

pt.9 - God's Word For Life, Health And Healing

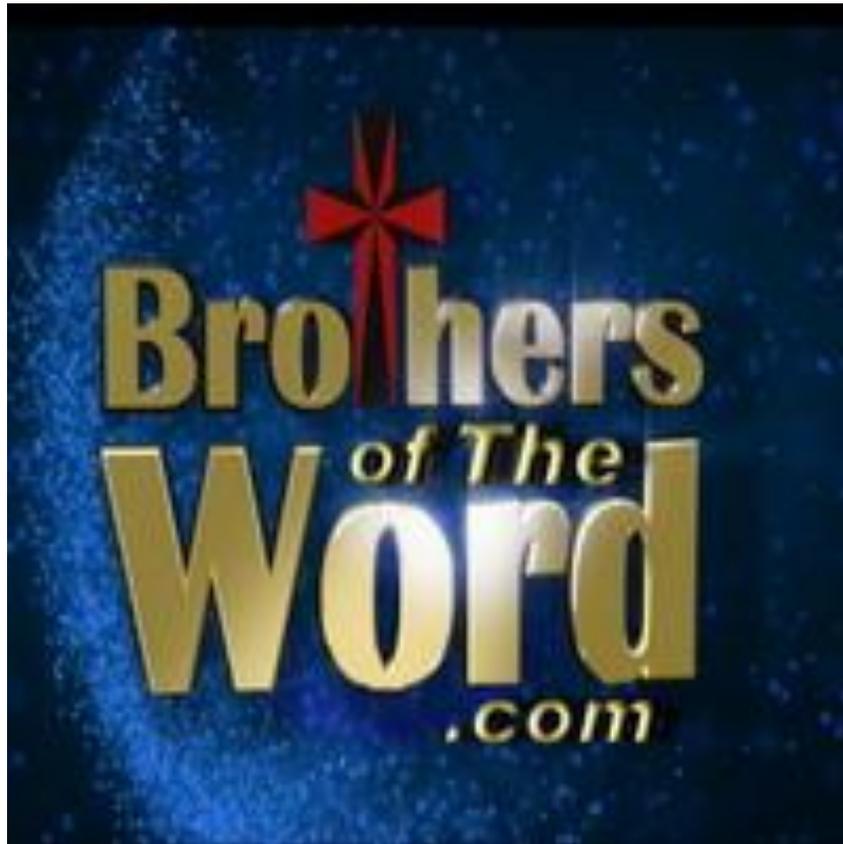
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: And now for, "God's Word for Life, Health and Healing." Part 9.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word. Welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at BrothersoftheWord.com or social media.

Always a wonderful joy and delight to have you to tune in and join us. Well, I would like to share just a little humor. Three Pastors were having lunch together at a diner. And the first Pastor said, "You know," he says, "Since summer started, I've been having trouble with mice in my church." He said, "I've tried everything, noise, spray, cats. Nothing seems to scare them away." The second Pastor said, he said, "Yeah, me too. I've got hundreds living in the basement of the church. I've set traps. I've even called an expert to get rid of them, yet they still won't go away." And with a grin on his face, the third Pastor said, he said, "I had the same problem too." But he said, "What I did, I baptized all of mine and made a members of the church, haven't seen one back since."

Well, we are sharing God's Word for Life, Health and Healing. This is Part 9. We've been walking through all of the healing scriptures in the Bible and we had a little junction right now where I'm sort of diverting a little bit into covering some scriptures that cover faith, since faith plays such an important role in divine health, and life, and healing and so forth. And so we're sort of taking a little junction into looking at some faith scriptures and we'll pick up in the Book of Hebrews. The Book of Hebrews Chapter 11. Hebrews Chapter 11 is the great faith chapter, faith Hall of Fame if you will in the whole Bible. All the heroes of faith are listed there in Hebrews Chapter 11.

And so we're just kind of going over, kind of a refresher, just a refresher course in faith because our faith is our shield. Our faith is our shield. With a whole armor of God is concerned, faith is our shield. And so we're just refreshing our faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing and hearing and hearing. Faith doesn't come by having heard. And so you might have heard these things before, but that does nothing for your faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing it. So you have to continually renew your mind and you have to feed your spirit on God's word because that's what makes your faith strong, it makes your faith grow.

And we're living in times now where the just shall live by faith. The just shall live by faith, because as you can see, everything out in the world is very, very, very, very shaky. And so this is a time where God is calling his people to live by faith. The just shall live by faith. Praise God! Faith. So our faith is in Christ Jesus.

You know, in dealing with this whole COVID-19 situation, the Lord has drop little nuggets to me and he has said in different times. He won't say much but he'll just drop little nuggets. Like he said, you know, we're joining us with Christ Jesus and he just drop little things to just remind us of who we are and what we have. He said, "Put on the whole armor of God and that COVID-19 has to bow his knee to the Lord Jesus Christ." And you know, just little nuggets. He just reminds us of who we are and what we have in Christ Jesus.

And so, we're just renewing our mind to God's word, renewing our mind where faith is concerned. So we're looking at Hebrews Chapter 11:1. This is a central faith text, Hebrews Chapter 11:1. It says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen."

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." Or you can say it this way, faith means that we are convinced we have what we do not see. Faith means that we are convinced that we have what we do not see. And so, God's word teaches us, don't wait till you see it in order to believe it. No, you believe it before you see it. And this is sort of the primary exercise of faith. You have to believe it before you

see it. Because if you can see it, you don't need faith for it because you can already see it.

So you have to realize, faith has its role to play because it believes it before you can see it. That's faith. It believes it before you can see it. And always remember, God is on the other end of your faith. God is on the other end of your faith. So just act for a moment like faith is a rope, faith is like a rope that reaches into heaven. And when you grab the rope of faith, God is on the other end of that rope. God's on the other end of your faith. God's on the other end of your faith.

So notice what it says in Hebrews Chapter 11:1. It says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen, the evidence of things not seen." When translation puts it, it says, that faith is the title deed of things hoped for. Faith is the title deed of things hoped for. So now, Faith is a substance of things hoped for. so it's kind of translated as title deed. The actual Greek renders that word substance, where it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for." The actual Greek renders it as a standing under, standing under. And it implies the idea that it's standing under the claim to a property to support its validity. Title deed in other words. That's what exactly what it is.

So faith is the title deed. Faith is the title deed. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. Faith is the title deed. Title deed means that you have something, you own something. Even if you don't see it, if you have the title deed, it's legally yours. Did you know that you could buy a piece of property and sell it without ever seeing it? All you need is a deed. If you buy it and get the deed in your name, you can sell that property without you ever having gone to see it, because you have the title deed. That's legal ownership.

And so faith is the substance or the title deed of things hoped for. It's the evidence of things not seen. Some other translations say that it's the proof of the things we do not see. The title deed is the proof. So if you haven't seen a piece of property, but if you're looking at the deed, you better believe that is your property even if you haven't seen it. And so that's what faith is, it's a title deed. So it's proof of something you don't see. It's proof of something you don't see. It's the proof.

So faith is the substance or the title deed of things hoped for. It's the evidence of things not seen.

See, a title deed is evidence that you own the property. It's the evidence of your ownership, it's evidence that it's yours. And so that's what faith is. Faith gives us evidence. When you don't see it with your physical eyes, you have the evidence of and it's your faith. Now when your faith locks in on God's word, now you can flip through the scriptures and now you can look at evidence. This is the evidence of your faith. And so, where life, health and healing is concerned, your evidence of it is Psalms 103. Your evidence is Psalms 9:1. Your evidence is Proverbs 4. Your evidence is Matthew 8:17. Your evidence is First Peter 2:24. Your evidence is the Book of James.

So that's your evidence. Faith is the substance or the title deed of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. So if you can't see it with your physical eyes, don't worry about that. You have the evidence that is yours. And so that's why it's so important to spend time in God's word.

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That's our evidence. That's our evidence. That's what we keep looking at because that's a evidence or what I don't see with my physical eyes. It's the evidence that I do have it. I have it and I can lay hold of it and claim on it by faith because it's the evidence. I have evidence. I have evidence. Praise God.

Faith is the title deed. It's the evidence, the proof of what we don't see. It's the proof of what we do not see. It's the proof of what we do not see. Faith is knowing that you have it before you can see it. It's knowing that you have it before you can see. It is proof of the certainty of the realities that we do not see.

Here's some other definitions of faith. Faith means conviction, it's means confidence, confident. You're confident. Paul said that I am confident knowing. That's faith. I'm confident knowing that to be absent with the body is to be present with the Lord. That's faith. That's confidence. So that's why we don't fear death. We don't fear death because to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. It's our faith. That's how we know that. We possess that reality that we're instantly with Christ Jesus if we happen to leave this body. And so that's

why we don't worry and we're not afraid of death because to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. And we're confident knowing that where's your faith, that your faith that gives you that evidence.

So faith means conviction. It means confidence. It means assurance means. It means being sure. It means being certain. It means trust. It means fully persuaded, fully convinced. I am certain. It means trust, confidence, conviction. It means reliance in God and all that he says. Faith is your reliance in God and all that he says. That is your faith. Reliance in God and all that he says, that's your faith.

Faith means that God is faithful. He is faithful that promised. So faith looks toward God's character that he is faithful. The one that promised is faithful. He's trustworthy. That's faith because he's trustworthy. And so your faith is in Him, is in His trustworthiness. Your faith is in Him because he is faithful. He is faithful. And you also are able to release your faith because you know that He will do what He said he would do. He keeps his word. He's honest. He's true. His word is perfect. He cannot lie. There's no lie in Him. He watches over His word to perform it, to bring it to pass.

God honors His word. He has exalted His word even above His name. And the reason God exalted His word above His name primarily for two reasons. Number one, His word reveals His name. You find out what His name is by His word. And number two, He exalts His word above His name because if His word was no good, His name would be no good. And so that's why God has exalted His word above His name. HIS word is His bond.

God keeps His word. He's a covenant keeping God. He's a promise keeping God. He keeps His word. And when God dealt with Abraham, he wanted to make sure that Abraham's faith would be so certain and so sure that God literally swore. He didn't just promise, He swore by an oath. He swore by an oath. He swore it. This is how sure God wanted to make Abraham's faith. He didn't just promise him something. He swore it by an oath and He looked around. Because when you swear, you have to swear by the greater. He looked around there was nothing greater to swear by, so He swore by himself. I love that God swore by himself.

So he confirmed that by an oath, He cut a covenant. And that's why Abraham had such unshakable faith, and he was sure and confident because God swore it, gave an oath. And so that's what our faith is, it's being confident, being certain, fully persuaded. We rely on him and all that He says.

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He is faithful. He's trustworthy. His word is truth. Now faith is also acting on the word. That's what faith is. Faith is acting on the word. Faith is an act. Faith is an act. Faith is act. And so we actually release our faith by two primary ways. Number one, we release our faith by faith's confession, by saying it. That's why when you get born again, you say with your mouth, confess him as Lord Jesus. You confess with your mouth and you believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead. So we release our faith by our confession. And then we also release our faith by our action. Faith is an act. Faith is an act.

Notice this. Notice where Jesus did with several individuals when he wanted them to release their faith. He wanted them to release their faith. And so, Jesus actually required them to act. He required them to act. And so it teaches us that faith is an act. Faith is an act. Faith is an act. Notice what Jesus did. He told a crippled man, He says, "Take up your bed and walk." Now, He told him that while he still crippled. He didn't heal him first and then tell him to take up his bed and walk. No, He told him to take up his bed and walk while he was still crippled. That took an act of faith. That took an act of faith.

It wasn't until that man tried to lift his limb and he tried to move his crippled body. That's when the healing took place. So Jesus required him to act to release that faith before that faith manifested in his body. So faith is an act. Faith is an act. We release our faith by what we say. We release our faith by what we do and so that's what our faith is. Faith is simply acting on God's word, is acting on God's word, is acting on God's word. If you look at the Hall of Fame of Faith, everybody in the Hall of Fame, that's all they did. They simply acted on what God told them. That's what faith is.

Even when it didn't make sense. He told Noah build an ark and it had never rained. That didn't make sense. But Noah is listed in the Hall of Fame of Faith because he had nothing but God's

word and he acted on that. He began to build that ship. He began to build that ark. And so that's all faith is, it's acting on the word. That's all it is. It's an act. Faith is an act. Faith is an act.

Look at some other individuals Jesus told him to do something first. He told the lepers. He said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." Now, when He told him that, they still had leprosy in their body. And you only went to the priest to get proof that you were cured. So the priest would examine you to let you know whether or not you were cured. He told him to go to the priest so that they could have proof that they were healed. But when he told them that, they were full of leprosy. Healing didn't take place until they turned around and began walking toward the priest, then they were made whole. They had to act first. So notice that, faith requires you to do something. Faith is an act. When they acted on his word, then it activated healing in their body. It activated healing.

Faith is like the key. Faith is the key that releases the resources of Heaven into our lives. Faith is the key that unlocks and releases the resources of Heaven into our lives. And so, Jesus did that quite often. He would tell people to do things that they could not do. It was an act of faith. You will show your faith by what you do. Faith is an act. Faith is an act. Notice, there was another man. This man had a withered hand. Jesus said, "Stretch forth your hand." He couldn't stretch his hand out, it was withered. Now, the man had a withered hand. Jesus says, "Stretch forth your hand." While it was withered, Jesus told him to stretch it out. It wasn't until that man began to try to stretch it out until the healing took place. Once again, he acted on what Jesus told him. Faith is simply acting on the word. Faith is acting on word.

So faith is an act. Faith is an act. Faith is an act. So you have to learn to act your faith. Act your faith. Find out what God said and act on it, do whatever God tells you to do, act on it, act on your faith. Faith is an act. So we release our faith, not only about what we say, not only about what we believe but by what we do. Faith is an act. Faith is an act. Remember Jesus said when they were letting the man down through the roof. The Bible says that Jesus saw their faith as an act. Faith became visible. Action makes faith visible. Action makes faith visible.

He saw their faith. He saw their faith. So action makes faith visible. Praise God!

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Now, let's look at another Faith scripture. Go over to the Book of Mark Chapter 11, and we'll look at Verse 24. Mark Chapter 11. Now, this particular account, this is when Jesus is actually giving His disciples a lesson on faith. They notice Jesus had cursed a fig tree. And when he cursed the fig tree to the naked eye, nothing happened. To the visible, nothing happened. But in the invisible, something did happen. And the next day when they walk by the fig tree, Peter notices, "Hey, this thing is dried up." And he remember, "Hey Jesus, you curse this thing yesterday and sure enough, it's dried up." Well, as far as Jesus was concerned, it dried up the moment He cursed. He was done with it, he didn't wait to see it to know it was dried up. He acted on the invisible. So Jesus is looking at the invisible not the visible.

So Peter sees the visible and now he wants to believe in. So this is what God's trying to get us out of. You can't wait till the visible before you believe it. You have to believe it while it's invisible. That's what faith is all about. If you can see it, it's no longer faith. It's no longer faith. You got to believe it while it's invisible. God has given us some things are simply invisible and you reach into that invisible realm and you believe it while it's invisible, and it will eventually become visible. But you got to believe it while it's invisible and then it will eventually show up in this tangible world where you can see it. And that's what faith is all about.

So anyway, Mark Chapter 11, right there, verse 22. Peter was so excited. He said, "Jesus, this tree is dried up. You cursed it yesterday." And then Jesus responds very interesting. He said, "Have faith in God." Now in the Greek, it actually says it this way, "Have the faith of God or have the God kind of faith." And he begins teaching in Matthew Chapter 11 verse 23. He said, "Whosoever shall say to 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 says shall come to pass. He'll have whatsoever he said. He'll have whatsoever he said.

And then in Verse 24, which what I want to look at today. He goes on to say, "Whatsoever, things you desire when you pray believe you receive them and you shall have them." Let me ask you a question. Listen to this carefully. Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe you receive them and you shall have them. Now notice this. When do you believe you receive them? Do you believe you receive them when you have them or do you believe you receive them when you pray? He said, believe you received them when you pray. Well, when you pray you don't see anything. Jesus is teaching a principle here. You got to believe it before you see it. If you believe it before you see it, you will eventually see it and you'll eventually have it.

And this is what it says, "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe you receive them you'll have them. Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe you receive them." You believe you receive it, when you pray. You believe you receive it.

Let me give you just an earthly example of that. Say for instance you called me and you needed to borrow \$100 and you call me on the phone and said, "Can I borrow \$100?" I said, "Sure. Sure, you can borrow \$100." And you know what you would say, you would say, "Thank you so much." Now, I haven't give you anything. I simply gave you my word, I haven't given you \$100, but you're thanking me as if I had already done it. That's believing you receive it when you pray. It's believing you receive it when you pray. So when we pray, we can thank God for it in advance and we receive it as done. Now, you're walking by faith.

Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe you receive it, then you'll have it. Then you'll have it. You have to believe you receive it before you have it. You got to believe you receive it before you see it with your physical eyes. That's what faith is. Faith is looking at the invisible. So if when we pray and this is by the way, this is the prayer of faith. This is the prayer of faith. Mark 11:24 is the prayer of faith. You'll find reference to it over in the Book of James. James asked the question. He says, "Is any sick of among you? Let them all for the elders of the church. Let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

The Lord shall raise them up. And if he's committed in his sins they will be forgiven." That's the prayer of faith. He's talking about Matthew 11: 24. That is the prayer faith.

In other words, when you come to be anointed by the elders, you got to believe you receive it right there. That's the prayer of faith. It's the prayer of faith that heals the sick. It's the prayer of faith that heals the sick. It's the prayer of faith that heals the sick. You got to believe you receive it, right then, right when hands are laid on you and you're anointed with oil, the prayer of faith saves the sick. The prayer of faith said I receive my healing right now, even if there's no visible change, even if there is no change in how you feel doesn't matter. I believe I receive it because 11:24 says, "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe you receive them and you will have them."

Oh man, I'm about to shout myself right off this stage. I'm about to just dive into the first row. Praise God. I'm out of time. I'm out of time. I'm going to freeze fast time. But man, I'm getting excited, this is stirring me up. This is stirring me up. This is so exciting. This is so exciting. This is the prayer of faith. This is how our faith works, and Jesus taught it himself. I'm not making this up. Jesus told this. It's in red. Jesus said this. Jesus walks by faith. He walks by faith.

And we're living at a time now where you got to learn how to walk by faith. You got to learn how to walk by faith. You got to learn how to grab hold of God's word and walk by what God said. We walk by faith now. We walk by faith. The just shall live by faith. The just shall live by faith. We live this life based on what God said. Whatever God tells us to do, even if it doesn't make sense, even if we don't see it or understand it, we believe God, and that's walking by faith. It's acting on what he said. That's all it is. Praise God! Praise God! Amen. Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! I've just preach myself happy. Glory! Glory! Glory! Amen. Praise God. Amen. Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory!

Jesus is the author of your faith. He's the author and the finisher. He's the author and the finisher of your faith. He's everything we believe. He's everything we believe. And even when you don't see it, you got to know He's in you and you got to know He's with you. Greater is He that's in you, than He that's

in the world. You live by faith. You live by faith. You live by God's word. Praise God!

Father, thank you so much. We honor you, sir. We love you. We praise you. Thank you for your word. We thank you Lord that we are well, and we are sound and we're healed and we're blessed because your word says so when we believe that. We walk in light of it. Thank you for Jesus who makes it all possible. We love you. This is in Jesus mighty name we pray. Let every heart say, "Amen." Amen. Amen.

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