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The "Nuts And Bolts" Of Faith #1  
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As we begin to study faith, we learn who we are and what the possibilities are that we have coming into the kingdom, knowing Jesus as our Savior that God is for us and not against us.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." KJV

Sometimes we forget how good God is, forgetting how much He wants to come into our lives and bless us, there is a religious spirit that would try to tell us that everything must be done by works, but this is not true, it is by faith. Faith is the thing that pleases God.

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

There is a "fatted calf mentality" which is mentioned in Luke 15 when the prodigal son came home, after completely falling to the bottom of life, he realized his mistake, went back to father who accepted him without any kind of condemnation and then prepared a banquet for him. This is the way our Heavenly Father wants it to be with us, He wants to bless us, we can never pay for our mistakes Jesus has paid that price for us.

Mark 11:22-25 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." KJV

We are living in a generation in the body of Christ today, that the teaching of faith is not the most popular thing, everyone is wanting to be entertained. But the training of faith brings about a discipline in our lives that is greatly needed, this discipline comes through the training of faith and the word.

A story was shared regarding a young man who very much wanted to play baseball and wasn't good enough to be on the local team at school, but because of his desire to succeed and his willingness to work, learning the skill needed to succeed, with continual practice, he developed the discipline and at a crucial time during a game, was able to show what he had accomplished. He went on with his future life proving to all that he had what it took to succeed. Practice and discipline being the key to his success.

This is what happens to us while we are in church, being coached, being trained and taught what is necessary regarding having faith in our lives. That we can accomplish anything that we desire once we set our minds on it, based on the word of God.

Mark 5:34 "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy

plague." KJV

Mark 5:34 "Jesus said to her, "Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague." MESSAGE

Our faith can do for us the same thing that was done for the daughter mentioned in the scriptures, because God is no respecter of person, He will do for us the same as was done for her. Faith does not always mean in the area of healing, it can be for anything that we might be having need of in our lives.

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This account is after Jesus had cursed the fig tree, spoke to the tree saying that there would never be fruit on it again and it had dried up from the roots. The disciples noticed as they passed by the tree what had happened and Peter questioned Jesus about it and He begins to teach his disciples about faith and having the God kind of faith. If there is a God kind of faith, then there must be another kind of faith. How do we develop this kind of faith? How does it behave or how does it look?

Whosoever means anybody can, everybody won't, but somebody will.

Whosoever speaks to the mountain does not mean they talk about the problem, the difficulty or impossibility but they speak to the problem, without doubt but only with belief. Come to pass indicates a process, not instantaneous even though it could be. Setting our course, staying on it and it will come to pass. Believe that you shall receive and it shall come.

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In Mark 5 we see that Jesus is lord over any demonic power, He is lord over any sickness and disease, He is lord over death He is lord over all. The lady mentioned in the following scriptures had suffered many years, the physicians were unable to help her, she had spent all that she had and was still not healed but grew worse in her condition. However, she had heard about Jesus and the things that were happening in His presence, she determined that if she could reach out to him and just touch his clothes, she would be made whole. This happened immediately, and Jesus knew that He had been touched and that healing had left him. He told her that what she had said with her mouth, her faith, had made her whole, faith always has a voice. This woman determined her outcome, no one else was involved with her decision only her.

Mark 5:25-29 "A woman [in the crowd] had [suffered from] a hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much [suffering] at the hands of many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse. 27 She had heard [reports] about Jesus, and she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His outer robe. 28 For she thought, "If I just touch His clothing, I will get well." 29 Immediately her flow of blood was dried up; and she felt in her body [and knew without any doubt] that she was healed of

her suffering." AMP

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There is a form of say or saith four times used in this verse and believe is used only once. The word say that is used twice, in Greek, is "lego" meaning taking a course in order to build, beginning and staying on course. Those things that you are believing for will come to pass if you stay on the course.

2 Chron 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars." KJV

The eyes of the lord are looking at all of us, for someone who has faith and trust, assurance that will reach out and take hold of the promises of God and possess them as their own. As we begin to reach out and attain these promises, there will always be giants in the land, adversity in our lives, but God will be with us. If we are encountering difficulty does not mean that we are doing something wrong, it could be that we are doing something right, but we have to be in obedience to the Lord. The bible teaches us that our faith does not necessarily prevent mountains, but it does say that it will remove mountains. There is nothing impossible if we can believe.

Matt 17:19-20 "Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." KJV

The disciples came to Jesus wanting to know what had happened, Jesus told them that their unbelief not their faith was working for them. They had the power but didn't know how to exercise that power. The size of seed needed depends on the size of job that needs to be done. The seed principle is all through the bible, the seed planted it grows, growing faith allows us to say to the mountain whatever needs to be done in order to accomplish what we are believing for.

Mark 9:23 "Jesus said, "If? There are no 'ifs' among believers. Anything can happen." MESSAGE

Jesus had told the woman with the issue of blood to "go in peace". Peace or shalom has many meanings, it is like a wheel with spokes, each of them having a different meaning, peace, free from torment, no worry or anxiety, healing, wholeness, restoration or God bringing back to you what has been stolen. We say to the mountain or problem, tell what we want done, speak to the problem and not doubt in our hearts. We will have to say and say and say then start to believe. Say what the bible says, Gods word is impossible to lie. Say 4 times, believe 1 time.

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