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The Faithfulness Of God

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"Mighty are you this day for you are leading your people forward in victory, for this is a new day saith the Lord, where you have only stumbled and crawled and struggled before, you shall run for this is new day as the time is growing short, you will sense my power invigorating you and strengthening you and you will hold forth the banner, we are the undefeated ones, satan is the defeated one and is under our feet, for this is the day that God is moving by His Spirit." (a word given by Pastor)

Rom 11:29 "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." KJV

Rom 11:29 "For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]" AMP

Once God calls us or gives us His gifts and abilities, we have them forever, for a lifetime, even if we should fall or make a mistake, God doesn't take back what He has given to us. It is not by our good works that we receive those gifts. We may never develop or flow in the gifts, but they are always ours in order for us to be a blessing to those in the body of Christ. Having those gifts does not mean that we flow in the five-fold ministry, but usually are in the gift of helps coming along side those in the five-fold ministry in order to help them.

1 Thess 5:24 "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." KJV

Many times believers become frustrated in following God, not understanding the difference in faith versus works. Faith keeps believing God in spite of circumstances.

Isa 46:10 "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" KJV

We want to start out at the end with the finished product, but that is not how the Lord works, there is a growing time and process that must take place first. It is like being in a "waiting room" knowing that your time will come but while there we need to keep focused on God, for He has never changed His mind, has never taken the call back that has been placed on our life, for we have all been born for this season of our life.

Phil 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" KJV

The New Testament teaches about the great faith that Abraham had, but the Old Testament portrays the faithfulness of God to Abram, to bring to pass what had been promised to him. That same God, regardless of what we have done in the past or what we might do now, is faithful to us also. We all have a purpose to fulfill while we are here on this earth and God is faithful to bring it pass. He will work with us.

God had a purpose for Abram and his future, a purpose that had been planned out before the foundations of the world. God has a purpose for us also where we are serving, to bless and to bring people into the kingdom of God and to minister restoration to them. God is a restorer and He restores completely not partially. This restoration is not based on works, but on what Jesus did for us.

Jer 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." KJV

Gen 12:1-6 "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land" KJV

God used this time to give instructions to Abram of what he was to do, where he was to go and how God would bless him, but he must be obedience to those instructions. Even though Abram didn't do all that he was commanded, God did not give up on him, just as he doesn't give up on us. He is faithful to the gift or call that he has placed on us. We are the righteousness of God, without sin or inferiority, come into the presence of God with boldness based on the blood of Jesus.

God is declaring the end from the beginning when Abram was a nobody.

He was disobedient or not following instructions, because God had told him to leave all his kindred behind, but he took Lot with him. This was his first mistake; God didn't drop him because of it. He kept working with him because there was a time frame involved. Eventually, Abram and Lot went their separate ways because it wasn't the plan of God. God continues to deal with Abram for the rest of chapter 12. Second mistake that Abram made was concerning his wife Sarai asking her to lie to the Pharaoh.

When the Pharaoh found out the truth, he asked Abram to leave his country, but gave him much wealth. God didn't take his blessing from Abram even though he had missed the mark. God doesn't take back what He has promised to us regardless of what we have done in order to bring to pass what His purpose is for us. He is committed to work with us.

Gen 13:2 "And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" KJV

Genesis 13 and 14 talks about the possessions that Abram and Lot had accumulated, the decision was made for them to go their separate ways. Lot chose the best, leaving the other land to Abram, but God tells him that all that he sees will become his. Lot and his family were carried off into captivity and Abram and his household of 318 men rescued them, along with the

kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abram refused any of the bounty saying that God would bless him and not man.

God looks on the inside of us, He looks at our heart and He knows the thoughts and intents of our heart, but man looks on the outside, looking for flaws and mistakes. God knew that Abrams heart was right, so God gave him time to work it all out.

Ten years have passed since the promise was given that He and Sarai would have a child. Abram offered his faithful servant, Eliezer, for the promise to come through, but God said "no", it would come through Abram and Sarai.

Gen 15:1 "After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" KJV

Gen 15:1 "After these things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield, your abundant compensation, *and* your reward shall be exceedingly great." AMP

"Exceeding great reward" is also compensation, meaning to offset the effects or any error that is made and make up for any loss or weakness of any other individual. God is saying, "I can make up for your weaknesses" We serve a big God and He can offset any weakness the devil tries to put on us. God is bigger than the devil!

God takes Abram out showing him all the countless stars, telling him that his seed would be like them, innumerable. God is telling us the same, to take the limits off of Him. Ask Him for the big things and for His presence to rest upon us.

Chapter 16 tells of them still questioning God regarding the promise of a child. Sarai devises a plan, offering her handmaid to bear the child and then becomes upset later. Ishmael had to be put out because he was not God's plan for Abram, it was a mistake but didn't change God's plan.

Gen 17:1 "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." KJV

Eleven years have now passed and they still do not have a child, God continues to speak to Abram and that the promise would come to pass. God is telling us the same thing that the promises given to us will come to pass, that He has not changed His mind, that He is more than enough.

Chapter 17 is where God changes Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah. Every time they or anyone else spoke their new names, it was being said that Abraham was "father of many nations" and Sarah was "mother of many nations". The covenant was made and circumcision was performed for the first time. Abraham had never fully agreed or believed that God could use him until now with the name change. The child will be born in the upcoming year.

Until our words come into alignment with what God has told us, our time in the "waiting room" will continue. Come into agreement with God, He is more than enough. Is anything too hard for God? God is bigger than anything we can imagine.

Eph 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before

ordained that we should walk in them." KJV