

Kingdom Living Digest

Encouraging the Body of Christ to Live for What Lasts



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Living Faith: Our Compass & Anchor

By Bro. Terrence Powell

Faith is more than a concept we speak about on Sundays. It is the heartbeat of our walk with Christ. Every choice we make, every step we take, is shaped by whether we trust in God's promises or rely on our own understanding. The life of a believer is a journey where faith becomes both the compass that directs us and the anchor that keeps us steady in uncertain times. In a world that constantly tempts us to lean on what we can see or control, God calls us to live by what is eternal and unseen.

As we move into this month, let us be reminded that faith is not passive but active. It must be exercised, stretched, and strengthened through daily obedience and trust in God's Word. Faith leads us to see challenges not as obstacles but as opportunities for God to reveal His power. When we nurture our faith, we also inspire others to trust Him more deeply. This is how our personal walk becomes a testimony, shining light into the lives of those around us.

THE ENEMIES OF FAITH

Faith strengthens believers, while ignorance and unworthiness weaken.

THE POWER OF FAITH

Faith connects us to God and sustains victorious living.

FAITH THAT GROWS: FROM SEED TO STRENGTH

Maturing faith through prayer, obedience, trials, and trust.

STRENGTH THROUGH SHARED STRUGGLES

Resist the enemy by standing steadfast in faith.

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The Enemies of Faith

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell

Faith is not without opposition. The Bible tells us to “fight the good fight of faith” (*1 Timothy 6:12*). A fight implies there are enemies to overcome. These enemies are not natural, but spiritual, and are used to sidetrack faith and throw us off.

The first enemy of our faith is a lack of knowledge of God’s Word. Scripture says God’s people perish for lack of knowledge (*Hosea 4:6*), and it is only when His Word is known that faith arises. Too often people pray for faith, when what they truly need is a deeper knowledge of Scripture; for faith comes by hearing the Word of God (*Romans 10:17*).

The second enemy is a sense of unworthiness. Many Christians struggle with their mistakes, failures, and shortcomings; looking at themselves through a natural lens rather than through the finished work of Christ. This robs them of confidence before God, going hand-in-hand with a lack of faith. But the Word declares that in Christ we are new creations (*2 Corinthians 5:17*), and reminds us that we are God’s workmanship (*Ephesians 2:10*). When God looks at us, He sees us through Jesus. Our worthiness is not based on our efforts, but on Christ’s righteousness.

These “tormenting twins”, ignorance of the Word and feelings of unworthiness, are subtle but powerful weapons of the enemy. They rob believers of the blessings Christ secured at the cross. The solution is to grow beyond elementary knowledge and press deeper into God’s Word, allowing it to mature us and strengthen us to resist the enemy. When we arm ourselves with truth and walk in the identity Christ has given us: faith will rise, enemies will fall, and victory will be secured.



The Power of Faith

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell



Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. Without it we cannot connect with God, live a life pleasing to Him, or walk in the fullness of His promises. Scripture reminds us in Galatians 3:26-27 that faith is our lifeline, and that we are called to walk by faith and not by sight (*2 Corinthians 5:7*); because the things we see are temporary. They will not last or sustain us. Instead, we are to trust God and not our own understanding of situations as Proverbs 3:5 teaches us.

Hebrews 11, often called the “Hall of Faith,” gives us a powerful record of those who trusted God and saw His faithfulness manifest in their lives. Their examples encourage us that faith not only pleases God (*Hebrews 11:6*), but our faith also strengthens the faith of those around us (*Romans 14:1*). Even in prayer, faith is essential. Matthew 21:22 promises that if we come to God in faith, we shall receive. Faith is our anchor, our connection to the power of God, and our pathway to victory.

Kingdom Living Tips

Practical ways to prepare hearts & minds for meaningful worship.

By Bro. Terrence Powell

- ✝ Read Scripture daily – Faith grows when God’s Word takes root.
- ✝ Replace feelings of unworthiness with the truth of who you are in Christ.
- ✝ Pray with boldness, believing God hears and answers in faith.
- ✝ **Remember:** Faith is not a one-time act! It is a daily walk.

Faith That Grows: From Seed to Strength

By Sis. Nicole Foster

Faith is a gift from God. The Bible mentions faith the size of a mustard seed in Matthew 17:20. Mustard seed faith is all one needs because faith was designed by God to grow.

Faith grows through prayer. Faith grows by reading the Word of God. Faith grows through right relationship with God. Faith grows when the power of God is realized. Faith grows through praise and worship. Faith grows through fellowship with other believers. Faith grows during trials and hardships. Faith grows when we experience the promises of God. Faith needs action to grow. Most importantly, faith is required in order to please God.

Romans 10:17 tells us that “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Our English word for hearing, according to the Oxford dictionary, is a noun meaning *the ability or process of perceiving sounds*. On the other hand, the Hebrew word for hearing is “shama” which is a verb, **an action word!** As an action, hearing means not only to hear but to **listen**, to obey, and to understand.

Faith in action causes us to be transformed. It aids in the renewal of our mind. It helps us to be obedient. It allows us to leave church services different than when we entered, meaning we should experience some measure of growth each time. That consistent growth, or change, is what it takes to mature in our walk with God and to fulfill His perfect will and purpose for our lives in His kingdom.

Faith requires more than just *saying* we believe in God. It requires that we not trust in ourselves, other people, our emotions, or what we see. It requires us to be hopeful without seeing while fully expecting to receive the promises of God. Faith requires that we as believers be “Fully Aligned In Trusting Him!” (F.A.I.T.H.!)



Strength Through Shared Struggles

By Sis. Jessie Price



Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. – 1 Peter 5:9

This scripture anchors believers together in faith and unity. It reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles and that our suffering is a shared experience; not just in our own backyard, but around the world.

We should be encouraged in the knowledge that other believers are going through similar hardships and are emerging victorious, because they rely on their faith in God to overcome and resist the enemy’s temptations and accusations just as we do.

The primary way to resist* the enemy is by remaining steadfast and strong in your faith; which involves trusting wholeheartedly in God and His power.

*Resist means to withstand the enemy’s attacks and stand against his influence

Reflection & Application

Align your life with God's Kingdom through self-examination & action.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

- ✚ **Recognize the Attack** – Be aware when fear, doubt, or temptation comes. Naming it is the first step to overcoming it.
- ✚ **Remember God’s Sovereignty** – Trust that God is in full control.
- ✚ **Feed Your Mind with Scripture** – Use the Bible (and tools like Google or online study resources) to find God’s truth on the issue you’re facing. Read and meditate on His Word, your greatest weapon against the enemy.
- ✚ **Ask, “What Would Jesus Do?”** – Align your thoughts and actions with Christ’s example, being transformed into His image.

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Weekly Events

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Bible Study | Wednesdays | 6-7



Empowerment Service | Thurs | 7:30



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Announcements

Key church updates, service changes, and important community information.

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From the Pastors' Desk



Personal messages from the pastors to the reader; offering encouragement, spiritual guidance, and timely reflections for the month.

This section helps strengthen the connection between the pastors and readers by offering wisdom, direction, and inspiration for daily living and spiritual growth.

Here the pastors can share their heart, provide biblical insight, and highlight the vision God has given for the church community.



God's Kingdom

Pastor Jonnie M. King

As we enter this new month, I want to take a moment to reflect on the values of God's Kingdom and how they shape our lives as believers. Jesus made it clear in Luke 17:21 that "the kingdom of God is within you." This Kingdom is not about a physical location or a future event; it is about a transformed heart and mind, a new way of living under the rule and authority of God. It is both inward and outward, and it radically changes how we see ourselves, how we treat others, and how we worship God. This radical transformation can only be accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are four key values of God's Kingdom: forgiveness, faith, humility, and thankfulness. Forgiveness frees us from the weight of past wrongs. Faith anchors us with complete trust in God. Humility reminds us that our lives exist to glorify Him, not ourselves. Thankfulness cultivates gratitude for all of God's provisions, big and small. Jesus modeled these perfectly, even unto death on the cross. As you reflect on your own heart as Jesus' Kingdom, ask yourself: Have I fully allowed Him to reign in these areas of my life?

Overcoming the Weapon of Fear

Pastor Lillie P. Powell

One of the greatest weapons Satan uses against both unbelievers and believers is fear. Fear, in a spiritual sense, is more than just worry or nervousness. It is a lack of trust in God. Fear shifts our attention away from the Lord and places it on our circumstances, leaving us vulnerable and spiritually paralyzed. This is why Satan so often employs fear to weaken God's children. But the Word reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." These three gifts: power, love, and a disciplined mind; are the antidote to fear and the resources God provides to help us overcome every threat of the enemy.

God's power is greater than any force of darkness. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Fear brings torment, but God's love drives out torment and replaces it with peace. A disciplined mind, saturated with prayer and God's Word, leaves no room for fear to take root. This kind of mind refuses superstition, resists lies, and rests firmly in God's truth. True fear is reserved only for God, the One who holds authority over life and death. You do not need to fear man nor Satan, for you were created in God's image and likeness. When you walk in His love, His power, and with a disciplined mind, fear loses its grip; and faith rises in victory.

Closing Remarks



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Scripture of the Month

It is impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (MSG)

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of faith that connects us to You.

Help us to overcome the enemies of ignorance and unworthiness, and to see ourselves as You see us: redeemed, renewed, and loved in Christ.

Strengthen us daily through Your Word, and let our faith be a light that draws others into Your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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