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Faith Speaks To The Mountain  
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Paul is teaching Timothy about his responsibility regarding the ministry that has been given to him, he is teaching about the last of the last days, and what he and the believers will be facing, putting them in remembrance and laying a foundation. Paul is telling Timothy that for those getting born again, there is no foundation, but Timothy as pastor, must go under them and begin laying a foundation after they come into the body of Christ. Pastors today must begin laying a foundation, words of faith and a good doctrine, because those people coming into the body of Christ during this time, don't know the basics of what the gospel teaches and if not taught properly they can be drawn away by incorrect teachings.

2 Tim 3:1 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." KJV

1 Tim 4:6 "If thou put the brethren in \*remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained." KJV

\* lay a foundation

The foundation being laid today is regarding the victory that we have as we learn more about Gods way, how to receive from God and the principles we must learn. Receiving from God is sometimes a journey, a process that is received little by little.

Rom 4:16 "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." AMP

The entire chapter of Romans 4 is in regards to Abraham, how he believed God and how he was getting away from a works mentality over into the realm of walking by faith, believing God and how he couldn't be good enough to earn favor from God. If we are to inherit what has been promised by God it will depend entirely on faith. Whatever we have need of from God depends on faith. If the only way to access *\*\**(Rom 5:2) what God has promised, then we must learn about faith. A study in the book of Galatians will tell us what the promise of Abraham was, that same promise of being blessed beyond measure is also promised to us through Jesus Christ. Abraham over a period of time begin to grow and develop his faith and inherit what God promised even though it looked totally impossible

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

*\*\**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

In chapter 3 of Hebrews it tells about the people who did not inherit the promise of God because they did not believe. \* The answer or good news of deliverance.

The incorruptible seed, that is the word of God, that does not return void, did not profit them,

these people had an invisible shield or a hard heart that kept the word of God from being planted in them because of their lack of faith.

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

\*diligent means a firm steady effort

When we come to God we must come believing that He is a rewarder and it is pleasing to God when we believe that He is going to reward us. For us to become pleasing to God, somewhere in our spiritual walk, we must begin to exercise a spirit of faith in our lives, believing what God has said will come to pass. How do we develop faith in God and develop faith in His word? To know the character of God helps, but we must know that it is impossible for Him to lie, or we won't believe His word, we will become consumed with the adversity that has risen in our lives.

Mark 11:14, 21-25 "And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 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

The gift of the word of wisdom was not working in Him or He would have known that there was no fruit on the tree. Jesus spoke to the fig tree as a man, who was anointed by the Holy Spirit, His deity was left in heaven when He came to earth. This text is a classic illustration of faith, as Jesus begins to teach the disciples on believing or having faith, "have faith in God" or "have the God kind of faith" or "the faith of God". He then explains how the God kind of faith works. Many people say they don't have any faith, which is true if they are not born again, but if they are born again they have been given a measure of faith, it may not be working or may be dormant but a demand can be made on it. The God kind of faith comes by hearing the word of God taught. Any kind of belief comes by what we hear, what we hear forms our belief system and then everything we hear we filter through what we believe.

Rom 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." KJV

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

Other translations: (Barclay - faith is a result of hearing; 20th Century - faith is a result of being taught, teaching comes from the message of Christ; Weeks - so belief comes from teaching and teaching comes through the word of Christ; NEV - we conclude that faith is awoken by the message that it hears

All the translations say basically the same thing that the God kind of faith comes from studying or being taught the word of God. The foundation we are being taught will enable us to endure the storms that will come our way by speaking what the word says. That dormant measure of faith that we have on the inside of us, wakes up when we begin to hear the word of God being taught realizing that there is hope.

Mark 11:23-24 "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

v.23 \*whosoever means everybody, not just those holding an office or working in a ministry - (anybody can, everybody won't, but somebody will)

\*Whosoever in the Greek is the word, lego which means something that can be built, a systematic course that is taken, begin to build and \*frame or form how things will turn out by the words spoken in faith. Just by trying this one time it will not work ie; like going to the gym to work out one time does not work. A systematic course is what we chose to stay on until we have the finished end result, if we should get off, we must get back on.

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

v. 24 desire, praying, believing and then receiving

These things mentioned in verse 24 are brought about by corresponding actions.

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." KJV

Rom 4:17 "Though things looked hopeless, Abraham sustained his hope" Century

Rom 4:17 "A god that calls into being that which doesn't exist" Moffet

God was calling Abraham a father even before he had any children. Abraham continued to believe what God had spoken to him, regardless of the circumstances that his body was old. Earlier in the book of Genesis, God had given Abraham a promise that he and his wife Sarah would have children, God told Abraham that he would have so many children they would be innumerable, like the stars in the heaven, the sand in the sea and the dust on the earth. God had told Abraham that He would do as much as Abraham could believe for. We are told to take the limits off of God; he can quicken the dead to life and make something out of nothing, two principles of the greatness of God.

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 4:18 "[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 "There was no hope that Abraham would have children. But Abraham believed God and continued hoping, and so he became the father of many nations. As God told him, "Your descendants also will be too many to count." NCV

Rom 4:18-19 "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!" Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say, "It's hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child." Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up." MSG

Abraham did not focus on his inability to have children or that of his wife Sarah; he just continued to believe God and what had been promised to them. He had tried earlier to make things happen and help God, having a child by Sarah's servant girl, but that did not work for them.

Heb 11:11-12 "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was ,delivered of a child

when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable." KJV

Heb 11:11-12 "By faith, barren Sarah was able to become pregnant, old woman as she was at the time, because she believed the One who made a promise would do what he said. That's how it happened that from one man's dead and shriveled loins there are now people numbering into the millions." MSG

v. 12 Sara's name had been changed to Sarah

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

Rom 4:19-20 "Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God," NIV

Matt 17:20 "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

We may come to the place where we can't live on what we can do in the natural; there is no faith in that. We have to start believing God; we cannot allow our faith to weaken or waiver. Weak faith is always considering the circumstances instead of what God has said. Speak to the mountain, don't talk about the mountain. The foundation we build on is "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God". Wake that faith up! There is nothing impossible to us. God wants us walking on the high places, He has given us a promised land, with our faith we can possess the promises of God.