



Two Opposite Forces!

Which course will you set your life upon?

Do you realize that there are two opposing forces available at your disposal, both of which originate from the spirit realm? Each of these two opposing forces works in every human being to the exact degree that we place our beliefs in these powerful spiritual forces.

These two opposing forces are actually connectors that join dissimilar entities. They link physical human beings with the spirit realm. All physical human beings are linked into the spirit world, “so that **things which are seen** (*the visible*) were not made of **things which do appear** (*the invisible*)” (Heb 11:3). The unseen (*invisible spirit world*) forms what we see in this visible physical world. Our Goal during this Bible Study is to learn about these spirit connectors and how we can properly operate with them to our best advantage.



Noah is an excellent Biblical example of an individual who was closely linked into the spirit world, “**By faith Noah**, being warned of God **of things not seen as yet**, (*Out of the unseen spirit realm, Noah was warned and given very specific directions concerning how to construct a physical Ark!*) moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house” (Heb 11:7).



So what are these two opposing forces that connect us into the spirit realm? What are these connectors and how do they work? In the passage just reviewed one of the connectors was identified, “**By faith Noah;**” Noah operated by faith, which is one of the connectors into the spirit realm. These two powerful and opposite forces are “faith” and “fear.” Each of these forces produce physical manifestations in the natural world; however, the origin of these manifestations comes from the spirit realm.

For a few moments, let’s think of faith and fear as if they were spirit seeds that produce a physical harvest. The spiritual seeds of faith and the spiritual seeds of fear produce physical manifestations in the natural world. Job’ words and experiences give us meaningful revelation in this regard; notice what he said about the awful circumstances and problems into which his life was thrust, “For the thing **which I greatly feared is come** upon me, and that which **I was afraid of is come unto me**” (Job 3:25). Job openly admitted that he established a connection between himself and his problems through his own fears! What is so amazing is that the deepest inner fears that Job allowed his mind to entertain eventually came to pass. The concept that we cannot ignore is that fear is essentially faith operating in reverse!



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Immediately after Adam was created the only way in which he knew how to operate was through faith. God gave Adam the responsibility of naming the animals and our ancestor proceeded in that pursuit operating only by faith. However, Adam and his wife listened to another voice in the garden; that other voice planted a spiritual seed of fear into them! In essence satan's fearful message was that God was somehow holding out on them by restricting them from eating from one of the trees. Now notice the first emotion that Adam expressed after his encounter with satan, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid**, (*Disobedience to God and hearkening to satan caused the first Biblical appearance of fear*) because I was naked; and I hid myself" (Gen 3:10). A new fear-based emotion began to manifest itself from deep within Adam. He was intimidated because he had not obeyed the voice of his creator.



Have you ever been intimidated? We have all experienced that negative emotional state. The word, "timid" sits right in the middle of the word *intimidate*! The whole motive behind intimidation is to keep one from acting! Satan and his minions continually attempt to intimidate us in an effort to stop us from putting up a fight! One of the main reasons that a lion roars is to intimidate and paralyze his prey. We each must make up our own mind that we will no longer allow ourselves to be intimidated! That choice is important because when we are intimidated we cannot properly operate in the anointing!

The devil continually lies to us in the exact fashion in which he operated with Adam and Eve. However, we have been made righteous in the eyes of the Father, "**Even the righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ" (Rom 3:22). Since we are therefore righteous before the Father we must be watchful that we do not operate in fear. We must be standing on the word of God, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but **by every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4); we must completely understand that faithful living is living by God's word!

For example, how would we respond if an appearance of "lack" were to show-up in our lives. First, we must know that "lack" is a lie that comes from satan the devil. – Notice God's word with respect to the concept of "lack" in our lives, "According as his divine power ***hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life*** and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Let's consider our hypothetical scenario involving the false appearance of "lack." Because of the obvious pressing need in the natural, we might get intimidated and begin to think that "lack" is about to overtake us. When we start to believe that "lack" will overtake us then we begin to get fearful. However, if we were to respond in a fearful fashion we would essentially have to disregard God's word on the matter! Our choice would be to react in (*fear of lack*) or in (*faith toward God's word*). The powerful thing to realize is that whichever alternative we end up getting is based totally upon the choice that we have made. If we choose to operate in faith we will receive the abundance that God has promised in His word; likewise, if we choose fear then we will receive that "lack" of which we were afraid. Clearly, if "lack" were to threaten to show-up in our life we must not fear; rather, we must respond by faith in God's word!



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The devil's lying intimidation stops us from so many possibilities in our lives! Whenever we allow fear to come our way it will literally paralyze us. Notice Jesus' words, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!**" Our responsibility is to, "**Let not** (Meaning that we are not to allow) **your heart be troubled!**" Remember that there are two opposite forces! Fear is the connector to our trouble! If we allow fear then we are not holding on to Jesus' peace! "**Peace I leave with you!**" It is amazing; we allow trouble to take over even though Jesus left us His peace! Jesus told us, "**neither let it (your heart) be afraid!**" Intimidation is satan's goal! But Jesus teaches that it is our responsibility to keep fear out of our life!

Fear and faith operate by this same spiritual principle, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17). Fear comes in the exact the same way that faith does. As with Adam, fear comes by hearing the devil's words; however, his words are always fear based. The major difference is that his words do not express God's will! Whenever we open ourselves up and begin to listen to the devil or other voices under his control, we essentially tolerate the fear that his words produce. Instead of resisting we promote the very problems that will come upon us!



We must not connect ourselves with anything that brings death! Do you have fear of "West Nile Virus?" Do you have fear of "SARS?" Do you have fear of terrorism? Do you have fear of the economy? If you are fearful of these things then you will be troubled by what you fear. Jesus taught, "**Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!**" Jesus would never have given us a responsibility if it were impossible for us to accomplish that task! Therefore it is in your ability to, "**Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!**" It is simple, if we do not fear then the devil cannot come into our lives! The devil cannot do anything to us until we give him explicit permission! Yes, that is right! The devil cannot do anything that the Christian does not allow! This even includes death; human beings give the devil authority to take them out. Anyone can receive a "bad report;" the question is what will we do with that report? How will we respond to the bad news? Think to your self, "What will I do if I ever receive a bad report?" Your response becomes your choice and it will determine the course (*path*) that you take!

Notice the bible's expression concerning how we set our course, "Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet **are they turned about with a very small helm**, whithersoever the governor listeth (*the person behind the helm determines the ship's course*). 5 Even so **the tongue is a little member**" (James 3:4-5). Indeed there is great power in the tongue. The Book of Proverbs teaches that, "A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; (*This Proverb does not refer to fruit that goes into the mouth but fruit that comes out of the mouth!*) and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. 21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue**: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Prov 18:20-21). Jesus taught that "out of the abundance of **the heart the mouth speaketh**" (Matt 12:34). This means that if fear is in the heart then fear will come out of the mouth; likewise if faith is in the heart then faith will come out of the



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mouth! The doctor might tell you, "I am sorry Mr/Ms _____ there may be a specialist who can help you overcome your illness; however there is nothing more that I can do for you!" In this situation the individual of faith must respond to the doctor, "I know a doctor who has never lost a patient! You don't need to refer me I have already been in contact!" In times like these we must introduce those killer cells of the body to the greatest physician in the whole universe. Even before any "bad report" comes, we must make confessions of faith now, "by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). As long as we walk by faith we will not be intimidated! When we walk by faith we have the inner power based upon faith to say, "Threaten me all you want; I will not be intimidated, I will believe what God has said, 'I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD'" (Ps 118:17).

In our lives we must begin to release faith & trust today! If we will start living by faith today we will automatically react by faith in any future time of emergency, "**Now** the just **shall live** by faith" (Heb 10:38). Did you recognize the timeframe in that verse? "**Now**," means today! In like fashion just two verses later we read, "**Now** faith is" (Heb 11:1). This suggests clearly that faith must be active in our today!

All of us should be involved in things that are bigger than our natural ability! This is living by faith! Writing these lessons every week is bigger than my natural ability. We must resign our ability and totally rely upon His ability. When we get His ability on your natural ability we begin walking in supernatural ability! There is something special about the super when it is placed upon the natural! This is otherwise known as God's anointing; however, His anointing must be received by faith!

The anointing is especially released upon water-walkers! When Peter stepped out the water, Jesus, (*The Anointed One and His anointing*) gave him the ability to do what a natural man has no capacity what so ever to do! Jesus is anxiously waiting for somebody to step out on faith so His anointing can step in with power!

Now lets remember, faith is the spiritual connection to the invisible realm. It is the connector to what cannot be seen in the spirit realm! A connector is always needed whenever two dissimilar entities need to be brought together.

Varying power standards around the world differ from country to country. Therefore, if one were to travel to a variety of countries around the world they would need special connections in order to operate their personal appliances such as shavers and hair dryers.

(*You can see a variety of these assorted connectors in the picture to the right*). In like fashion, we are spirit beings who live in a physical body and at times need to connect to the spirit realm; therefore, in order link up with the spirit realm requires a special connector into that realm.





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Faith is the connector that brings things that cannot be seen into the realm that is seen, “**faith is the substance** of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen**” (Heb 11:1). This clearly means that faith is our connector into the spirit realm! However we must understand that fear operates in the same fashion that faith does only in the opposite direction! Fear brings negative invisible things that you entertain in the mind and makes them visible in your life! The point is that fear operates just like faith! Faith brings to pass the things that you hope for; but fear brings to pass those things that you dread!

Therefore, faith-based prayer does not beg God for what is needed! In faith-based prayer you are declaring the answer out of God’s word and faith connects you to your needs! On the other hand, fear-based prayer will come to pass at the same rate that the faith-based prayer will come to pass. Fear-based prayer says things like, “Oh God, if you don’t come through for me; I am going to die!” “Oh God, I just don’t know what to do!” On the other hand faith-based prayer says, “in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me” (Ps 56:4). In the past, our own negative words have been setting us up for failure! Do you fear cancer, disease, poverty, lack, etc.? Your fear (*faith in reverse*) will actually produce words that bring about those circumstances of which you are frightened!

God has provided humanity with an awesome power within! Faith is defined in the bible as a “law.” In the Book of Romans Paul makes note of, “the law of faith” (Rom 3:27). Like gravity, every law of God works for everyone! That means that anyone who gets involved with the proper principles can get the desired positive results! Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, was the founder of the “March of Dimes.” As a result, Roosevelt became an even richer man. Knowingly or unknowingly, he got involved in one of the laws established by God, which operates by blessing those who give blessings through acts of love for the benefit of the poor, back upon the giver. As a result, of getting in tune with God’s law he became richer and more successful! God’s laws work for anyone who will get into proper alignment with them. The aerodynamic laws that produce flight have existed since the creation; they have been available to anyone who would use them to their advantage. However, it was not until the Wright brothers that the laws were properly put into use to produce human flight.

In like fashion, the law of faith and the law of fear are not respecters of persons. We must carefully consider this concept! Faith does not just manifest itself only in those who are born-again; many successful people from the past have utilized the laws of faith to their benefit: Thomas Edison is an excellent example! He faithfully believed, even in the face of thousands of failures, that he would eventually develop the light bulb. In like manner, fear will haunt everyone and destroy those who engage in it, “Men's hearts **failing them for fear**” (Luke 21:26). Perhaps we have been reading this verse for quite some time and are just now beginning to realize that fear is the source of heart failure. Fear is a law, too: and anyone can operate in it!

Paul writes that, “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (1 Cor 15:26). How are Christians ever going to take authority over death? One thing is for certain; they will only beat death by fighting against fear which is the connector to death, “them **who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage**” (Heb 2:15). Death is a powerful bondage that holds them that fear it. Realize this, if the fear of death has been abolished



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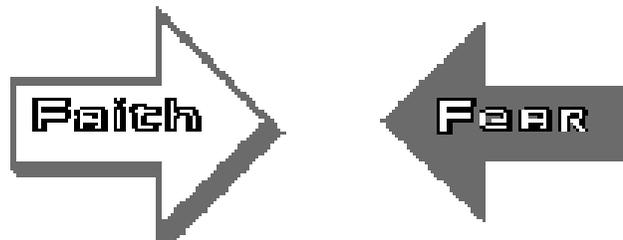
you cannot die unless you permit yourself to go! We learned from Job that if anyone fears anything, their fear connects them to whatever they believe!

If some awful ugly tumor-looking thing were to come upon your body, what are you going to do? Do not forget, your rudder sets the course of your vessel, “the ships, which though they be so great . . . **yet are they turned about with a very small helm**” (James 3:4)! What specifically sets your course? James compares the tongue to the rudder of our life. Jesus said, “for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matt 12:34). Are you going to speak death into your life because you see some cancerous looking thing on your body? Satan wants to get you to open your mouth so you can begin **to agree** with the death course into which he is leading you!

The doctor says, “I am sorry, Mr/Ms _____ you have cancer.” Upon which course will your mouth set you? Will you declare to your friends, “I am not doing too good!” Then that person says, “What is the problem?” And you answer, “I have cancer; the doctor says it’s killing me!” At this point all of hell would begin to rejoice! Can you see the death course that is getting set? Or will you be glorifying, “even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were” (Rom 4:17). On the other hand, will your mouth proclaim that my God says that, “With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation” (Ps 91:16); therefore, “I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD” (Ps 118:17).

Does your mouth (*the rudder of your personal ship*) release faith or fear?

- Faith connects you with life;
- Fear connects you with death!



When you get a revelation on this and begin to properly act upon it,

you begin to take authority over your life experiences! We establish faith over our lives by the words that come out of our mouths. This gives us sure victory in this present world, “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us **from this present evil world**” (Gal 1:4). Therefore, we should be saying, “Glory to God; I walk in supernatural health!” If any disease comes upon us, “How shall we escape, **if we neglect** so great salvation” (Heb 2:3)? The point is that if we **neglect** then we cannot escape! What would we be neglecting? Many Christians believe that they have supernatural power because they know what the bible says. However, this is not the whole truth. It is not the truth that you know that sets you free; it is the truth that you use that sets you free! We must be releasing words of faith out of your mouth, “**I will say** (not just believe) of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust” (Ps 91:2). I make the LORD my refuge when I say it! If I want the LORD to be my financier then I must say it! If I am not saying it, I am neglecting the vocal authority that God has made available for me! Faith confessions come out of our mouth and set us on the course of life! We need to write down our faith confessions and carry them with us and we need to regularly speak them out of our mouth!

God help us to stop turning to you only as a last resort. We repent for turning to you only when everything else has failed. Help us to turn to you first! Help us to trust only in you!



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Fear tolerated is Faith contaminated! We must not tolerate any form of fear in our lives. Every time that you tolerate fear then you contaminate your faith! How can we have absolute faith in God and still entertain fear? Since they operate by the same laws and principles, satan will always take advantage us when we allow fear! Since he cannot change the laws, his major goal is to contaminate whatever God has established! Here are two opposite directions which humanity must choose between, **“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”** (Prov 3:5-6). How do we acknowledge Him? By trusting completely in Him!

Everything in the kingdom of God operates through faith! Every exploit that we can read about in the faith chapter (*Hebrews chapter 11*) was the result of faith, “without faith it is impossible to please him” (Heb 11:6). Therefore, with faith it is certainly possible to please Him. This means that Christianity is worthless with out faith “Let us **hold fast the profession** (to profess is to confess or speak) **of our faith** without wavering” (Heb 10:23).

We all need to begin by searching into our own lives! Whenever we locate any source of fear that we have tolerated then we will find a place where our faith has been contaminated to some degree! You and I need to ask, “Am I allowing fear of any sort in my life?” If we have allowed fear then our faith has been contaminated in some way! Peter did not allow his fear of drowning to keep him off of the water! His faith in Jesus was more influential than his fear of death. However, Peter lost his focus and became fearful, **“when he saw** the wind boisterous, **he was afraid**; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me” (Matt 14:30). In this instance, the fear completely negated his faith.

Fear is always at the core of every struggle that we will ever face in this life! The same operating principles of faith always work for fear! If we cleanse our vocabulary then we will not allow fear-based words in our presence. Fear-proof your mind, homes, and workplace! We need to be like the “Home on the Range” song; “Where never is heard a discouraging word; and the skies are not cloudy all day!”

Now do you want some additional spiritual encouragement? Here is a powerful truism. Fear is afraid, by nature, fear fears. Fear does not want us to pick up the word of God and resist! Fear is afraid because that unclean spirit knows that all we need to do is stand on our faith! Fear is afraid of our resistance, **“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!”** (James 4:7). In that last passage we can easily see how fear, fears resistance. When faced against Biblical resistance, fear must eventually depart; it most fears our resistance based upon God’s word! Through our resistance, we can actually terrorize fear!

We cannot entertain any kind of fear. For example, do you realize that hurt feelings are a form of fear? Sometimes a person who has their feelings hurt will act as if everything is okay. However, acting different from reality is really being phony and continuing to entertain fear. Our faith certainly cannot be phony before God.

Paul addressed the concept of phoniness mixed with faith when he wrote to timothy “When I call to remembrance the **unfeigned faith** that is in thee . . . For **God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind**” (2 Tim 1:5-7). Paul used an interesting term “**unfeigned.**” Feigned means phony or fake, “There are no such things done as thou sayest, but **thou feignest them out of thine own heart**” (Neh 6:8). Therefore,



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something that is “*unfeigned*” is also pure. Because, Paul told Timothy that he had “*unfeigned*” faith, it means that Timothy’s faith was pure and without any counterfeit appearance. So must our faith be pure and without any form of corruption.

The point is that we must not allow any contamination of our faith to come into our lives! Contamination is satan’s only weapon! When we get rid of all contamination then our faith is greatly strengthened!

Fear tolerated is faith contaminated! Say that, “Fear tolerated is faith contaminated!”

Do you have confidence in the word of God? Honestly, do you have confidence; if you do then you will certainly be willing to give a practical demonstration or expression of your faith, “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor 5:7). Confidence is the missing substance to our faith! Have you ever said something in faith and those around you looked at you like you are absolutely crazy! We should not be afraid of others looking at us as if we were nuts. Those who are living without God in their lives are the ones who truly are nuts! Instead, we should be turning the tables and telling someone who is distraught over a bad report, “Don’t you know that He came to give you life and give it more abundantly? You need Jesus who died to give you salvation, delivery, healing, and prosperity!”

You cannot operate in faith unless you get your confidence level up, “Cast not away therefore your *confidence*, (*confidence that has not been contaminated with fear*) which hath great recompence of reward” (Heb 10:35); “For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise” (Heb 10:36). Do you honestly and confidently believe that God will give you what He has promised?

What is a practical demonstration or expression of your faith? Notice Abram’s particular expression of faith, “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4 *So Abram departed*, as the LORD had spoken unto him” (Gen 12:1-4). Abraham did not begin to reason within himself, “Maybe that really wasn’t the voice of God. I better wait for a confirmation.” We need to see nothing but what the LORD has spoken! We simply must do what the LORD said! Has the LORD spoken to you? That is all that you need to see!

Like Abraham, we must be willing to step out on faith! Abraham did not know where he was going, “unto a land that I *will shew* thee!” You need to understand that, “*will shew*,” is a future tense expression! God will not show us until we first move! Abraham did not see a thing yet he moved! It was required of Abraham to step out on faith. God does not show us everything from the beginning! If we know everything then we will begin to trust in our own understanding which leads to trusting in our flesh. But God will not show us everything! If we were to see all that we need to do, we would not even take the first step! “*Trust in the LORD* with all thine heart; and *lean not unto thine own understanding*. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Prov 3:5-6).

Do you remember the Indiana Jones movie where he needed to step out on faith in order to cross over the great precipice? If God told you to step out then He is responsible for what



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you step into! When we step out on God, “he shall direct thy paths!” We already know that without faith it is impossible to please God; but with faith it is possible!

The step of faith is always the right step! If you are going in the wrong direction God knows how to turn you around. The Great Helmsman can direct our ship; however the ship must be moving. What God cannot/will not do is force us to move! That is why Abraham is the father of the faithful, “***So Abram departed!***” Noah built an ark for 120 years believing that God would direct his steps! Do you think that nobody told Noah that he had lost his mind?

Moses, who grew up in Egypt picked up a deadly serpent; however, he did not pick it up by grabbing behind its head (*as an Egyptian snake handler would have done*), “the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and ***take it by the tail!***” (Ex 4:4). He must have thought, “This is crazy!” God always gives us crazy instructions! You can be sure that your practical expression will communicate to others that you have lost your mind! So what? Are you in bondage to what others will think about you? Will you allow what you think others are thinking to stop your steps of faith?

Do not allow fear to stop your practical expressions of faith. How many times have you allowed the fear of what people are thinking about you to stop you from doing or acting? The world is soon going to learn that the God whom we serve is God! The more that we can learn how to operate in faith now, the more he will use us in that day. Daniel’s friends learned to step out on faith before their trial came, “Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and ***who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?*** 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, ***we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.***” (Dan 3:15-16). What they meant was we don’t even have to work-up an answer this question! Daniel’s friends were not even careful about how they answered the King’s demands because they had already trained themselves to trust in God!



Faith is the connector to our deliverance! Notice the ten different deliverances that Hebrews chronicles, “And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 ***Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again!***” (Heb 11:32-35). Verse 33 says, “***Who through faith!***” (*Faith is the spiritual connector that brought about these ten kinds of wonders. However, one must have the right connector – FAITH*):

1. subdued kingdoms;
2. wrought righteousness;
3. obtained promises;
4. stopped the mouths of lions;
5. Quenched the violence of fire;



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6. escaped the edge of the sword;
7. out of weakness were made strong;
8. waxed valiant in fight;
9. turned to flight the armies of the aliens;
10. Women received their dead raised to life again.

However, that passage from Hebrews does not stop merely with those ten victories! Notice the rest of verse thirty-five, “And others were tortured, ***not accepting deliverance!***” (Heb 10:35) What does it mean that they did not ***accept deliverance***? This must mean there was some form of deliverance available through faith and yet they either didn’t know about it or they did not accept it! In either case, they died. Paul was delivered many times; however, he ultimately succumbed to death in God’s good time. However, we cannot forget Daniel’s friends who could have easily chosen to “***accept deliverance,***” by giving in to king Nebuchadnezzar’s demand; however, that kind of deliverance would have been to give in to fear instead of faith! Yes indeed, “it is written, For thy sake ***we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter***” (Rom 8:36); nevertheless, we must have the same fearless attitude of Daniel’s friends, “Our God whom we serve ***is able to deliver us*** from the burning fiery furnace, and ***he will deliver us out of thine hand,*** O king. 18 ***But if not,*** be it known unto thee, O king, that ***we will not serve thy gods***” (*They essentially proclaimed that under no circumstances would they succumb to fear; instead they would hang on to their faith!*) (Dan 3:17-18).

Obviously, faith’s reciprocal element is fear! Fear comes by hearing and hearing by the words of the devil! If the adaptor (*connector*) is contaminated with any fear that we tolerate, that fear cancels out our faith! What is worse, that fear will connect us to the very thing in which we are afraid. If you fear death, fear will connect you to death. If you fear lack, fear will connect you to your lack! Don’t forget that Job said, “the thing ***which I greatly feared*** is come upon me, and ***that which I was afraid of is come unto me***” (Job 3:25). We cannot tolerate fear because it will contaminate our faith! The way to stop fear in its tracks is to open up your mouth. We can only stop fearful thoughts in the mind by fighting fear with our words! Vocally, call satan a liar at the very moment that any negative thoughts show up! Let your wife and children know that you are working on some spiritual things. Let them know that if you should just blurt out, “You are a liar!” that you do not mean those words for any of your loved ones!

Paul warned Timothy who lived in Ephesus, “***Neither give heed to fables*** and endless genealogies, ***which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith:*** so do” (1 Tim 1:3-4). Some religious doctrines teach things that “***minister questions***” instead of Godly building up those things, which are of FAITH!

It is possible to have confidence in the word of God; however, it is also possible to have confidence in the enemy’s weapons. We all have to rest upon something. Demonstrate a practical expression of where your faith lies! Conversely, if you have more faith in the disease than you do in God’s word, then you will move in the direction of your beliefs! Confidence is like a gun; it must be aimed toward faith or toward fear! It all depends upon your confidence. I have good news, “For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and ***have no confidence in the flesh***” (Phil 3:3). If your prayers are, “Oh God, help me! Oh God, can’t you see that I am hurthing! Oh God, this disease is going to kill me!” then you are placing confidence in the flesh (*That is,*



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through fear you are believing that nothing can stop your particular physical circumstances.) and not in God's word!

We should be praying, "God I have a sensation of great pain! And you know that I do; but you also know that your word says that I am healed by the stripes of Jesus! Therefore I am resting in your word and I have confidence that by "His stripes I am healed!"

What do you rest in? We should all be resting in something from God's word:

- "by whose stripes *I have been* were healed" (1 Peter 2:24);
- "my God shall supply all *my* need according to his riches in glory" (Phil 4:19);
- "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD" (Ps 118:17);
- "With long life will *will He satisfy me*, and shew *me His* salvation" (Ps 91:16);
- "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

We must rest in God's promises without fear, "For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, ***thou shalt be steadfast***, and ***shalt not fear***: 16 Because thou shalt forget thy misery . . . 18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and ***thou shalt take thy rest in safety***" (Job 11:15-18). The more we rest in God the more assured we become of His care over us, "Let us draw near with a true (*unfeigned*) heart ***in full assurance of faith***, (*do you have a full assurance of faith?*)" (Heb 10:22). We must always resist negative or fearful thoughts in the mind with our words! What you don't resist will never go away: Fat on the body, weeds in the yard, dirt on the car, etc.

Many take Jesus' suffering out of context! Concerning our LORD's passion, the scripture says, "For in that ***he himself hath suffered being tempted***, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Heb 2:18). Are we supposed to suffer in the same way that Jesus suffered? NO! He did it for us; in essence He got what we deserve so that we could get what He deserved! Jesus suffered; but Christians are supposed to suffer in a totally different way than the suffering that sinners go through! Sinners suffer the vicissitudes of life's natural circumstances. However, the Christian has God; and, "with God ***nothing shall be impossible!***" (Luke 1:37) The sinner does not have access to the impossible because they don't have the faith of Jesus, "the life which I now live in the flesh ***I live by the faith of the Son of God***" (Gal 2:20). There is as great a difference between the sinner and the Christian, as there was a difference between the Egyptian and the Israelite on the night of that first Passover!

In this world, for the Christian only, to suffer means ***to resist!*** We suffer in the same fashion as when Jesus suffered, "***he himself hath suffered being tempted***," (Heb 2:8), when he was "***being tempted***," he resisted that specific temptation! Jesus also suffered in His resistance to sin, "Though he were a Son, yet ***learned he obedience*** by the things ***which he suffered***" (Heb 5:8). There is a relationship between Jesus' suffering and temptation! Just like Jesus resisted temptation, so too must we suffer through resisting temptation! We are supposed to resist just like Jesus resisted! We should not be struggling against temptation in fear, "let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay" (James 5:12). If you choose to resist; then resist! Paul describes the concept our being in fellowship with Jesus' sufferings, "that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of



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Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and ***the fellowship of his sufferings***” (Phil 3:8-10). We should observe Jesus’ most important example where He suffered. In that instance, His main resistance was to keep his mouth closed! He took authority over his mouth and did not speak, “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and ***like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth***: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away” (Acts 8:32-33). Instead of calling upon legions of angels He submitted Himself to death which He did not deserve! He took the pain in the flesh so that you and I would not have to! Jesus yielded; He took the pain for us so that we would not have to suffer! Oh yes, our job is to know “***the fellowship of his sufferings***;” but not in the same way he suffered pain in the flesh! We don’t have the same job that Jesus had. I resist by fighting off temptations of the devil and resisting! My mouth has to obtain healing, obtain prosperity, obtain deliverance just like my mouth obtained salvation, “***with the mouth confession is made unto salvation***” (Rom 10:10).

Our job is to maintain what He already obtained! We are not the sick trying to get well, we are the healed! Whenever ill symptoms shows up they are just trying to steal what we already possess! Jesus made me “the healed!” When opposing symptoms show up then I must claim the truth out of God’s word that I am healed! In essence, this faithful reaction is my act of resistance! I must maintain, “he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy (*be busy with this*) till I come” (Luke 19:13).

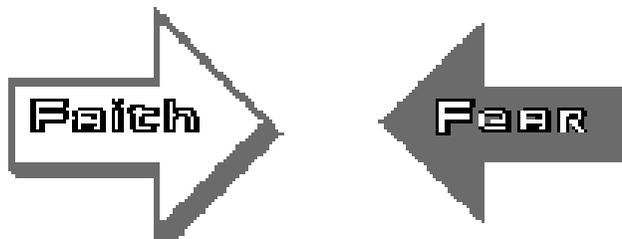
Never give up! Never give up! Never give up! Never ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, give up! Never give up! I do not deny that sickness exists. The world calls that kind of thinking and acting denial! I do not deny that sickness is real; ***sickness is real!***

However, ***I deny sicknesses right to be on me!*** I resist every one of sickness’ attempts to sit where the healing won by Jesus rests in my life. I resist every one of lack’s attempts to sit where the prosperity won by Jesus rests in my life. I resist every one of bondage’s attempts to sit where the freedom won by Jesus rests in my life. I resist every one of the devil’s attempts to sit where salvation won by Jesus rests in my life!

The last enemy to be put under our feet is death! Fear is the connector to death. Jesus will also give us victory over death, “that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them ***who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage***” (Heb 2:14-15).

There is the connector named faith and there is the connector named fear, which connector are you using to link up to in the spiritual realm?



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