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More understanding on faith

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Passions Narration

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I've been talking with God about Faith. This is an area that has confused the church, especially in this generation. I am still questioning and learning but I think I've learned a few small insights I thought I'd share.

As you can imagine being sick for years and then being sicker makes you question yourself, God, circumstances and anything else you can come up with to understand. When God speaks of my sickness in dreams he shows it to me in two ways. One is as an injury from a storm. The other is being bound by evil spirits. The first part does make sense. Even Christians can be hurt by events of nature. The second part I did not understand. About evil spirits. What I saw in the dream was the latest suffering I am going through as being the spirits of sickness and disease trying to prevent me from moving forward.

I understand it some and God has showed me that in other dreams I overcame those two spirits. When I asked God why it did not show up in the natural he said "First in the spiritual, then in the natural."

Anyway I mentioned this because it has been a progression in my faith. I understood that because God showed that as I spent time with Him I then gained power over these spirits. This was the first time I'd ever heard such a teaching. I always thought it was our responsibility to go out and fight the demons personally. What God was saying is because I put Him first these spirits lost their hold over me in the spiritual realm.

So I still struggled with the question. Why has it not showed up in the natural? That is a question anyone would ask I think. God showed me it

was not sin, unforgiveness, ignorance, unfaithfulness, evil spirits and so on. But that still did not answer me but I kept on asking and seeking. As I look back I can see that God did give me an answer but it wasn't one I wanted. He told me the answer was coming, just to believe.

Isn't it funny? Even though my health is poor I was trying so hard to please God for an answer when He was saying it's done, finished, even written into law, ordained. But if that was true why was I not seeing it?

To be honest I don't have the full answers. This has been a question millions have asked through the generations. Why do some have to die in their faith without having received the promise? Was it so that our generation could have the answers? Now here is an interesting story. In the recent dream my father and I were seriously injured by flying debris from what represented the future. I didn't understand at all but God seemed to indicate that our family was paying the price now so when judgment was poured out we would be bypassed. Like the Passover type thing. The price is paid. For I got the impression the judgment that was coming was on the church. That since she will not come together in unity she must be prepared for the bridegroom in any way she could. I know this teaching would be hard for most to accept but that is what I heard.

Anyway getting back to faith I've been struggling with it wondering why my faith is so weak and why my faith can't move the 'mountain' of my sickness or my families.

Finally God got through to me two nights ago and again last night trying to help me understand what was really happening here. Again we have to go back to that scripture that says 'seek God first and all these things will be given you...'

Does that include faith I wondered? Why does Jesus say "IF YOU" had the faith of a mustard seed you could move mountains. That's always confused me because it points to us as moving that mountain. Yet that is contrary to other teaching from God where he said there was no power or authority in us. It all came from Him (Jesus and the Holy Spirit included) And that if we had all intelligence, all wisdom and all understanding it still would not move that mountain.

But God cleared it all up by asking me where my faith lay.

In Him.

And then he showed me all the things that he had revealed to me over the years. How I spent, so much time struggling to believe the most basic things were from God. *But* as soon as I believed then God showed me something else even harder to accept and so on to the present day. He asked me, "What you went through. Was that faith building?" Frankly I don't know if I had ever thought of that before but I had to agree it was. And was your first thoughts when I showed you these things that it was impossible? I had to agree. So what I was doing all these years is I've been building your faith to believe without you really realizing it.

And then the teaching continued. That what I was dealing with here was a spiritual battle between fear, doubt and uncertainty vs faith. You see every time I doubted God did something. He restored my hope and thus did away with doubt and fear. But what did I have faith in? As it turned out the faith was not in myself, nor circumstances NOR in the answers for which I had been seeking. In fact God emphasized that point. That all these years he was testing my faith and preparing my faith. I had assumed he had been preparing me for the doors he was to open soon and there may be some truth to that. But he let me know it was not the main point but to teach me to have Faith in God. Why?

Because as I grew in Faith something began to happen. He asked me why I have not seen any real signs or open doors in my life? Why no big miracles or mighty things happening? I could not answer.

He said because he was setting the boundaries of my faith. With what measure I believed, without seeing anything in the natural, thus would be the measure poured out. Talk about heavy, heavy teaching. Why? Because God has brought my faith outside of the box. God said because I refused to limit Him thus when the time comes He would not limit me. Now I do and don't understand that but it is both wonderful and humbling and causes me to tremble.

So anyway we were still talking about faith and how to make it grow. God went on to say that true faith was not found in ourselves but in Him. That the more time I spent and trust God the greater my faith would grow. It was then that I had the revelation. It had nothing to do with me. I'd been struggling for years wondering why my faith was so small. God showed me as I believed in Him so was my faith. That He was my faith and the source of my faith and the answers I seek came not from faith I had built up but trust in God to fulfill it.

So here is a little synopsis of how it works.

1. God gives you a vision, idea or dream for which to believe in. It could be your health, a job, ministry or so forth. Usually it is hard, difficult or nearly impossible to believe.

2. God tests your faith and this process often takes years. 10, 20, 30 years is not unusual. Some die during this process of faith testing though often what does happen is people give up, drop their faith and stay at the same level never growing.

3. The test is passed and you move forward into greater things

I know I've wondered for years why I've seen so few real miracles in my life considering the calling God says he's given me. Now I realize it was the testing of my faith.

God gave me an interesting illustration. He suggested that I think of the greatest miracle in the bible as a ten room house. For years people have set the limit at ten rooms but most don't even have the faith to build one room let alone ten. But he said His desire in the last days is to inspire someone to design a 100 room house,. Sharing that level of faith with others is not easy but God says it can be done. He said that a person eventually comes to the place where their faith is like plans for that house. What will it be? 50 Rooms? 89 rooms? Or will they even go further and say "Lord, I refused to set the limits but decided to build and prepare for 1,000 room house..." In other words unlimited faith. Still, I know what God is saying. Faith is like preparing to build a house. God has to give you the vision, test your vision and then have you prepare for that vision. If your faith is weak or nil you'll

not take the necessary steps to fulfill that vision and either the vision will go undone or God will try to raise someone else up. But I've also learned that many things will go undone because I believe we are living in the last days.

Will God find faith on the earth?