depleting our spiritual zeal, the Holy Spirit living in our spirit quiets stormy, stressful, wild chaos and empowers us to expect, believe, and hope with greater anticipation than we have ever experienced. It's shalom: peace, rest, confidence, wholeness. So, shalom, friends!

How? Why? Because we are preparing to release words that will transform our circumstances. And God said, "Let there be light." God's Spirit is always anticipating breakthrough and revival in the turmoil of the worst situations. He is ready, willing, and able to speak and release His power--His substance--through His words. Now faith is! He is waiting on us to do the same: believe, declare, release!

That is why Paul proclaimed, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). Peter affirmed, "The Lord's great power, His divine power has already given us everything that pertains to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3).

All of these are practical, precious promises in the Word of God. These reverberate in the Book, waiting on us to agree, declare, and activate them ourselves. Amen? So, God filled His words with spiritual force, the power called faith. This is important, friends! God pronounced His words and filled them with spiritual force, the power called faith.

And we release those words by His Spirit. The rest is history. He enables our words to carry God's power into all of our circumstances.

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His Spirit. His power. Our words. In essence, we assert God's faith. We certify God's power by endorsing and repeating His Word to become our word.

After all, we are the Body of Christ. We are the Bride of Christ. And this amazing Good News seems almost too good to be true, doesn't it?

Yet some say, "Brother Dan, you don't understand. I have been saying these things." Well then, keep saying them. Let's keep declaring these truths by faith. If God said it, we are safe in confirming it now!

Let's speak the Word. By the Spirit. With grace. Through faith. If others say something else, something less, something more, or something different, let's stop repeating their opinions.

I will illustrate from my family, all of whom I love. My momma and daddy are past 90. My mom doesn't know how to say anything negative. Everything we talk to mom about is good. "God is on the throne. I can't wait to live longer so I can pray for people more." She releases hope, faith, courage, and excitement. She cannot be defeated: she is living off the fruit of her lips!

By contrast, many things my daddy says are negative. Perhaps the only reason my dad is still around: my momma's atmosphere is greater than his. My dad has seen more positive highs than probably anybody I know. Yet, he still has that subtle undermining. He speaks negative perspectives, which produces his reality.

My dad's glass is usually half empty. My mom's glass is always half full. It's evident in how they talk. Their words are based on what they believe. And what they believe is based on what they think. Do you understand what I mean?

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Do you want to live the faith? I want to live the faith. I will live the faith. Will you live the faith with me? When Jesus comes back, I want all of us to proclaim, "We're faithing! We're declaring! We're decreeing. We're not backing down. Faithing is our reality." Amen?

I'm so thankful, so thankful. I want to pray an impartation that we will live the faith. Can I do that? I long to pray that we will base our words on His Word and will release that substance, that power that is only found in His Word, which is His Person. Will you agree with me?

God, I thank you for these men and women that are hungry for more faith. They're hungry for You. They're hungry for the Word. I pray for a gift of more hunger for each of us. I pray that every one of these men and women will receive the greatest gift, which is more longing and desire for your Word than they have ever experienced. They won't be able to get enough. They will devour Your Word day and night, day and night, day and night. They will not let it depart from their lips. I declare over and into my friends the gift of hunger for Your Word, because that's where the faith is produced.

Then Lord, we trust You to engrave this message on our hearts. So, when stress comes, when delay distracts, when anxiety or chaos pile up, faith will be a deeper mark and reality than temporary feelings that come and go. Let us be people who walk by faith, who live the faith, who please You all the time. Because we live like Jesus. Let us live the key principle of the New Covenant, the practice of faith. I bless my family and my friends with more faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

