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## 2017 Faith Awakens - Part #2

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What are we to do when a little "chuck hole" comes up in our walk? We are close to receiving from the Lord and yet a circumstance we haven't planned for has made us to stop, causing us to doubt or be in unbelief, our thought is that we were looking for the Lord to do something, but maybe it is not going to happen, has He changed His mind? Certainly not, it is important that we know how and what to do to prevent it.

We have learned in 2nd Kings about the Shunammite woman, she received a miracle from God, gave birth to a son, later he died but that didn't cause her any "chuck hole", she found the man of God, put him in remembrance of what he had told her earlier, stayed with him until her son was raised up. She maintained her confession that "all was well" put corresponding actions to her faith and received her son back.

2 Kings 4:16 "And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid." KJV

All the seed which was promised to Abraham of which we are a part of is ours because of what Jesus did for us. How do we walk in faith in order to respond to all of Gods promises? What are the steps that need to be taken that we may have corresponding actions? If we could see into the spirit realm, we would see vast amounts of things that have been laid up for the believers, everything that we would ever have need of, God has stored up for us. Faith becomes the key that will access the vast storehouses of everything we need, spiritually, emotionally, physically or financially.

Rom 5:2 "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." KJV

God had spoken to Abraham earlier in Genesis regarding him becoming the father of many nations.

Gen 15:5 "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be." KJV

The 4th chapter of Romans is basically talking about Abraham and what God had spoken to him about his life and the plans that God had for him. That he would become a father of many nations, that the number of his descendants would be to many to count and God changed his name from Abram to Abraham which meant "father of many" and every time his name was spoken, it was saying that he would become the father of many nations. God had told him what would happen and Abraham believed what God said, God was able to quicken the dead and call things that were not as though they were, making all Gods promises to him, no matter how the circumstances looked, come to pass.

Rom 4:16-18 "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by \*grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 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

\*Gods power working in us enabling us to do what we can't do in our own strength and ability

Rom 4:16-18 "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. 18 [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be." AMP

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

\*hope is always in the future, faith is now

If Abraham had never changed his hope into faith, he and Sarah would never have had a son. How did he do that? He based his faith on what God had promised them. God had promised the birth of a child to them about 25 years prior to them receiving that promise, since so many years had passed, they thought that maybe the promise would come by way of a servant girl, who did give birth to a son, but he was not the one that God had promised to them. They finally turned their hope into faith.

Bible hope is wonderful and inspires us for tomorrow, believing that things will change; however, when we change things from hope, which is future, into faith, which is now, we know that it is a done deal and we begin to walk in the blessings and favor of God.

Rom 4:18 "Though things looked hopeless, Abraham sustained his hope and put faith in God" CENTURY

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\*\* these are two characteristics of God, "that He quickens the dead and calls those things which be not as though they were" quickens means make alive, \*calleth is a divine summons

Our words go out into the spirit realm and even though we cannot see what is going on, when you speak words of faith, we give a \*summons into those vast store houses of heaven for blessings to come our way, however, if we get discouraged along the way and quit standing in faith and believing, things will be on hold for awhile.

\*Rom 4:18 "A God that called into being which does not exist" MOFFET

\*If we are sick, we are going to call by faith things that do not exist to receive our healing. We frame our world by the words of our mouth.

Rom 4:17-18 "We call Abraham "father" not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because

God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, "I set you up as father of many peoples"? \*Abraham was first named "father" and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: **raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing**. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he *couldn't* do but on what God said he *would* do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!" MESSAGE

\*God called into being what had been promised to Abraham even though he was old and Sarah was past child bearing years.

Rom 4:19-20 "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: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;" KJV

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The following scriptures were taught last week, but in review of her, we find that she was a great woman, she was a woman of influence, she was a woman of substance and had great faith, she respected the things of God and understood some of the principles of God. She spoke faith with the words "all is well" (peace is another word for well, meaning nothing broken, nothing missing, no strife, harmony, restoration). She framed her world with her words, she called things that be not as though they were, she put a divine summons in the spirit realm for life to come to her child. When she received her son, who was dead, she laid him on the bed prepared for the man of God, ask her husband to have someone saddle an animal for her to ride and prepared to go find the man of God, she was going to confront him and let him know what had happened with her son. She questioned the man of God, putting him in remembrance of what he had told her and reminding him that she had told him earlier not to deceive her about being able to have a son.

2 Kings 4:21-28 "And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee. 25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: 26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, **It is well**: 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?" KJV

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

This verse is what Abraham had based his faith on, that God had promised.

Rom 4:19-21 "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: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." KJV

How do we as believers in our Christian maturity and believing God for the supernatural, know that Gods word is true? We must have Gods word engrained within us and be a part of us, it must

become a reality, that we know that Gods word is true regardless of circumstances. Does Gods plan change just because we haven't inherited the blessing? Abraham knew that God had promised and he and Sarah would receive the promise.

When we believe Gods word regardless of circumstances that are opposing us, we move into a realm where God says that we have strong faith. In the New Testament we find Jesus telling us that we have no faith, little faith or great faith. We would all like to have either little or great faith, weak faith is not going to believe what God says, it will believe circumstances. Abraham considered not the circumstances, being weak in his own body, nor did he consider Sarah's womb as being dead.

The following scriptures take place after Isaac was born. Where were they going and for what reason? They were going to the mountain to sacrifice Isaac. It was a way to tempt, test or prove Abraham, but knowing that God was able to restore him to life even if he was killed, Abraham was willing to be obedient and trust God because of the promise that had been made to him. Abraham framed his world by the words of his mouth; he knew that God would provide what was needed for the sacrifice. After preparing everything for the sacrifice, binding Isaac, raising his knife, God stayed Abrahams hand saying that he knew Abraham was ready to do what had been asked of him, a ram was found caught in the bushes that could be used for the sacrifice. Recall this scripture; Abraham based his faith on these words, that God was able to bring the promise about, calling for a divine summons.

Rom 4:17 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, **\*\*who quickeneth the dead, and \*calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

Gen 22:1-13 "And it came to pass after these things, that God did \*tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son." KJV

Abraham knew something about the character of God that we don't know, that God is faithful in His promises, regardless of circumstances. Have we received a promise from God? Do we know that God is faithful in the things that He promises? Anything we do that is of God, makes us question do we have to do anything by faith? Yes, we do and it becomes easier as we do those things that we are asked to do. Abraham was so convinced that God had made the promise regarding Isaac, that he never questioned that Isaac might die and that promise not be fulfilled.

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

These scriptures are when God spoke to him regarding the innumerable amount of stars in the heavens, assuring him that the promise was to be fulfilled, God had not changed his name at this point in time, but reassured Abram even though he had made mistakes in his life, that God would never change His plan and purpose for his life. I

Gen 15:6 "And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness." KJV

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

\* compensation is to offset the effects of variation of any error and to make up for the lose or weakness of an individual

Rom 4:16 "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all," KJV

Peter assured the people that it was not his power, but by faith in the name of Jesus.

Acts 3:12 "And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" KJV

Get a promise in your heart, a word from God and begin to act with faith regarding what is promised to you. Put God in remembrance of His word for your promise.

A word is given to the believers:

"Do not be too quick to accept the circumstances of your life as final for they are but an effort to keep you from Gods true purpose for your life, but seek His face for only then will His plan for you come to light and only then will you be able to stand before God and have Him say, well done thy good and faithful servant"