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Faith #4 With Corresponding Actions
Sub Title: Revival Is Coming
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Service began with communion and Pastor explained the elements and the effect taking of them has on our lives and how Jesus ministered to His disciples explaining each of them.

Matt 26:26-30 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." KJV

Revival is coming to America and the body of Christ in the near future. The world scene is changing and the change is apparent all around us. Statistics tell us that 30% of America claim to be born-again, leaving 70% to be reached with the gospel of Christ. Jesus is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to the knowledge of the saving grace offered by Him. It is a challenge for the local church to reach these people.

1 Cor 10:31-33 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: 33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved." KJV

Paul listed three classes of people, the Jew, the Gentile and the church; he was able to see the overall picture of things, the outcome of them, planting the seed, the increase and the harvest of souls.

There is prophecy regarding all three classes in the scriptures. On the current world scene there is talk of dividing Israel, which will cause many problems if it were to happen. The church must come to the place of glory and maturity before Jesus can come back.

The following are copies of prophecies given over the years by John G. Lake,

Charles Price and Marvin Ford regarding the place the church has in prophecy.

John G. Lake once responded to a letter from a friend concerned about the coming of Jesus. A preacher had been proclaiming that the Lord was coming in 1914. Talk of this nature can cause confusion among those lacking knowledge of God's Word. This young man's message came during a time of revival, a time of refreshing. In response to his friend's concern, Brother Lake wrote: "Brother So-and-so is proclaiming that Jesus is coming in 1914, but every man and woman in living unison with Him is assured in advance that Jesus will not, cannot, come in 1914, for the very fact the particular message that quickened, unified church, which is His body, must give to the world has not been given. Indeed, those who are claiming loudest this immediate appearing are apparently not conscious of what the real appearing of the Lord is, or that the glory of the latter house, or the Church of the last days, is to be greater than that of the former." I definitely believe the Lord is coming back for His Church, but the Church must come to this place of glory before He does. The Church must come into a state of maturity. It will never become perfect, because of babes continually being born into the Church and because of those believers who do not walk in obedience to the Word. However, it is going to be far more glorious than it is now.

Charles Price said in 1925, *"Of this one thing you can be very, very sure, there will be a full restoration of the apostolic gifts and the full power of Pentecost before the coming of the Lord. The faithful who are true to God, to those who are true to God, to those who place their all on the altar of full consecration, God will pour out in fullest measure the power that was given to the disciples the day the church was born - miracles of healing, supernatural manifestations of God's mighty power, that will break even the most calloused heart. There is to be a cloudburst of latter rain (rains of the Spirit), that we are convinced beyond measure...God has wonderful things in store for his people."*

Marvin Ford stated, *"I have control of my church, and the Power that is going to be unleashed in my church is hither to unknown to man. Soon I am coming back to earth with my church - But first I must come for it - and before I come for my church I will come to it in a visitation greater than man has ever known. Jesus pledged to restore unity and wealth to the church and to release His power that has been held back for centuries - church will be felt politically and spiritually. Influence, Government, world affairs before Jesus returns."*

The church is a sleeping giant that has been awakened according to Tommy Hicks. There will be revival in the land. Revival is coming!

How does strong faith come or act to adversity?

Paul gave us the revelation on righteousness and grace; they are gifts totally separate from works or the earning of them. There is conduct in the kingdom of God and true grace leads us to holiness. Titus chapter 2 teaches us to deny ungodliness and things that tend after the flesh.

Grace teaches to follow the spirit, not the flesh, leads to life, not to death. We are not under the law, the law died. Walking in grace we quit following the flesh which leads to the law, which leads to death. Grace is God's side, faith is man's side.

Rom 4:16-19 *"Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all. 17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed." AMP*

Heb 4: 2 *"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" KJV*

Heb 11:6 *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." KJV*

We must understand the simplicity of faith. Is it possible to have that kind of faith? How do we get that kind of faith?

Rom 10:17 *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." KJV*

Faith is awakened by the message that it hears, by hearing the word of God. To many times the messages we hear do not build our faith. Faith is built on God's word.

Rom 4:18 *"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." KJV*

Rom 4:19 *"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:" KJV*

A review of Abraham and Sarah, their bodies being dead in regards to them producing children, however they continued to hold on to the promise that God had given them regarding the birth of Isaac.

Heb 11:17-19 "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" KJV

Strong faith doesn't stagger at the promise of God, strong faith becomes fully persuaded what God has promised He will bring it to pass. Strong faith on the inside gives joy to our hearts, a dance in our step, as we get ready to witness a miracle. We have a covenant with God and He will make it good. God is looking for men and women and the revival among you with nothing but the Word of God. Watch God provide and miracles take place. God is looking for men and women with the Spirit of Faith for change.