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Faith Must Come from God, Not You

From the very beginning, God has built into creation wonderful pictures of how life and strength are received. A young eagle does not learn to fly by staying safe in the nest or flapping harder in its own strength. The mother eagle stirs the nest, pushes her young to the edge, and calls it into the wind. The eaglet must hear that call and trust the updraft its wings were made to ride. In the same way, God has designed a specific and powerful way for faith to come alive and grow strong in our lives. It is not something we manufacture, work up, or borrow from others. True faith comes from God Himself, and it comes in one main way.

Along your path of maturity, the faith of God begins to grow from the inside out. Many in the church world today attempt to force change by stepping out in faith, but don't see the results they hope for. The faith they are operating in turns out to be of the natural man, which is incapable of bringing the impossible into reality. This is why most testimonies we hear today lack the truly miraculous.

I recall one preacher sharing stories of God's prosperity in a way that puzzled me. "If you have faith, you should be living in the biggest house in your neighborhood," he said. The richest man in our area owns bars and strip clubs, which made me realize that wealth can be a result outside of God's blessings. Many Christians give God credit for what they were able to accomplish in their natural ability. This is very common among the carnal church.

God's heart for us is to operate from His faith that is established in us. His desire is for His children to operate from a different realm, which will give us access to see the fullness of His blessings come to pass. The Apostle Paul makes this wonderfully clear in Romans 10:17: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." This is the faith which comes from God. Many believers today struggle with weak faith, doubt, fear, and unanswered prayer because they are trying to produce faith from their own feelings, positive thoughts, or past experiences. But faith is not generated by human effort. It is received. It is born and strengthened as our spirit man hears the living Word of God. When you were born again, your inner man became a brand-new creation. You were birthed into a new species—the children of God. The old nature from Adam, a nature of darkness and death, was not patched up or improved. It was replaced. Your spirit man now carries God's own nature and is specially designed to hear and receive from Him.

The natural, carnal mind cannot fully understand or produce this faith. It is spiritually discerned and spiritually built. But your reborn spirit recognizes the language of its Father instantly. Just as each species has its own unique way of communicating and receiving information, the children of God have been given a new capacity to hear the Word and respond in living faith. This is why the moment you accepted Christ everything

changed on the inside. Your spirit man was lit up with God's light and life. Now you can receive the faith that pleases God, moves mountains, and overcomes the world. This faith, which comes from God, is no ordinary confidence. It gives substance to the things we hope for and becomes the evidence of things we cannot yet see. It is the victory that overcomes every obstacle, every attack, and every circumstance. Yet this powerful faith does not grow through emotional highs, religious activity, or sheer willpower. It is built as we consistently position ourselves to hear the Word of the living God. The more we hear, the stronger our faith becomes.

Too many read a verse and boldly declare, "That is mine!" "I am who the Bible says I am, and I can do what the Bible says I can do" is a common saying spoken each Sunday in many churches. Many then step out in faith expecting it to come to pass but spend their entire life never seeing it. Faith is more than just stubbornly standing on the Word; it is a foundation that must first be established before God will have you follow it.

Today, the church desperately needs the faith that comes from God. Too many are living on yesterday's experience or someone else's testimony. But borrowed faith will not carry you through the challenges ahead. You need fresh, living faith flowing directly into your spirit from the Word. This is the faith that sustains, the faith that overcomes, and the faith that brings the glory of God into your everyday life. So how do we see God's faith being established in our hearts?

Here are three clear and practical ways shown in Scripture that any believer can walk in:

First, immerse yourself daily in the written Word of God. The Bible is not just ink on paper, it is the living voice of God speaking directly to your spirit. Take time every day to read it, meditate on it, and let it sink deep into your heart. As you hear the promises, the revelation of who Jesus is, and the truth of what He has done for you, faith will rise from the inside.

Second, listen to the anointed preaching and teaching of the Word. Messages of God's truth are birthed into respected men and women who have spent time with the Holy Spirit and in the Word of God. Especially in this world of social media preachers, it is important to be extra careful about who you listen to. Every minister says something good, but what is the source of their teaching? Was it their natural intellect and personality, or was their message forged by God in them? Make it a habit to feed on faithful messages that exalt Jesus and declare the pure Word. Let these teachings fill your ears and your spirit again and again.

Third, speak the Word of God aloud over your life and pray in the Spirit. As you declare the Scriptures with your own mouth, your ears hear it, and your inner man receives fresh strength and faith. Confessing God's truth helps set His standards in your life. It helps us avoid accepting a lesser standard, especially when you are battling

circumstances. Praying in tongues also allows your spirit to speak mysteries directly to God and builds you up on your most holy faith. These are the languages of your new species.

Let's stop trying to work up faith in the flesh. Instead, do as the eagle's young must do, let the faith of God in us rise up, then we can step out on the wind we were created to ride. Position yourself every day to hear. Turn down the noise of the world long enough for the Word of God to become the loudest voice in your life. Fill your mind and your heart with the Word of Christ. Then watch living faith arise, strong, bold, and victorious.

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