Faith - The God Kind Of Faith Pastor Charles Mendenhall

Many believers in the body of Christ are showing signs of fear and unbelief in what God is doing in the world today. The belief that the days of blessings for our country are over is not true, God still has plans for this country, He is not done with America and if we as believers will be intercessors in prayer, there shall be great and wonderful things manifested among the believers and the unsaved. The church still has a part to play and this can only be done as we rise up and take a stand. We do have a part to play, we cannot hide and pretend that it is not up to us. The church will be triumphant.

Isaiah 59:19 "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come* in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." KJV

(*Placing the comma in this position will change the meaning, some scholars say this should be the correct place.)

Rotherham states that "when the enemy shall come in, like a flood the spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives." It does not matter what the enemy has done, Jesus Christ will have the last say and He is coming like a flood.

Isaiah 60:1-4 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and *his glory* shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side." KJV

Isaiah 60:1-4 "Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried *and* nursed in the arms." AMP

God sees America and the church from a different view point than we see. When we see people walking after the flesh or walking by fear, not seeing Gods plan from the spirit, we understand why there is fear and unbelief. The biggest part of the church is not looking at the glory, they are looking at the darkness and God is not limited to a man, God will have His way. We shall see His glory and the Gentiles and the world will look up and see Him also.

Life is in the word of God, which is in the seed, it will become fresh and new to us as we begin to read the words and they will rise up in us.

Previously Jesus had been ministering to his disciples and they became hungry, they saw the fig tree assuming there would be figs, there were none, Jesus cursed the tree causing it to dry up from the roots, the disciples were amazed. Philippians chapter 2 tells us that Jesus came to earth as a man, in leaving his deity he took on the form of man and ministered as a man that was anointed by God. He begins to teach them about the importance of their words and how the God kind of faith works,

wanting them to have faith like God. We are not to have the man kind of faith, but must have the God kind of faith, seeing things as God sees them.

Mark 11:22-24 "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." KJV

Heb 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." KJV

Through our words we can frame our world, you can frame your outcome by your words, whosoever means us. If we believe that we receive, then we must start acting like it, talking like it. The world or flesh believes that they must receive first and then they will believe, but this is not correct. We sometimes won't believe until we see a change or repentance, we don't trust because of there being previous things that have happened.

In the following scriptures, Jesus had been teaching the people and his disciples, the meetings had been good, many healings and deliverances and everyone was excited about what they had seen. But a man came to them, asking for help with his son who was demon possessed. Jesus had given the power to the disciples, but they had been unable to deliver him, Jesus told them that it was because of unbelief. He had given the authority to them earlier, but unbelief had hindered them. He began to teach them about believing, having faith like a grain of mustard seed, having the God kind of faith.

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

Matt 10:1 "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." KJV

Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." KJV

There is nothing impossible for us, we have been given the authority and name of Jesus, but we must have faith and speak the words of faith in order for it to work for us, this is God's plan for each of us. The challenge is for us to walk in it, there is nothing impossible if we will do this, we only have to have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed. The size of the faith is not the important thing, but we sometimes will need mountain moving faith.

This is the seed principle found in Mark 4, Luke 8 and Matthew 17, the classic teaching of the sower, sowing the word of God. The seed principle teaches the growing up of the seed and that it becomes greater than any other seed. The seed must be watered and nurtured in order for it to grow in us, hearing the word, studying the word will bring about the results that we desire. There is nothing that can keep the seed of God from growing, it will come up through the hardest obstacles that we may be facing. God's word will have the last say!

The following scriptures teach about the lady with the issue of blood, the man with demons that was delivered and then with Jarius who requested that Jesus come to his house because his daughter was dying. Jarius realized that Jesus could heal her but he would have to travel to his home, in the meantime, the lady with the issue of blood intercepted him, causing Jesus to pause and because of the lady's faith, she was healed, the people came from Jarius' house telling him that his daughter had

died but Jesus told him to continue to believe, don't doubt and she would be healed.

Mark 5: 22-23 "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live." KJV

Mark 5: 35-43 "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat." KJV

Mark 5:35 "While He was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue official's house, saying [to Jairus], "Your daughter has died; why bother the Teacher any longer?" AMP

Jesus is telling Jarius not to be afraid but only believe. Don't let fear drive out faith, continue to walk in faith, have the kind of faith that God has.

God sees things from a different perspective, He is not setting on the circles of the earth wringing His hands wondering what is going to happen, wondering if things are going to pot. God is getting ready for His church to experience the glory, like they have never seen before and all the world will be able to see it, not something that is hidden over in the corner.

Most of us lose the message of God because we have no foundation, we hear a few messages on faith and think that we have heard it all, it doesn't work that way, over a period of time we may lose the measure of faith that we grew, we still have the measure of faith, just not the same way we originally heard it. We may need to plant again, like we would plant crops again. When we begin to walk by faith, we will not encounter just one difficulty, but will receive many challenges. What will we do, it looks like it isn't working, are we going to quit? Well I tried, there is no reward for trying, we get rewarded for doing the will of God. There is nothing impossible to him that believes.

What did Jarius do, did Jarius turn his switch of faith off? saying it looks like it is over, the little girl is dead, Jesus had told him that he would come to his house, lay hands on her and she would live. He kept walking, believing what Jesus had said to him, exercising his faith.

What are we to do when circumstances look like it is not working, just keep believing God and quit believing the circumstances, because circumstances will instill fear in you and fear will drive faith away. If you have heard from God, the God kind of faith, is going to keep believing and drive the circumstances away.

Jesus had heard what the people told Jarius about his daughter, but Jesus ignored their bad report and told Jarius to do the same.

We have to ignore the words that are not of faith and continue believing, fear not just keep on believing. Sometimes we question whether we have heard from Jesus, causing doubt to maybe rise up, we learn to keep believing in the midst of impossibilities, when we take a step of faith, knowing the God of this universe holds the world in his hands and opens the resources of heaven and He

begins to make a way for us where there was none we should be getting excited.

Jarius took that step of faith, seeing the people mourning her death, this is like the people mourning over America, saying that America is dead but God has a greater plan. Our dreams will be resurrected again, if we still step up and step out. Step into the flow from the river, God honors faith, we are the winners. God is not done and neither is God dead, His arm is not shortened that He can't deliver, His ear is not deaf that He cannot hear, keep on believing He is just waiting for someone to cry out.

Our faith will be challenged many times, we are the winners if we have taken the step of faith. God honors faith, He is waiting for the church and us as individuals to take that step.

Rom 5:1-4 "By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. 3-5 There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!" MESSAGE

Phil 4:12-13 "I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the *recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did. It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles." MESSAGE

Phil 4:12-13 "I know how to get along and live humbly [in difficult times], and I also know how to enjoy abundance and live in prosperity. In any and every circumstance I have learned the *secret [of facing life], whether well-fed or going hungry, whether having an abundance or being in need. 13 I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]" AMP

- * secret or recipe is a place that the enemy does not access to
- 1 Pet 4:12-13 "Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner." MESSAGE
- 1 Pet 4:19 " So if you find life difficult because you're doing what God said, <u>take it in stride</u>. Trust him. He knows what he's doing, and he'll keep on doing it." MESSAGE

Heb 10:35-36 "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." KJV

With growing faith, nothing is impossible for you. God knows what He is doing and He won't quit.