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## Love and Faith

Love is God and the beginning of faith! Any form of love is a form of faith, and any form of faith is a form of love! God gives us faith for His Love! <sup>(1)</sup>

The Lord loves faith, because it's a way of showing your love and your confidence in Him, Faith really shows that you have love." So now abideth faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love!" (1Cor.13:13.) <sup>(2)</sup>

You can't say to somebody "I love you--but I don't trust you," not really love in its fullest. Real love has an element of respect and admiration for good qualities, respect for character, and trust in someone. It's faith. You can't love God without having faith in Him, and you certainly can't have faith in Him without loving Him. <sup>(3)</sup>

## Believing is Seeing

What is faith? It's the knowledge that even though we don't see that these things are so, we believe and we know that they are so! <sup>(4)</sup>

God is invisible and His power's invisible, and most people have to believe purely by faith, without seeing. "For without faith it is impossible to please God!" (Heb.11:6.)--Although, in most cases where they truly, genuinely, honestly believe, though having not seen, they will see some evidence, some proof, some change, if nothing else than in their own lives as God rewards their faith.--They will feel it, they will see it! <sup>(5)</sup>

You and I are children of God by faith, we are children of faith, we believe in the unseen. <sup>(6)</sup>

The World says seeing is believing, but we believe that believing is seeing and since we now believe, we're going to see it! <sup>(7)</sup>

The Lord loves faith! He loves you because you believe Him, just because He said so! Of course once you believe, then he proves Himself in many ways. We no longer really believe purely by faith, because He's proven Himself to us by

answers to prayers and miracles, even the changes in our own lives and the lives of others. <sup>(8)</sup>

We're the most blessed because in a way we have not actually seen the Lord, you might say, and His mighty, powerful Kingdom--although we have experienced Him in our hearts and we experience Him by the miracles He does, but still all by faith, not by sight. We've had to have the faith first before we see it, but then the Lord does manifest Himself, shows us things, does mighty things for us, to prove Himself to us and takes care of us. <sup>(9)</sup>

He likes you to exercise your faith. He likes you to go ahead in what some people call "blind" faith--actually it's seeing faith, in a sense, because you're seeing God! You may not see the answer, you may not know the solution, you may not even know the place He's leading to or what you're going to find, but what did Moses do? He like Abraham went out not knowing whither he went but trusting God to fulfill His promises. <sup>(10)</sup>

He says, "The just shall live by faith" (Heb.10:38a) and "Without faith it is impossible to please God." (Heb.11:6a) He wants you to trust Him and trust His Word, trust the messages that He's already sent and is still sending, without visible, audible manifestations and proofs in this present Earthly age of faith and grace.

For although "Blessed is he that hath seen and believed," He himself said, "More blessed are you who have not seen, and yet have believed!" (John 20:29) God can prove things to you sometimes and actually let you see the proof, or hear it in some miraculous way, to encourage your faith and help you truly realize manifestations of His grace--and this is good. But those who simply trust His Word that He's already given, and still believe without proof or manifestation, are even more blessed in His sight because of their strong faith in His Word and faithfulness to His Word. <sup>(11)</sup>

It's amazing how much hangs on our faith to believe without seeing! The Lord seems to put a special emphasis on that. In fact, that's what it's all about, believing without seeing.--Believing His Word, in other words. He seems to especially honor that and that seems to be the whole thing, what it is all about, that He wants us to believe His Word no matter what, whether we see or not, or whether we understand or not, just to believe. Unwavering, unshakable faith, that's what He honors! <sup>(12)</sup>

Our faith is not built on any supernatural, miraculous manifestations of the spirit world! The Lord is requiring this generation and most of the World's population since the beginning of time, to believe by faith in His Word, just to believe the Word, just to believe what He said. "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God". <sup>(13)</sup>

That's where your faith will come from: faith comes from the Word (Rom.10:17). <sup>(14)</sup>

Faith is something that is built by faithful study of God's Word. Faith comes- it grows by hearing the Word of God. <sup>(15)</sup>

It is impossible to have faith unless you have the Word. <sup>(16)</sup>

Every word you read gives you more faith as you read the Word. It strengthens your faith. <sup>(17)</sup>

Give us the strength to hang on to You and thy Word, and we won't have to hang onto our faith because it will come automatically, because we believe in You and Your Word and faith comes by hearing the Word of God. (Ro.10:17.) It's an automatic thing, Lord, we just read Thy Word and we'll believe. <sup>(18)</sup>

God's Word and His guarantees have no restrictions, no limitations, no qualifications except your faith and our faith. He is not bound by time nor space nor land nor place! "Forever His Word is settled in Heaven" and His promises are forever! (Ps.119:89.) Our future is as bright as the promises of God, regardless of where or when, as long as we obey and trust Him. <sup>(19)</sup>

## Children and Faith

It is given to children to be rich in faith! <sup>(20)</sup>

With a child nothing is impossible, all things are possible in the World of make-believe and imagination.--And they haven't been long from a World where everything was amazingly possible, so they've got lots of faith. <sup>(21)</sup>

We're to be like little children ourselves, and we're to be loving, sweet, simple, easy believers and childlike in faith, believing, receiving, loving, and happy. <sup>(22)</sup>

You don't have to understand God in order to love Him.--Just like a little baby doesn't need to understand everything about his mother in order to feel and know her love. This is why Jesus said that you have to be like a little child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (Mt.18:3)--You just have to accept some things by faith. <sup>(23)</sup>

## Trusting in the Lord

How wonderful it is if you have faith and you're the Lord's child! You see the good and you feel good and you praise the Lord and are thankful. You're on His channel and you're getting His vibes all the time. <sup>(24)</sup>

When we know that God loves us, we know everything is going to be OK, including His taking care of everything! <sup>(25)</sup>

If your eyes are on Jesus and you're "walking by faith and not by sight" (2Cor.5:7), then you're constantly aware that He--your great Shepherd--is with you and has everything under His control.--And this, of course, makes it much easier to "take" whatever He happens to send your way. <sup>(26)</sup>

Thank the Lord for His loving care and marvelous control! Because we have the Lord and we have His Love and we have life and we have faith, therefore we have hope for better things, for the best, and we know that things are always going to turn out all right in the end. <sup>(27)</sup>

When you sit down on your couches, you're resting all your weight here, you're trusting the couch is going to hold you up. Before you sat down, you didn't

look at the couch and worry, "I wonder if that can hold me? I wonder if I should trust that or not? It might be broken or I might fall through and land on the floor." Those are doubts! You had such faith in the couch you never even thought about it, you just plopped yourself down. It held you before and it's going to hold you now, and that's the way we should be about the Lord!

We never even doubt about it! Why should we doubt about it? He's always helped us before, He's always sustained us before, He's always held us up before when we've set ourselves on Him, so why not now? So it becomes automatic with us, a good habit to trust the Lord, to set ourselves down firmly on Him! <sup>(28)</sup>

Keep trusting and obeying no matter what happens. Like the three Children of God who went into the fiery furnace in Daniel 3: They said, "Our God is able to deliver us, but if He doesn't, we're still not going to bow down to your God-damned system idol!"--And it looked like the end, because into the furnace they went, and it even killed their executioners! But because of their faith and obedience, God was with them there, too, and they came out without even the smell of smoke on them! <sup>(29)</sup>

So whatever you are and whatever you do, don't be afraid! Be like King David, who exclaimed, "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what Man can do unto me!"--Psa.56:11. Keep your faith in the Lord and trust the Lord and know the Lord is in control, and nothing's going to happen but what the Lord allows. The Lord's going to take care of us, whatever happens, and He's going to do what He wants to do. <sup>(30)</sup>

## **Trials and Testings**

God tests our faith to see if its real gold faith and we'll still believe and obey him no matter what happens! He says that "The trying of your faith is more precious than gold!"--The testing of it!--"Yea," He says, "than much fine gold!" Gold will go through the fire and still come out pure gold, even purer gold, if it is real gold! <sup>(31)</sup>

So how do they make that gold so pure anyhow? How do they get rid of the impurities? They melt it, put it in the fire and burn out all the impurities. That's kind of tough on the gold, isn't it though? But when it comes through the fire, it comes through even more pure and finer and prettier and better and very desired by most people. (1Pet.1:7)

So the storm and the fire and the trials and the tribulations and the tests are all for what purpose? Yes, to test your purity as gold and to give you a chance to battle the Devil and see if you'll give up or if you'll keep on fighting and trust the Lord. Amen? <sup>(32)</sup>

If it doesn't go through the fire it's not faith. If it doesn't come out as pure gold it's not faith! Because real faith stands the test whatever it may be! <sup>(33)</sup>

God tests you to see if you have faith, to see how far your faith is going to go, how strong it is, and to test your love, to see how much you love Him, to see if you'll still love Him even when He spans you. Maybe when God deals with you like that it's a test of your love, of your obedience, to see how much you love Him, how much you're willing to put up with and stand.--Will you still love and obey? <sup>(34)</sup>

He's not going to let the Devil give us more than we can take, but He does let him test our faith to see if we'll really flee to the Lord and quote His Word and take a stand of faith. Putting on the whole armor of God is no joke, let me tell you!--It's a real fight and you need every piece of it! TYL! (Eph.6) <sup>(35)</sup>

Fair weather faith is no faith at all! Real faith endures the storm, even when it looks like you're sinking! Real faith stands his ground when all else fails, and all others desert! Even if he has to go it alone! Real faith never quits, never gives up, never stops, and therefore, can't be stopped--for God is with such faith! Real faith will pay any price, suffer any sacrifice, die any death! <sup>(36)</sup>

The whole name of the game is faith and trust and to trust him anyhow! "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him! Though I had a tough time and I don't know why, yet will I trust Him! Though He let this or that happen, yet will I trust Him! Though He let this affliction afflict me or my children or my wife or my loved ones or some Home or something, still I've got to trust Him." He loves to see if you've really got real faith and you're going to trust Him anyhow, no matter what! <sup>(37)</sup>

No matter how great your trial may be, no matter how difficult your difficulty may be, no matter how bad it may be, if you have faith to trust God to bring you out of that difficulty, you won't murmur and complain! You'll rejoice and praise God and thank Him, even for the trial, because you know He is able to save you! <sup>(38)</sup>

God takes us, His Own dearly beloved children, and puts us through testing periods and educational trials and tribulations. Look at His dealings in the past with the Jews! He really put 'em through a lot of tests and really put them through the mill to see how much faith they had and to see if they would murmur and complain.--And they did! He finally got so fed up with them, He left the parents all rotting and dying in the wilderness and only let their children enter into the Promised Land! <sup>(39)</sup>

When the Lord doesn't do things just the way some people want Him to, they get bitter against Him. They get upset and angry at the Lord because He didn't do just exactly what they wanted Him to do. They're obviously lacking in faith and not trusting God, that He knows what's best. <sup>(40)</sup>

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him."--Heb.11:6. If you don't accept the things that the Lord sends into your life, if you not only doubt and wonder about His treatment and care of you, but actually murmur and resent and rebel against it, that's certainly not faith, and surely displeases the Lord! <sup>(41)</sup>

Sometimes the Lord does things--or allows things to happen--in our lives to test our faith and draw us closer to Him. He loves us and is concerned about us and frequently allows things to happen to loosen our grip on the things of Earth and tighten our hold on Him and the Eternal Heavenly values. But if we don't receive the Lord's dealings with us, if we reject and refuse to accept them, then we become hardened, and even the Word, God's Truth, will lose its effect on us. <sup>(42)</sup>

When going through severe soul-trying times of testing, we're often tempted to question the Lord, "Why me, Lord? Why did You let this happen to me?" We know from His Word that He allows such trials to test our faith and to test our love, just like He did with Job. Such tests actually strengthen your faith and cause you to love and believe in God no matter what, to not doubt no matter what happens.--As Job finally said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!"--Job 13:15. And when he finally took a stand like that, he got the victory. The Devil gave up and saw he couldn't make Job quit, even if he killed him. <sup>(43)</sup>

Now why do you think God allowed the prince of Persia to delay Gabriel? I don't believe the Prince of Persia could have stopped him for one second if God hadn't allowed it. Why do you think God allowed the message to be delayed?--He was testing Daniel's faith! He was seeing just how persistent and how insistent and how importunate and how determined Daniel was to get the answer!



I'll tell you, Daniel was a man of courage and determination and faith and he stood the test of time of three whole weeks of a delay to the answer to his prayer! God allows that sort of thing to test us and our faith and our confidence in His Word and our absolute certain trust in His power. Many times He allows us to be tested to see if we're going to doubt. Daniel could've given up after 3 weeks and no answer. He could have given up and said, "God, You failed me! Lord, I begged You to do this and that for my people but You let me down, You didn't do it!"<sup>(44)</sup>

That's the exact difference between real faith and supposed faith: Real faith can stand the test and go through the fire and still come out better than ever before, like gold! But that something that looks like faith, like the paper-pig-money which only looks like it is valuable, the minute it goes through the fire, see what you've got left!<sup>(45)</sup>

That's the greatest victory of all, when you seem to be defeated and you still trust the lord! That must be the greatest and the most pleasing thing of all to God, that even when it looked like you were lost and you were defeated and you didn't make it, you still trusted Him anyhow, like Job! The Lord must really be pleased with that kind of faith!--Faith in the face of disaster, faith in the face of agony, faith in the face of death!--"These all died in faith!"<sup>(46)</sup>

Of course the greatest test of faith is death! "These all died in faith!" (Heb.11:13) Think of that! Praise the Lord! They died in faith, think of that! They died trusting God! Even Job didn't do that! How about that? He thought he was going to die but he didn't, but the martyrs did! And every man, woman and child of God that ever lived still died, but they died in faith still trusting God! That's the ultimate test, if you can die trusting the Lord, and that's a greater test than Job had to go through.<sup>(47)</sup>

No matter how great your trial may be, no matter how difficult your difficulty may be, no matter how bad it may be, if you just have faith to trust God to bring you out of that difficulty, you won't murmur and complain! You'll rejoice and praise God and thank Him, even for the trial, because you know He is able to save and deliver you!--And He will!<sup>(48)</sup>

There's no testimony without a test, there's no victory without a battle, there's no triumph without a trial! So why should we hesitate to fight the battle, the good fight of faith?<sup>(49)</sup>

In the Name of Jesus, help us to stand the test, Lord. Help us to be strong and fight, and resist and have faith, and to have patience and trust You, Jesus!-- Not to get discouraged and give up! In the Name of Jesus! Help us to fight, Lord!  
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## Fear and Faith

Faith is the opposite of fear, and when you have faith, you cannot fear. You don't fear when you have faith. There's a little poem we used to hang on our wall, and I quoted it to you before. It says:

"When you're trusting you're not heard to fret.  
When you're fretting, You're not trusting yet!" (51)

Faith and fear cannot totally occupy your mind, your heart and your spirit at the same time. You either have one or the other, and if fear displaces faith, then you've got problems. But if you can cling to God, and the Lord and His Word, and replace fear with faith, then you've got solutions! (52)

Fear is the opposite of faith, just as murmuring is the opposite of praise! Fear murmurs. Faith praises. Fear murmurs no matter what happens. Faith praises no matter what happens. (53)

Fear is about the worst thing that could happen to you! Fear is the worship of the Devil! Fear is not faith! (54)

"Fear hath torment," His Word says, and lack of faith is a terrible frightening thing. (55)

It's not only damaging and disastrous to you and will wear you down and wear you out and give you a nervous breakdown and drive you out of your mind and even kill you if you keep letting that fear torment you. (56)

You're not to be afraid of the Devil; you're to pin your faith in God and to fear God and not to fear Satan! (57)

Help us o God to have faith, and not get scared out of it! For if we've got real faith we won't have fear and we won't let the Devil scare us with his doubts and fears and "boo's"! (58)

Freedom from fear is one of the greatest freedoms of all. Freedom from fear is faith. <sup>(59)</sup>

If you keep your mind stayed on the lord, you'll have perfect peace. You don't have to worry about the Enemy, or the Devil or his power or anything else because he can't touch us because we have and love the Lord. Therefore, the Lord cautions us that we're not to fear, constantly tells us not to fear but to have faith. <sup>(60)</sup>

This is one of the wonderful things about God's love: When we know that God loves us, we know that everything in our lives is going to be okay, and that He will take care of us! This is faith!--And it's faith in His Love that keeps out worry and fear. "For perfect love casts out all fear!" (1Jn.4:18) Receiving God's Love into your heart is like turning on a light in a dark room--the darkness just has to flee!

Then you don't need to worry anymore! You'll know your Heavenly Father loves you and that you and yours--your family, your children, your future, your health--are in His hands. "For not even one sparrow falls to the ground, but your Father knows it. Fear not, therefore: You are of more value than many sparrows!" (Mt.6:25-34; Lk.12:6,7)--He will care for His Own! <sup>(61)</sup>

## **Obedience and Faith**

The Lord can do it if you've got the faith and obey the Lord and follow Him and do His will! <sup>(62)</sup>

Faith and obedience come first, then God answers prayer! <sup>(63)</sup>

You have to do something yourself, you have to take the step of faith, you have to reach out the hand of faith, you have to obey God if you want to receive His blessings. <sup>(64)</sup>

Now here's the connection between obedience and faith: It's pretty hard to have faith if you're disobedient. -- In fact it's virtually impossible to believe God for anything if you're disobedient. But if you know you're doing your best to please Him and obeying Him you can expect almost anything. God will do almost anything for you, some of the most amazing things you could possibly imagine! <sup>(65)</sup>

Let me tell you it takes plenty of faith to be obedient! In fact, that's exactly what it does take to be obedient. You can't be obedient unless you do have faith! Think that one over! <sup>(66)</sup>

If you go ahead and obey and take that step of faith, the Lord can just shove the ground right under it! Sometimes you feel like you're stepping out on thin air, but immediately the Lord gives you good solid ground to walk on, because He's promised it! The Lord has promised! <sup>(67)</sup>

Do what you can, and God will do what you can't. Now that is the way it's always been. Like when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead: The people couldn't raise him from the dead, but they could roll the stone away from the door. So what did Jesus do? Did He roll away the stone?--No, He said, "Roll ye away the stone," and they did it. That was something they could do, so why not let them? Their obedience in rolling away the stone also was a manifestation of their faith that God was going to do what they couldn't do. Do you get it?

Your obedience in doing what God tells you to do shows your faith that God is going to do the rest, what you can't do. Jesus said, "Roll ye away the stone." Well now, they could have argued with Him saying, "What's the use to roll away the stone, Jesus? He's dead! He's been dead four days! He stinks, he's rotting! There's no use in us pushing and sweating and prying with a crowbar and worrying about getting the stone out of the way, Lord. The future of raising the dead is an impossible situation, so we might as well not even try to roll away the stone. We might as well not even try to do what we can do today because the future is so impossible. Let's just quit. Let's just quit today, and let's not do even what we know we can do. Let's not do even what God's already told us to do. Let's just forget the whole deal, because the future is so impossible! We can't do it, so let's quit!" Is that what they did?--No!

They manifested their faith by obedience! When Jesus said, "Roll ye away the stone," they said "Wow! He's going to do what we can't do. He is going to raise the dead! We believe it, so let's get that stone out of the way quick! Let's make room for God! Let's hurry up! Let's make a way for the Lord, He's going to start working! Let's do what we can do, let's clear the way!" <sup>(68)</sup>

Look how much the Lord hinges on your obedience just because He "said so", even without knowing why or where or wherefore. But you've just got to do it because He said so, just operate on naked faith in His Word that He told you to do it, that's all, and then afterward He'll take time to explain why. <sup>(69)</sup>

(Prayer:) So we ask You, Jesus, to just help us to yield to You, to obey You, and then we know that You will do the rest! Help us all to stay close to You, in Thy Will, Lord, and obedient, yielded, following moment by moment. Every moment keep our hearts right with You, Jesus, our motives right, our will right, and everything right with You.

Help us to stay close to You, Jesus, in the center of Thy Will, Lord, then we know we're in the center of Thy provision and protection and blessing and usefulness, where we have nothing to worry about. We can just trust You utterly by faith because we know we're being obedient and doing Thy Will. And that's all we can do, Lord, the rest is up to You. <sup>(70)</sup>

## Patience

This being in a hurry is a lack of faith--that it's got to be done right now, or it won't be done. We're trying to do it in our own strength!

We ask that You will teach Thy sons and daughters patience and faith--which takes time--teach them never to get in such a hurry;--not to push themselves so hard, as though they had to do it in their own strength! Help them to learn how to lean on You, and to know that You're going to take care of it somehow--to trust You! <sup>(71)</sup>

Rest in the lord! Patience takes faith. Tribulation worketh patience--because it compels you to trust the Lord--to have faith in God for the outcome! <sup>(72)</sup>

Patience shows faith. Impatience shows lack of faith. <sup>(73)</sup>

Learning patience seems to be one of god's most frequent lessons yet one of our own rarest virtues, as it really tests our faith and drives us to the Lord and His Word, to Whom and which we might not otherwise give so much time and attention. <sup>(74)</sup>

The farmer is a perfect example of faith and patience. That's why so few people want to live on the farm. Because it takes too much dependence on God!--There's not too much they can do--they have to leave it all up to God! <sup>(75)</sup>

Waiting and learning patience is part of your training, because, if you flunk that test, you haven't got much faith or perseverance and you wouldn't last long anywhere! <sup>(76)</sup>

How about you? Are you going to stick--or haven't you got the faith that it takes? Patience is the result of real faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God, because faith worketh patience! (He.11:6; Ro.5:3-5) <sup>(77)</sup>

## Getting Things from God by Faith

God will give you what you ask for: he's very definite, be definite with the Lord! He says, "Command thou Me." He'll give you what you ask for, and certainly what you have the faith for! That's the way the Lord blesses if you trust Him, if you please Him, if you'll follow Him, if you obey Him, if you're doing what He wants you to do and getting the work accomplished that He wants you to accomplish. (Isaiah 45:11) <sup>(78)</sup>

We really need to be specific with the lord and ask for specific requests and expect specific answers! My mother used to say, "The Lord wants you to be specific!" It's a sign of your faith. People who just pray so generally, generalistically, a lot of times it's because they don't expect to be answered anyhow! They just generalize so they won't be pinned down in case they don't get an answer!

Whereas if you ask for specific answers then you're showing your faith that you expect to get that specific answer!--And you don't expect to be disappointed! You really expect it or you wouldn't be so specific! <sup>(79)</sup>

It reminds me of the guy I once knew who was so desperate for a car that he said, "Lord, please give me a car! I got to have a car, Lord--just any old car!" So that's exactly what he got--exactly what he asked for--a real clunker! You get what you ask for, and what you have faith for! God takes you exactly at your word! <sup>(80)</sup>

I believe you can have anything you have faith for! <sup>(81)</sup>

God is just waiting on us to command the situation! He even said to Moses, "Command thou Me!" He's given such faith and power to man that you can even command God to do what you want Him to do for you! (Isa.45:11). If you're righteous, doing the right thing and trying to please God, love Him and have faith in His Word at all, you can ask God to do what you want Him to do. <sup>(82)</sup>

"According to thy faith be it done unto you." If you've got the faith for it God will do it; and faith is not just hoping believing or somewhat expecting, but faith is knowing.--absolutely knowing! <sup>(83)</sup>

Faith is knowing! You're positive. You're certain. You expect it beyond a shadow of a doubt. <sup>(84)</sup>

## Putting Faith into Action

You can do anything if you have the faith and the will to work, vision, courage, and initiative! <sup>(85)</sup>

It's amazing what faith can accomplish if you're really in tune with the Lord and you've got not only faith but a lot of gumption and get-up-and-go! <sup>(86)</sup>

So that's faith!--To go ahead and do what God wants us to do, what needs to be done, whatever it costs! <sup>(87)</sup>

Faith is really being willing to be a pioneer and to have the faith to believe the vision God gives you and to have the courage to take the initiative and try it, even if you think, "Well, for all I know it's going to sink the whole ship!" <sup>(88)</sup>

You cannot stop the man of faith. You cannot dissuade him! You cannot divert him! You cannot stop him! He'll go on with or without you, or right over you, if necessary. For this is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith. If it comes to that, all he needs is God! With that kind of faith in God, you can go anywhere, and do anything, for all things are possible to him that believeth, but without faith it is impossible to please Him! <sup>(89)</sup>

God bless all those who have the faith and the vision and the confidence and the courage to go ahead and pioneer in spite of the danger and the opposition and all that the Devil can throw at them to try to stop them!

Pioneers have to go ahead and be obedient to the Heavenly Vision no matter what anybody says or tries to do to stop them! They have to do it anyway in spite of all opposition and tradition and customs and doubts of the Devil! They've just got to do it, they've got to do what God showed them to do, and go ahead in spite of anything and everybody until it's done and rolling, and then

everybody can see it, and then everybody can believe it. That's the way it is with pioneering.

You've got to see what nobody else can see, and have the faith that nobody else can believe, and the initiative to go ahead and try something nobody else has been willing to try, and the courage and guts to push it through like a bulldozer!-- In spite of everything and everybody, because you know you've got God on your side and God wants it done and that's it, so you do it! <sup>(90)</sup>

There's just something about it! I don't exactly know how to describe it, you just see it and you get it and it's like a spark that lights your fuse and makes you just want to explode, you just feel, boom!, like that, this is it! You just feel that it's got to work, it will work! It's God's Will! He's going to do it! <sup>(91)</sup>

What are the four things that make a pioneer?--First of all vision! Because of the vision you have the faith. Because you have the faith, that gives you the courage and therefore with the courage you take the initiative, and you pioneer and make progress! <sup>(92)</sup>

God bless and keep you and give you real inspiration and wisdom and guidance and vision and courage! You've got to have guts and real faith that you can do it! You know, those are all the qualities that a pioneer is supposed to have! <sup>(93)</sup>

## **Operate According to your Own Faith**

God's word says, "Every one of us must give an account of himself to God!" (Rom.14:12). And Jesus told Peter when he was concerned about what some of the other disciples would do, "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me!" (Jn.21:22). We cannot hide behind others when it comes to our majesty\* of choice, when God is calling us and dealing with us personally! God wants you to make your own choice by faith according to your own faith, and commit yourself to His Work according to your own convictions--not mine, not ours, not your parents' or your friends', but yours! <sup>(94)</sup>

God wants you to make your own choice by faith according to your own faith--not mine, not ours, not somebody else's, but yours! God is dealing with you, and He wants you to learn to trust Him personally, not lean on others! <sup>(95)</sup>



A lot of times I've sent you guys out to do jobs I didn't even have the faith for--because you had the faith for it, so I didn't have to have the faith for it! God doesn't give me the faith for your job! You have to have the faith for your own job, and God will give you the faith for that job! <sup>(96)</sup>

Sometimes they've got greater faith for some things which they have to have the faith for but I don't have to have the faith for, believe it or not!

I only have to have the faith to do the things that I have to do! They have to have the faith to do the things they have to do which I can't do. Sometimes I haven't had the faith for it, but you guys had the faith for it. That ought to encourage you! But I had the faith that they had the faith that the Lord was going to do it for them, miracles, big miracles!

That's another thing you don't have to do, you don't have to have the faith for things you don't have to do! <sup>(97)</sup>

People have to operate the way their faith goes. They have to follow their faith, and they cannot operate outside of the limitations of their faith or they go beyond their faith for things they don't have faith for, and then to them it is sin. <sup>(98)</sup>

I can pray with you, teach you, try to encourage your faith, try to get you to look to Jesus, and try to inspire you by my own example and my own stories and experiences of faith where God has never failed but when it comes to the showdown, except for a few rare exceptions, such as babies and spiritual babies, you must have faith for yourself! <sup>(99)</sup>

You cannot operate on somebody else's faith, not very well. I have certain faith for certain things and there are things that I don't have faith for. I have to operate according to my faith. <sup>(100)</sup>

Don't do it because somebody tells you to and according to their faith.-- That's one thing you can't do! You got to have the faith for it yourself. <sup>(101)</sup>

A lot depends on your faith and your leading and how you feel led of the Lord and what He tells you personally to do, that's what you have to do. <sup>(102)</sup>

It was always my policy to ask you if you'd like to do a certain thing, or do you think you should do so and so, or what do you want to do, or what do you think the Lord wants you to do! I usually tried to give you your choice, within certain limitations of possibility, and let you move according to your own faith,

choose your own team, and set your own goals, and forge ahead under your own steam!--And you got a lot more done that way, if you let a man be led by the Lord according to his own faith, initiative vision and courage. <sup>(103)</sup>

## Living by Faith

Those days of hard living by faith were the happiest days of our lives with a family of four small children, a family of six. And those days on the road, living in the car or a tiny tent or tiny trailers, but serving God full-time by faith and just trusting God from day to day for our food and our gasoline and our tires and engine repairs and our housing, and most of all for places of service where we could serve the Lord and do good, and also for our support, those seemingly most sacrificial privation days of living by faith for the Lord and serving Him full-time with a small family of small children, those were the happiest days of our young family's life!

The days when we trusted God and we just lived by faith and served the lord full-time, sometimes never knowing where we were going to lay our heads or where our next meal was going to come from, those were exciting happy days!-- And God never failed, TTL! As long as we were faithful and served Him diligently and got out there and witnessed and litnessed and sang and testified and praised the Lord, He never failed us! <sup>(104)</sup>

If you work for him, he'll take care of you. "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" If He's so careful to take care of the grass which only lasts a little while and somebody mows it down, casts it in the oven and burns it,

Don't you think he's more concerned about you? He takes care of the grass, He'll surely take care of you, won't He? "Therefore take no thought"--that means fretting, anxious thought.

It's talking about worrying--lack of faith, afraid that you're not going to get what you need! Don't worry about: "What shall we eat, or what shall we be clothed?" <sup>(105)</sup>

I've lived by faith for years, but I can never remember in my whole life not having something to eat when I needed it! I can never remember in my whole life not having enough to wear! I can never remember in my whole life, unlike dear

Jesus and the Apostle Paul, having no place to lay my head!--And I doubt if there's anybody in our Family in that bad shape either! <sup>(106)</sup>

I've never known God to let his servants starve. We sat down one time to give thanks when we had shredded wheat but no milk and we figured we ought to use water. You can do that in case you ever get hard up. Some of these Americans, they're so used to having everything, if they don't have it they don't know what to do. It's surprising what you can do.

God didn't let that happen to us with our four small kids. As soon as we sat down to that shredded wheat and water breakfast, before we poured the water on, we heard the PA system paging us to come to the office of the trailer park for a letter, and therein was \$10. The grocery store was on the corner and we had milk for breakfast, praise God! Do you know what it is to live by faith and not know where it's coming from? <sup>(107)</sup>

I've got that much faith in a big God, that as long as we do the job he'll take care of us and we don't have to worry about the money! <sup>(108)</sup>

Some people seem to have the idea that living by faith means loafing around and doing nothing! Well, they've got an entirely wrong idea of living by faith. They seem to think that living by faith means living by nothing or living for nothing or with nothing. Well, they're mistaken.

Living by faith means putting faith into action, putting feet to your prayers and doing everything you can possibly do, as though everything depended on doing, and praying like everything depended on prayer! That's the way God looks at it. But the people who sit around and expect God to drop it into their laps while they're doing nothing are never going to get anything! God is not going to invest His money or His gifts or His help in people whom He knows it's going to be wasted on and will do nothing with it--just like they did nothing before. God's a pretty tough taskmaster along that line, Jesus Himself told the story, a firm Boss! <sup>(109)</sup>

Do you believe God? "Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh unto Him must believe that He is and that He is the rewarder of them which diligently seek Him" and His will and His way and His service and His souls. (He.11:6.) Are you willing? Do you believe God? Do you believe His Word and His promises and His guarantees? Do you know that if what you do is within the will of God and in obedience of God, that God is going to take care of you somehow?-- Even if He has to take you to Heaven, amen? <sup>(110)</sup>

Because you trust him and you obey him and you believe his guarantees, God's guarantees in His Word, He will supply all your need according to His riches in glory regardless of man or the Devil or our enemies or our place of ministry or our mode of ministry or whatever!--God will not fail, Jesus never fails! Hallelujah?  
(111)

Help us to stay close to You, Jesus, in the center of Thy Will, then we know we're in the center of Thy provision and protection and blessing and usefulness and we have no problems, nothing to worry about. We can trust You utterly by faith because we know we're being obedient and doing Thy will. And that's all we can do, Lord, the rest is up to You. (112)

## **Faith and Healing**

I have no faith for the healing of people who go to the doctor and look to the pills and the treatments and the shots and the natural or unnatural or normal or abnormal methods, or whatever they want to call it, anything else but the Lord! I have no faith for their healing, because the Lord is a jealous God and He will not share His glory with another! (113)

As long as you're leaning partly on God and partly on the medicine, He's not going to have anything to do with it! He doesn't care to share His glory with some doctor and some treatment and some pills! If He's going to heal you, He wants all the credit for it and all the glory for it and not to have to share it with anything or anybody else. He wants the World to know and the Family to know that it was He who healed you and nothing else!--God plus Faith plus Nothing! (114)

The same principle applies to the body and health and healing as applies to salvation, to depend on medicines and doctors and treatments and therapy and all that is depending on your own works and your own self-righteousness to heal you, instead of totally utterly depending on the Lord by grace through faith. You get healing the same way you do salvation, by grace through faith! You're saved by grace through faith and that not of yourself! It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph.2:8,9)--Or lest you should boast of any man or any doctor or his medicines! You get healing the same way as you do salvation, by utterly trusting God for it and not anything else, just like you get salvation!--Grace plus Faith plus Nothing! (115)

You can't fool around with God. Once He's given you faith for healing, He expects you to use it, and with those who know His healing, He usually holds them responsible for it, expects them to trust Him, and will not tolerate any other means. <sup>(116)</sup>

If He knows you're going to quit trusting Him anyhow and run off in the long run anyway, why should He heal you?

Why should he honor you with healing when you don't honor him with faith? If you don't trust Him till you die, then you don't trust Him! If you're going to compromise at the last minute, then you've failed. <sup>(117)</sup>

Trusting the Lord and having the faith for healing is not just lying down and doing nothing and saying, "Well, I'm just going to trust the Lord to do it all." You've got to fight for it! You've got to cooperate! You've got to have faith! You've got to rebuke the Devil and all his lies and refuse to believe it! <sup>(118)</sup>

Lord, give these dear ones faith, in Jesus' name, to not sit around fearfully fearing all the time, just being afraid of what's going to happen, but to learn faith and healing verses, and take a stand of faith and fight until they win the victory!-- In Jesus' name. <sup>(119)</sup>

As for just trusting God, you've either got the faith or you haven't!--You don't try to work it up!--You just know. If you haven't got that kind of supernatural miraculous faith, which it seems very few people have, you'd better beat it to the nearest hospital and doctor and feel no condemnation about it! <sup>(120)</sup>

A ruptured appendix is one of those mechanical things that I think doctors are for, like setting bones, cutting out bullets and things like that. Of course, if people have the faith, they can expect the Lord to set it or dissolve the bullet or do a real amazing miracle, but my faith kind of runs along the line of letting the doctors do what they can do, what is possible, and let the Lord take care of what is not possible. Let the doctors take care of what they can do and let the Lord take care of only what He can do, the impossible. Of course, if you have such faith that you can get the Lord to do the miracles, you don't need doctors. <sup>(121)</sup>

## Some Other Quotes on Faith

You use electricity, even though you don't understand it fully or know where it came from or how it got here, and you may not even understand how it works. All you know is, it works!--You flip the switch and make the connection and it works! You make contact with the power of electricity and it does the work for you.

Just so, you must learn to make contact, personal contact, with the power of god and learn to let him do the work of bringing you joy, health and happiness in everyday living and of being useful in your life and giving you faith and rest and comfort and peace instead of fear and restlessness and worry and war. <sup>(122)</sup>

From the very beginning God has always given Man the opportunity to learn the easy way, by simply believing and obeying His Word and the testimony of His Prophets, even if he doesn't always understand why. If Adam and Eve had believed God, they would have heeded His Word and warning and therefore known--by faith--that God was right. But they chose not to learn the easy way of faith and obedience, but instead chose the hard way, so God let them go ahead and disobey and learn by bitter experience. They refused to learn the easy way, so they had to learn the hard way!

The Lord still works the same way with us today, and He will see to it that we all learn our lessons, one way or the other.--Either by the easy way of simply heeding His Word and the good direction and Godly advice that others pass on to us, or by the hard way of experience, which is the most expensive education you can possibly get, as it usually hurts! <sup>(123)</sup>

The Greek word "pisteuo", the Greek word for "believe", has a lot deeper greater meaning than just our mild little English word "believe", with which nowadays people say "I believe so" if they're not too sure! But the Greek word "pisteuo", "I believe", means "I drink in"! I really receive! I have faith in it enough to receive it! <sup>(124)</sup>

There's no sanity to faith. Faith is all completely contrary to natural expectation and natural conditions. <sup>(125)</sup>

People who live in God's Golden Gates of Faith can survive anything--even death! And can still say, like Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!" And you'll enjoy God's really Golden Gates forever after in His really Golden City. <sup>(126)</sup>

Only in the path of complete obedience can we find the fullness of faith that we seek, when we really begin to forsake all and follow Jesus! When we're willing to take up the cross and deny ourselves and yield our pride and stubborn will and follow the Lord, all the rest will come, because He will then give us the power and the grace as we surrender ourselves to Him and "present our bodies a living sacrifice" on His altar of service (Rom.12:1). <sup>(127)</sup>

If you've got the faith, even though you haven't seen the answer yet, if you have real faith you've got the title deed to it! It's yours; your name's written on it and you will see it eventually--that's faith! You know you've got the title in your hands. Praise God! It's done! <sup>(128)</sup>

The main job of a shepherd is to keep in touch with the lord--to begin the day with sweet music--praise and fellowship. We have to learn how to first of all, rest at the Lord's feet. The secret of that calm and peace and rest and patience and faith and love is that resting in the Lord!--Getting calm before the Lord and praising the Lord and seeking the Lord first. And then you just impart this to the sheep--it's a spirit--you impart that very atmosphere.

This is why you cannot even make a move until you first have found that place of rest and calm and sweet peace in the lord, and have set down and played your pipe to the Lord. It's all a spiritual thing. If you try to do it in the flesh, you might as well quit. Your own flesh will get you down. That sweet rest is a sign of real faith, which brings patience. <sup>(129)</sup>

We have the Lord and we have love and we have life and we have faith, and therefore we have hope for better things and the best, that things are going to turn out all right in the end. <sup>(130)</sup>

"In quietness and confidence shall thy strength be." (Isa.30:15.) Don't worry, in quietness and confidence. Confidence is faith, faith gives you rest and patience so you don't worry, you don't move too quickly. <sup>(131)</sup>

God likes the kind of faith that when there is a choice, when there is a decision, when there is an alternative, the great faith still chooses God in spite of the other possibilities. <sup>(132)</sup>

Faith is just something you have or you don't have. It's like being a little bit pregnant. There is no such thing. You either are or you aren't. You have faith or you haven't. That's why Jesus said, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can move a whole mountain." (Matthew 17:20) <sup>(133)</sup>

One thing for sure, God knows what He's doing, so even if you don't understand it and you don't know what He's doing, He does, so you just have to wrap it up in a little bundle of faith and tuck it away till someday He reveals why. We don't always know why right away. We may not know why for years, who knows? Maybe we won't know some of these things till we get to Heaven!--Why He did some of these things and why He allowed some of these things. <sup>(134)</sup>

So often if it were not for that spark of faith, you'd just flicker out. But that spark of faith fans the flame. It's like God blowing on the little ember and bringing it back to life again! It comes so much through hearing the Word! <sup>(135)</sup>

Let me tell you: God can take it! He can handle any load you want to give Him--both barrels! He can stand anything but your damn doubts and fears and lack of faith! This He cannot stomach! "For without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to Him must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

That's one thing you got to have, bud: you got to have some faith and belief in god--or you're sunk! For without him you can do nothing! If you don't hold onto the Lord, you're lost! <sup>(136)</sup>

We can always encourage ourselves that the Lord is with us and we're bound to win because of the Lord! It's no matter of luck or chance, faith is a sure thing and you're not taking any chances when you trust the Lord! <sup>(137)</sup>

The main thing is you have got to take the step of faith first yourself. You've got to believe and obey God's Word, step out by faith, forsake all, leave them behind and determine to serve the Lord at whatever the cost, whatever the price, even if you have to forsake all, both mate and children, in order to get away and serve the Lord. <sup>(138)</sup>

You can't lose if you keep on fighting the good fight of faith to the finish! <sup>(139)</sup>



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