

“Be Faithful”

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God has always been faithful and always will be. No matter what you are going through today, know that God is in the midst of your circumstances. There is no problem too great for our God to handle. In the Old Testament, the Israelites continually faced opposition from their enemies. Time and time again the Lord delivered the Jewish people from their foes. While the Jews were fleeing the Egyptian army and standing before the Red Sea, Moses tells God’s people, “**The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.**” (**Exodus 14:14 NIV**) Moses then proceeds to lift up his hands, and God causes the Red Sea to part in order for the Israelites to cross over. After all the people of Israel had finished crossing the sea on dry ground, the Egyptian army pursues them. However, God causes Pharaoh and his army to be sent into confusion while the water returned to normal, destroying Israel’s enemy.

God has disarmed your enemies so you can walk safely into your destiny. There is no force, physical or spiritual, that can stop you from achieving your purpose in this life when you go with God. When Jesus laid down His life, dying on the Cross for the sins of all mankind, He took away the power of death and the power of the enemy. Sin no longer had its power when Jesus died and then rose from the grave! The good news is Jesus has taken away our sins and failures. Any area of your life where you have fallen short, when you give it to God and trust in His Son Jesus Christ for salvation, Jesus makes up the difference. If you feel like a minus ten, Jesus takes you from minus ten, back to zero, then blesses you to take you up ten in life! There is no limit to how high or how far God can take you when you release your faith and trust in Him.

In my own life, I have seen God’s faithfulness time and time again. *One principle I have learned is following God is a daily decision.* The key to seeing a more fulfilling life is seeking God daily. While it is good to cast long-term vision, have goals, and make plans, our walks with God are a daily choice. **Jesus tells His followers in Luke 9:23 (NASB), “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”** When you die to your own desire and get in agreement with God’s Word, you are denying yourself. You are exchanging any worldly hope outside of God for true hope from a Living God. God is not obligated to keep your word or your promises made, but He is obligated to keep His Word and to fulfill His promises. When you come to realize God is always true to His Word, life becomes much less stressful. No longer are you dependent on your abilities and your strength as someone who is not following Christ, but you now have the Most High God watching over you and acting on your behalf.

The irony of denying yourself is you aren’t losing, but rather, you are gaining. Salvation from God in this life can be compared to an exchange. You are exchanging what you have for something you don’t have already. You are giving up your old ways in life for new and better ways endowed to you by your Creator. Bluntly put, you are giving up your junk so you can receive God’s treasure in exchange. The Apostle Paul describes this exchange of giving up our old ways of thinking and doing things in order to have and experience the things of God instead, which are “endless treasures available” to those who are in Christ (Ephesians 3:8 NLT).

God has “endless treasures” in store for your life. When you are faithful to God, doing your best to serve Him day in and day out, He is releasing a storehouse of His blessings in your life. Deuteronomy 28:12 tells us God will open up His good storehouse in the heavens over our lives when we stay committed to honoring Him.

Every day thank the Lord for His goodness. When you wake up in the morning, thank God for another day to live life to the full. Thank Him that His mercies are new every morning, and you are starting the day with a fresh clean slate (Lamentations 3:23). When you go to bed at night, cast your cares of the day upon God. Know He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7), and He is working all things out for your good (Romans 8:28). Allow your mind to rest at night and for God to speak to you. Psalm 16:7 (NASB) says, “I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.” Whether it is morning or it is evening, direct your attention towards God and His endless treasures above.

Be faithful. Stay committed to what you know you are called to do. **Breakthroughs are coming!** If you are looking to go to the next level in your career or pay grade, keep doing your best each day. Make the most of every opportunity when you are at work. Be good to your customers and co-workers. God honors and promotes those who keep taking the high road, even when things don’t seem to be going right. Sometimes God will allow situations to turn south in order to cause you to shine. He very well may have sent you to be the solution to a problem at work that day. If you are still in school, make the most of the opportunity and absorb as much knowledge as you can. Proverbs 24:5 tells us knowledge increases our power and influence. There are many people around the world who would love to be in your shoes, having the chance to obtain a good education. God is using your schooling to prepare you for your destiny. Take your studies seriously. When you do your best at school, you are honoring God.

Colossians 3:23 (NIV) says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” Put your heart into your work. Cutting corners and half-hearted service has become too much of a cultural norm. Be the difference in this world. You are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth. *When you give your all at whatever God has put before you, God is going to prosper you!* As a child of God, you are a person of excellence and integrity. You have the qualities of a champion. The key is to come into agreement with who God made you to be. You may not feel like a champion, but that’s ok. Your job is not to try to force things to happen. Your job is to believe. When you release your faith and believe, your actions and your life will follow suit.

Experiencing a life full of purpose and destiny starts with your faith. It starts with your core beliefs. Your core beliefs are shaped and molded in the hands of God when you surrender your life to Him. As believers, our value system stems from the Bible. The Word of God is what should shape the core of who we are. Hear what the Apostle Paul tells us in Hebrews 4:12 (ESV): “For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” The Word of God changes us from glory to glory. The Word of God activates dreams and makes our inner person come alive. If you ever feel lost in life, it is a great time to pause and spend time with God. Sit down; allow yourself to take a break. Open your Bible, or pull up the Bible on your smartphone or computer, and begin to read. Open your heart to receive a word from God. **The Bible is the words of God on paper.** If you want to hear what God is saying, especially in times of confusion and difficulty, read His Word and allow it to absorb deep into your soul. Make spending time with God by reading the Bible and praying a daily activity. Set aside time during the day, every day, to do this. Read the Bible religiously. No pun intended!

Hold strong to your faith. When things get tough, stand strong in faith knowing mountains are moving. Jesus always taught His disciples how powerful faith is. Jesus Himself walked in faith while on the earth. Perhaps one of the most simple yet profound statements Jesus ever told His disciples was “have faith in God” (Mark 11:22). In other words, believe God will do what He said He was going to do. The Christian life is not complicated or difficult to understand. Believing, on the other hand, can be a lifelong battle for some. The good news is God can stretch and grow our faith despite our weaknesses and even moments of unbelief. As our Heavenly Father, God’s desire is for us to all grow more and more like His Son. Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) says we are “growing in every way more and more like Christ”. When you go through difficult times, you are experiencing trials that are causing you to grow. We have the choice to allow our circumstances to make us bitter or to make us better. God’s will is we will become the latter of the two!

God is getting ready to launch you into a new chapter of your destiny. Like a rocket ship set to take off, you are stationed and ready to blast off into space. *This summer I believe we are entering into a “3-2-1 blast off!” season.* The rocket ship carrying your dreams is ready to launch. NASA scientists estimate the main engine of a space shuttle at blastoff generates approximately 37 million horsepower. The typical car has around 120 horsepower. A rocket ship generates over 300,000 times more horsepower than a car! Maybe right now you feel like your life is operating on only 120 horsepower, or even less. The good news is you have a much greater power at work in your life called the Holy Spirit. When you give your life to Christ, His Spirit is like the burners on that space shuttle. His burners can launch you much further than you could ever ask, think or imagine. Get ready, God is about to launch you into your dreams this summer!

The rocket burners of your life are lit by God’s Holy Spirit. Your dreams are getting ready to shoot forth. There is no limit as to how high or how far you can go. That book you have been dreaming about writing is about to take off. That song you have always thought about writing and producing is about to come forth. That first child you have been dreaming about having is about to become a reality. Whatever your dream is, God has plans and a way to make it happen. The angels in heaven have seen your dreams and are saying “3-2-1 blast off!”. Because you have honored God, He is releasing the resources and the right people to bring the dream to pass.

This summer God has wells of provision ready to spring up in your life. Declare like the Israelites did in the desert: **“Spring up, O well! Yes, sing its praises!” (Numbers 27:17 NLT)** Notice, the Israelites sang to their provision. In a land with no water, God’s people began to sing. Miraculously, God caused water to come forth from the ground, and the Hebrew people were satisfied. In the same way, God has some wells of provision pre-ordained for you to walk into in order to help you reach your destiny and accomplish your dreams. Declare “Spring up, O well!” over every area of your life. Declare: “Spring up, O children!” “Spring up, O business!” “Spring up, O health!” “Spring up, O finances!” “Spring up, O joy!” “Spring up, O life!”

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Word of the Week has experienced new levels of growth and influence through the internet and social media since the last newsletter. ***Word of the Week* has reached audiences in over 123 countries of the world.** My prayer from the beginning of this ministry was that God would carry the gospel message of hope and salvation

through the media to all 196 countries of the world, so thank you for your prayers! God has certainly honored your love and support. The top three countries Word of the Week has reached through YouTube.com is Vietnam, Colombia, and Mexico - so please keep these viewers all around the globe lifted up in prayer! You never know how much of an eternal impact you are having on the world when you begin to lift up countries of people to the Lord for salvation.

Also, both of my books *Tasting the Goodness of God* and *Breathe* are being advertised on the world's largest bookstore online Amazon.com so please continue to keep these books lifted up in prayer, as I believe God wants these books to reach the hands of people all over the globe for His Kingdom. This new advertising campaign has grossed almost a quarter-million impressions of the books for download, and I am just beginning to see some fruit from this new endeavor. Thank you so much for your support and prayers of increase in this season of spiritual harvest for lost souls!

I declare this summer God is causing some "3-2-1 blastoff!" moments in your life. Dreams of the past you may think are too late to accomplish, God is reigniting with His love and great power. This summer is a season of seeing dreams take off and become reality. **With God your Father fighting your battles before you, there is nothing you cannot accomplish as He leads you!** I love you, and I am praying for you.

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