



## SUBSTANTIAL FAITH

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We have amazing leadership in this house—with the five-fold ministry. The leadership has been showing us the past months a pathway into the promises and into deliverance. But having a good leadership does not guarantee that you will get into your promised land.

Example of Moses: Moses got them out of slavery. His face glowed from the Presence of God. He was an amazing leader, but many of the Israelites never made it into the Promised Land.

A lot of times satan tries to get in their saying, blame the leadership—> It's not the leadership!

*Matthew 28:17—When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; **but some doubted.***

*Proverbs 19:3 (NLT)—People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.*

We want to blame everything else. But it's not the leaders but we need to look at ourselves.

### First thing we need to do is **CHANGE OUR THINKING**

*Romans 12:2 (NLT)—Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, **but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

God is transforming you into a new person by changing the way you think.

*Isaiah 8:11 (NLT)—The Lord has given me a strong warning **not to think like everyone else does...***

*We have to think differently than the world thinks.* The Israelites were out of slavery but their mindset was still in slavery. Israel was on the brink of the Promised Land, they still had the old mindset. The slave mindset of the Israelites was fear.

*Romans 8:15 (NLT)—you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, **you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.** Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

If you are missing out on the Promises of God or on victory in life, it's not the leadership.

The reason that we do not experience victory, is a lack of faith and a load of fear.

Fear enslaves you—**FAITH EMPOWERS YOU.**

The barricade that is stopping us to reach the victory—it is FEAR.

Fear is the opposite of FAITH

*Hebrews 10:38 (NLT)—And my **righteous ones will live by faith.** But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away."*

*Habakuk 2:4—"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; **But the just shall live by his faith.***

*Romans 1:17 (NLT)—This Good News tells us how **God makes us right in his sight.** This is **accomplished from start to finish by faith.** As the Scriptures say, "**It is through faith that a righteous person has life.**"*

Fear leads to death!

*John 10:10 (NLT)—The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

The thief comes to steal. Jesus comes to give **LIFE ABUNDANTLY. It comes through FAITH.**

In order to counter fear we need FAITH!

### **FAITH IS THE KEY FOR BREAKTHROUGH**

*Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)—Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.—(NKJV) **Now faith is the substance** for things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.***

FAITH is a substance. A SUBSTANCE is an actual tangible thing. This substance becomes the EVIDENCE of that which we can't see yet.—Evidence is a legal thing. When satan accuses us, we come with our evidence in the court room and satan has to shut his mouth.

In order to have the substance you have to have something to hope for.

*Ephesians 3:20*—Now all glory to **God, who is able**, through his mighty power at work within us, **to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.**

We have to take our hopes, our dreams, our promises, what we are believing for.

**FAITH is the SUBSTANCE...** of what you're hoping for

*Visual Demonstration*



FAITH is waiting to be ACTIVATED.—You need to take the Promises of God, “This is what you said.

This is what I'm trusting for. I'm putting my thing with FAITH ➡ Now I have a SUBSTANCE!

When Satan now comes, I have the SUBSTANCE right here. I have the EVIDENCE right here!

**God's Word will never return void.**

We take what God said into the spiritual realm—and things are happening.

No matter what happens in the natural realm—FAITH OPERATES IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM

*Romans 4:17 (NLT)*—That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because **Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.**

*2 Corinthians 4:18 (TPT)*—because **we don't focus our attention on what is seen but on what is unseen.** For what is seen is temporary, but **the unseen realm is eternal.**

We need to know what God's promises are. And then we need to believe that they are true. And that's why the Bible tells us in Romans 10:17 **Faith comes by Hearing, and hearing by the WORD of GOD.**

**FAITH COMES BY HEARING FROM THE SPIRIT**

Your Spirit receives it! And we get this from the WORD of GOD which is why **we need to be in the Word of God.** Because the more we are in the Word of God, the more our FAITH grows—and it becomes the SUBSTANCE of what you are hoping for.

Whatever the hope, it needs to be connected with FAITH.

Does your hope fit within the Word of God

*1 John 5:13-14 (NIV)*—**This is the confidence we have in approaching God: That if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us. 14 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we will receive it.**

Understanding the will of God is a PROCESS of learning and growing.

**What is God's Will for your life?**

- Your Salvation
- Tithing
- Being planted in the church
- The ministry of reconciliation
- Faithfulness in marriage
- Praying always in every situation
- Quick repentance for sins—forgiving people
- Obeying your parents
- Submitting to leadership
- Loving others and forgiving others
- Loving your brothers and sisters in Christ

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— Guarding your tongue and speaking the truth in love  
Start where you are!





FAITH is dead without works or actions.

James 2:26 (NLT)— Just as the body is dead without breath,[a] so also faith is dead without good works.

FAITH is a noun but it only achieves something when you turn it into a verb.

**When you ACTIVATE your FAITH,** there will be movement in the room

*Demonstration with Balloon*

			
FAITH without breath and life in it	When you start to 💨 ACTIVATE FAITH...	💨💨💨 IT GROWS	When you activate FAITH by WORKS <b>Things happen</b>

➡ What are the Promises that God has given to me?

*Tithes & Offerings*

Every time you bring your tithe you put Action in your Faith. Releasing your tithe is evidence of the FAITH we have for our king.