# Exalting Jesus, Loving People

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### A Booster Shot to Faith

I think it is vital that every believer have a continual diet of the Word of God especially in the area of the God kind of faith. Jesus talked about little faith, no faith and great faith. The only way that you can have great faith is by spending great amounts of time reading, confessing, meditating and acting upon the Word of God. The life of a Christian should be characterized as a life of faith from start to finish. Living the faith life isn't the easiest way to live, (hard on the flesh and unrenewed mind), but it is the best way to live and one that God requires if you are going to please Him. (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Helen and I have walked the faith life together for nearly 35 years and both of us lived the faith life before we were married. It is the greatest way to live. We have accomplished exploits in His name through faith. Allow me to give you some scriptures that command believers to walk by faith.

1. Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)

- 2. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17)
- 3. But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." (Galatians 3:11)
- 4. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." (Hebrews 10:38)

If faith is that important, and it is, how does faith come? "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)

(Proverbs 4:20-23) comes to mind when I read (Romans 10:17.) "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my saying. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." We must continually pay attention to the Word of God."

So what exactly is faith? "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1) Faith is simply acting on the

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on the Word of God. I really like this verse in the Amplified Classic. "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things (we) hope for, being the proof of things (we) do not see and the conviction of their reality (faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses).

It takes faith to be born again. (Ephesians 2:8) "For by grace you have been saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

It takes faith to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. (Mark 16:17) and these signs will follow those who believe; In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.

Helen and I have used our faith to move physically around the country to start churches with little or no money in our pockets. In the beginning many times people stayed away from the church in great numbers, but as we persevered and taught people the Word of God, things would change. We both know something about enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We have never gone around giving sob stories bless God, trying to get people to give anything to us.

We believe that if our Father God is as big as He says He is, then He is able to take care of us. As one well known preacher used to say; "Pay day doesn't always come on Friday but if you stay faithful and persistent pay day will come.

We have used our faith to strengthen the saints of God and to bring the gospel to a

lost and dying world.

Faith produces victory. Do you want to live a victorious Christian life or would you rather have the devil push you around anytime he wants to and continually rub your nose in the mud? (I John 5:4) "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." If you are a Christian you have been born of God. You have the God kind of faith resident in your spirit just waiting to be released.

Does every believer really have faith? "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." (Romans 12:3) You had better learn these things now and if you know them continue to develop your faith. Each of us will one day give an account to the Lord Jesus concerning what we did with His Word. He is the Author and Finisher (Developer) of our faith. Stop looking to men and this world system for your answers. Look to the Lord as your source and grow your faith strong in Him.

Faith will never allow you to quit. I have been a minister of the gospel for 40 years now, and I have been a Christian since late 1975. There have been tests and trials so severe that I wanted to throw in the proverbial towel. More than once I asked the Lord could He please take me home to heaven. Each time my faith would rise up strong and the Holy Spirit within me brought strength and



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encouragement and the thoughts to give up would dissipate and finally leave. My sweet wife was also right there with me. Man is she ever bold and won't put up with that stinking devil for a minute. There were times that she lived second by second. She would not give up and would not let me leave the ministry or leave this life early and go to heaven. She will receive many rewards on that day when she meets the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you have mountains (problems, circumstances, tests, trials) that need to be removed? There are ministers that teach these things come from God to perfect us. If that were the case then why would Jesus tell us to send them packing on their way? Some even teach that sickness and disease and poverty come from God to make us more pious and holy. You cannot support these ideas with scripture. God hates poverty, sickness and disease and so do I.

(Mark 11:22-24) "So Jesus answered and said to them, Have faith in God. For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them."

Faith will bring God's healing power into your physical body.

Faith will cause you to live in divine health.

Faith will cause your business to thrive.

Faith will cause your marriage and family to thrive.

Faith can change a city, state or nation.

Faith will bring in the finances that you need.

It is good to stop and reflect about your life of faith. Be encouraged, but don't be content at your current level of faith. Always keep it active and growing by feeding it on the Word of God and by exercising it through praise and worship, joy and thanksgiving, confessions of faith and Holy Spirit laughter!

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## Pray for our Nation

#### Scripture for Praying for the Nation

I Tim. 2:1-4 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



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- 3. Boldness/and manifestations and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Finances for the radio outreach.

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