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And now for, "God's Word for Life, Health and Healing", Part 10.

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

Welcome to today's service, always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us. Well, we like to share just a little humor. Fred had been a faithful Christian and he was in the hospital near death and the family called their Pastor to stand with them. And as the pastor stood next to the bed, Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he mentioned frantically for something to write on. The Pastor lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper and Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note then he suddenly died. The Pastor thought it best not to look at the note at that time. So he placed in his jacket pocket and at the funeral as he was finishing the eulogy he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he was wearing when Fred died and he said, "You know Fred handed me a note just before he died and I haven't looked at it. But knowing Fred I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all." And he opened the note and read, "Please step to your left you're standing on my oxygen tube."

We are sharing God's word for Life Health and Healing and this is part 10 and we've been walking through all of the healing scriptures in the Bible and we decided to take a slight diversion and to look at some faith scriptures in the middle of our journey. And it's because we realized that faith is such a part of receiving healing and walking in divine. It was a big part of Jesus' Ministry. Two-thirds of the people that he healed had to do with the person's, the individual's faith and Jesus mentioned faith quite often. He marveled over faith. He marveled when there was no faith. He was in his own Hometown Nazareth. He

couldn't do any mighty works there because of their unbelief. There was no faith, it hindered his ministry.

A lot of people think that Jesus walked the Earth as God but he didn't. Jesus walked the Earth as a man. He was fully God, but he was fully man. He was fully man. The Bible says that he gave up all of his divine privileges, all of that extra power and extra glory and all that extra that he had as the Son of God in heaven. He emptied himself of all of that and he came down and he lived as a man. Well, how do I know that? Well, he was in a fleshly body. He got tired. He had to sleep, he got hungry and so he was a regular man. He couldn't heal in his hometown because there was no faith. He could not, didn't say he didn't or wouldn't, he said he could not. So he didn't just have the supernatural power as God to heal. He was a man anointed by the spirit of God. And so he operated in Ministry to show us how to operate a ministry. So Jesus didn't really, you know, heal until he was thirty years old and that was when he was baptized with the Holy Spirit. That's when the Holy Spirit came upon him and then he began to do the works. But he lived as a man anointed by the Spirit of God. And so he had the spirit without measure of course and so he had all the gifts of the Spirit in apparition just as we can have all the gifts of the Spirit in apparition.

Many of the things that Jesus did you find they did them in the Old Testament because it was merely a manifestation of one of the gifts of the Spirit. Elijah did many of the things that Jesus did and he had the gifts of the Spirit functioning. And so when the gifts of the Spirit are functioning on a man you start looking like Jesus because that's what Jesus' functioning. He was a man anointed by the Holy Spirit he functioned in the spiritual gifts and he gave him the ability to do these things.

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He didn't do those things as God. He walked the Earth as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit. Now, the only thing that I can really think of that he did as God and he forgave your sin and that was the only thing I could think of. He did forgive sin as he walked the earth. I guess he just can't hold everything back.

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So Jesus did forgive sin and they questioned him, they said, "Who can forgive sin but God?" He said, "I can." So I guess he's

lived up a little bit right there. But other than that, Jesus was really just a man anointed by the Holy Spirit. He walked in the fullness, he had the spirit without measure. So he had all nine gifts of the Spirit operating in his life and ministry as a model to show us that we can do these things that he said you all do these things and he said Greater Works than these shall you do because I'm going to my father I'm going home to my father. And so he was letting us know that we can walk in these same things.

But Jesus operated strongly with the principle of faith. He thought faith when he went to his hometown and they I didn't believe he couldn't do mighty miracles that the Bible says. Right after that he went about teaching, so he began teaching them faith, teaching them faith. And so faith was a big part of people receiving from Christ and it was very primary in his ministry. A lot of times before he would heal someone he would ask them. "Do you believe I'm able to do this?" He was checking the level of faith and in so many times he would say, "Be it unto you as you have believed according to your faith." Or he would say, "Your faith has made you whole." So he referenced faith quite often to let people know it was something they did. So faith is a connector to the power of God. Faith is a connector to the power of God.

And so we've been kind of looking at some faith scriptures just to go over the definition of faith that I gave you. Faith is conviction, is confidence, is assurance, it's being sure, it's being certain, it's trust as a firm persuasion, it's fully persuaded that God will perform all that he promised, is reliance in God and all that he says. is judging him faithful that promised knowing that he is trustworthy, he does what he says. Faith is simply acting on the word. Faith is simply doing what God tells you to do. That's Faith because many of the things that God will tell you to do, it really won't make sense to you and the natural and got to tell you to do some things that really doesn't make any sense and so it takes faith to even do what he tells you to do, which is really obedience. So obedience is a form of faith.

So faith is simply taking God and his word and living life accordingly. Faith is taking God and his word and living life accordingly. That's what faith is. Faith also looks at all that he is. It looks at all that he is, all that is. Remember in the book of Hebrews, it says that it's impossible to please God without faith

and anybody who comes to him must believe that he is not merely that he exists but all that he is. You got to believe that all that he is all that he is, you heard in the song just a few minutes ago all that he is. He is a way maker, miracle work light in the darkness, promise keeper, that is who he is. All that he is. So faith is believing all that he is. If I had time I'll walk you through the scripture showing you who he is. In Genesis, he is the seed of the woman. In Exodus, he's the Pastor over lamb. Leviticus, he's a high priest. Numbers, he's a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Deuteronomy, he's a prophet like unto Moses. In Joshua he's a captain of our salvation. In Judges he's our judge and law. In Ruth he's a Kinsman Redeemer. First and Second Samuel, he's a trusted prophet. First and Second Kings and First and Second Chronicles, he's our reigning King. In Ezra he's a faithful scribe. In Nehemiah, he has rebuild the broken down walls of human life. In Esther, he's a Mordecai. In Job, he's a Dayspring. On high Psalms, he's the Lord our Shepherd. Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, he's a wisdom. In Song of Solomon, he a lover and the bride/groom. And in Isaiah, he's the Prince of Peace. In Jeremiah, he's the righteous branch. In Lamentations, he's a weeping prophet. In Isaiah, he's a Prince of Peace.

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So I don't want to bore you walking all through the -- I just want to let you know who he is. So faith is knowing all who he is and he's a bridge over troubled water. That needs a living water and he's the bright and morning star. He's Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley and so he's Abel's sacrifice. He's Abraham's Ram in the thicket. He's Isaac's well. He's Jacob's ladder. He's Judah's scepter. He's Joseph's coat of favor. He's Moses' rod and he's a son standing still for Joshua. He's Gideon's fleece and Samson's strength. And so this is who he is. And so Faith involves knowing all who he is, knowing all who he is. He's Peter's Shadow. He's Paul's handkerchief and (00:10:52). He's Steven signs and wonders. He's John's pearly white city. He's Isaiah's figs. He's Hezekiah's sundial. He's always -- he's wonderful. He's counselor. He's Mighty God Everlasting father Prince of Peace. There's no one like him. He's the only true and living God. He's the light of the world. He's the beginning and the end. He's our healer and delivering protector. He is our peace. He's Faithfully married to us.

And so faith involves knowing who he is. Faith involves believing all that he is, knowing who he is. That's a big part of faith. So faith involves all who he is knowing who he is.

Now listen to this scripture about faith. We are just looking at some Faith scriptures. This is First John, First John Chapter 5:4; it says for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith. Let me read that again. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Our faith is a victory that overcomes the world. Our faith in Christ Jesus, our faith in God's presence, our faith in God's promises, our faith in his word our faith in his love. This is what causes us to overcome the world. Jesus said, you're going to have trouble in the world but he's a be of good cheer. I've already overcome the world.

So it's our faith in him that makes us join heirs with him and because he's already overcome the world, we too are overcomers. And so we are overcomers, and so we overcome the world because of our faith. It's faith that the greater one lives on the inside of us. Faith that the Holy Spirit leads us and teaches us and empowers us, gives us wisdom. It's faith that does what he tells us to do, faith that acts on the word. So it's our faith that causes us to overcome the world. Let me say this, fellowship is the mother of faith. If faith had a mother, it would be fellowship. Your faith grows out of fellowship with God. Your faith grows out of fellowship with God because the more you get to know him the easier it is to trust them. So fellowship is the mother of faith. Fellowship is the mother of faith and so as we spend time with God it becomes easier and easier to trust them because we get to know him and we realize that how faithful he is and how much he loves us. And so now it's just like, you know, just you're talking to a friend and it becomes so easy to trust them.

Let me give you this. So, we've been teaching for the last two or three weeks on just some principles of faith. I just wanted to point out three of the main points that has really refreshed me and renewed my mind and I just wanted to point those out. These are three main principles in this little seminar we've been doing on faith. These are three main points I really want you to get. It really enlightened me and really renewed my mind to these things and that's why you have to keep hearing it because

your forget these things, you forget these things. So faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing. You have to keep hearing God's word. But here are three main principles concerning faith that really helps us in our faith life.

Number 1, Not looking at circumstances, but looking at the promise. Not looking at the circumstances, looking at the promise. What we see or feel is not the basis of our faith, God's word is. So not looking at circumstances looking at the promise.

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Not looking at circumstances, but looking at the promise. Not looking at what's wrong in your body, but looking at what God said concerning healing in his word. And so we look at the promise not at the problem. That's a big principle of faith. This is what Abraham did. He considered not his own body dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb, but he considered him that promise and judged him faithful. So one of the main principles of faith is not looking at the circumstances because many times the circumstances will be exact opposite to what God said. And so that's why you can't look at that. You got to look at what he said. Keep your eyes on what he said, keep your eyes on what he said. So don't look at the symptoms in your body. No look at by his stripes you are healed, keep looking at that keep looking at that keep looking at that. So don't look at the circumstances keep looking at the promise keep looking at the promise.

Second Corinthians 4:18 says, we look not at the things that are seen but at the unseen because of things that are seen are temporary and things that are unseen are eternal. So when you look at God, you look at his word, his promises and his faithfulness, you're looking at eternal things. You're looking at things that are eternal versus when you look at your circumstances, you're looking at things that are temporary. These things are subject to change. So we look to something that's eternal because it outweighs that which is temporary. So number 1, don't look at your circumstances, look at the promise. Keep your eyes on the promise. Keep your eyes on the promise.

We see it in the Old Testament when the people falls sick, they put a serpent on the pole and the Lord told Moses, "Everyone who looks at the cross will be healed." And so we have to look,

we have to look at God's provision. We have to look at what God said instead of looking at the problem, look at what God said. So when this, you know, even in this current pandemic that we're in, I'm more interested to know what God has to say. And so I'm looking at what God has to say versus keep looking at the pandemic. No, look at what God has to say. Look what God has provided. Look what God has provided. He's provided a lot. God has provided a lot. So we look at the promise not the circumstance.

Number 2 is another really good principle of faith, is faith takes possession. Faith takes possession. Faith says, I have it now. I want you to get this, faith says I have it now. When you release your faith, you're saying I have it now. Faith doesn't push it off into the future to some going to get no, faith takes possession. Faith says I have it now. I have it now. Faith, it doesn't wait until you can see it. No, faith takes possession and you have it now. So, faith possesses it now. So you don't wait for it to show up, faith takes possession, says I have it now.

And so you can praise God and thank God now that's what faith does. Faith takes possession now. So I don't care how sick I feel or look at my body, faith can say I am healed. And so Faith grabs the healing even though it hasn't shown up in the body yet, faith takes possession of it and it says I am healed. So faith possesses it now. That's why the Bible says in Hebrews 11, now faith is. It's now, Faith grabs it now and it takes possession, it's mine. It pulls it in now.

Now see when you grab it now, you've released your faith and no matter what the circumstances look like, it doesn't matter, faith has already been released. I have it now. I have it now. I have it now. Now, if you stay with that, it'll eventually show up into the physical realm where you can actually see and feel it. But faith takes possession of it in the invisible and then brings it into the visible.

Number 3, here's the third one. So Faith takes possession. I have it now doesn't wait to see it Faith takes possession of it. I have it now. See a lot of people want to wait until they feel well they want to wait until they look well and then they say, okay I'm here. No, you're way too late. You're way too late. And that's why a lot of people never get healed they never get it because they're waiting to get it before they say they have it.

No, faith possesses it now when it doesn't look like it when you don't feel like it. When everything is contrary, that's what Abraham did that's what he did. He's the father of many nations. He had no children. He possessed it. He was the father of many nations with no children, but that's what he looked at. That's what he possessed Faith takes it now, all it takes it now.

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He's a father of many nations. How many children do you have? So faith took possession of it. Now Peter waited. He never would have had a child. See faith has to go out in front in order to pull it in. So, you know people want to wait until they get it and then they say they got it. You can have it backwards, you put the cart before the horse. Faith is like the horse, you got to put the horse out front first to pull the cart. So Faith takes possession of it. This is the way God operates. God would tell -- he told his people Joshua and the children of Israel right before they would get ready to go into Jericho. He said I've already delivered Jericho in your hand. Now, Jericho was a walled City and not only was it walled they had shut that city up because they knew the Israelites were out there. It was heavily militarized and walled up and God says, I've already given it to your hands, it's is yours.

You see how God thinks. So in God's mind he'd already given it. God didn't care about the wall, he had already given them. It was theirs, it was theirs. They had to blow the trumpet and shout while the walls were still up. They didn't until the walls fell to blow the trumpet and shouted, they blew the trumpet and shouted while the walls were still up. Faith takes it now.

Faith takes possession of it while the walls are still up. I want you to see the principle, it's all through scripture. That's the principle. Faith always leads. Faith takes possession of it, faith possesses it now. Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. So title deed is the proof. It's your confirmation. You have it now. Faith takes it now. So a lot of people die because they keep pushing it out into the future, they never get it. Like well one of these days got to heal me and that's exactly why you don't get heal, you're waiting on one of these days. How about today? Faith takes it now.

Oh man, it is so easy, especially when it's something God's already given it as a part of our redemption. It's already done. This is a done deal. This is a done deal. And so this is the easy one because this is an accomplished work. It's a fact. Faith takes possession of it now. Faith takes it now. See look at this. Well, let me see if I should give you the third principle first. Well, this is what I'm saying.

Look at when Jesus was standing at Lazarus tomb. You know, what Jesus did, he prayed and he thanked God while Lazarus was still in the Tomb. He took possession of it before he raised them. He thanked God. He said father, thank you that you've already heard me. You see the principle? He had already taken possession of it, father thank you that you've heard me. Jonah did the same thing Jonah. Jonah was in the whale's belly. He was in the whale's belly and he prayed. And so Jonah prayed and he was still in the whale's belly and then you know, what Jonah did, he start giving God thanks. Thank you Father for delivering me. Thank you Lord for hearing. I know you've heard me. Jonah started giving thanks. That's what gave the whale indigestion. The whale has spit him out. The very next verse after it says Jonah gave God thanks prayed and gave God thanks, (00:23:24) verses that the whale or the great fish vomited Joan out on dry land.

See, Jonah gave thanks. He took possession of it, when, now. He didn't get out of the whale and then thank God. He thanked God while he was in the whale. Faith takes possession of it now. Oh man, it's huge. This is a huge and this is one reason people have a lot of problems because they keep waiting. They want to wait until they get out of the whale and then thank God. That's not Faith. Faith thanks God while you're in the whale. Faith takes possession of it now. You see it over and over it's all through the scriptures.

In fact God told the Israelites when Jehoshaphat was King, he said on your way to battle put all the praises out front. They were thanking God for victory and they haven't even fought yet. And they thank God so much that they didn't even have to fight. The enemies just killed themselves the enemies will I forget that that's a crazy bunch of folks. We don't want to deal with that. They took their own lives, they didn't even want to fool with it. They didn't even want to deal with it. So God was letting us know you put the praise first put the thanksgiving first, faith

takes it first, faith possesses it first, takes it now, takes it now it takes it now.

So those are two powerful principles I wanted you to get. I wanted you to get that faith doesn't look at the problem. It looks at the promise. Faith keeps its eyes on the promise, not the problem because people get hang up looking at the problem. When you keep looking at the problem and you keep talking about the problem and now the problem gets bigger and bigger and bigger because that's what you're looking at instead of looking at the very thing that can change the problem.

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So stop looking at the problem and look at the promise. Stop looking at the problem, look at the promise. And then faith takes it now. Faith takes possession now, that's how you release your faith. I have it now. I have it now. I have it now. Praise God.

And then the third principle that I'm going to let you go, the third principle is faith is an act, faith as an act. Faith not only says something, faith does something. So if we said one of the definitions of faith, is faith is acting on the word. So faith is an act. Faith is an act. When Jesus turned water into wine, he told them to fill up six water pots with water and after they did that he said now draw it out and take it to the governor. Now, it was just water. The miracle didn't happen until they start drawing it out. Then it turned into wine. So it was in the act of their obedience to do what he said to do. That's when it turned in twine and they could have stood there and looked in the barrel and said Jesus it's just water in here. The governor doesn't want water, he wants wine. They could have refused to drop but they didn't. They just did it. They acted on the word. They did exactly what he said. They drew it out and take it to the governor and it was the best wine the governor had ever had.

So faith is an act. Faith always acts on the word of God. Faith does something. Faith says something. Faith sees something and faith does something. Praise God. Faith says something, faith sees something and faith does something. Faith is acting on God's word. The actual word believe in the Greek actually means to grab means to take hold of. And so it's an action word. Believe actually is an action word. It's an active word, it means

to grab. Believe, grab. And so it's the hand of faith that reaches into the invisible realm and it grabs it. It lays hold of it. That's the only way you can contact the invisible realm, the spiritual realm. That's the way we reach over into it and pull it into this ramp, is our faith. It's our faith that does it. Our faith does it. So it means to grab, it's an action word. Praise God

So we'll stop there. I just wanted to just share those three prominent principles of faith as we're looking at healing. We just digressed a little bit to take a refresher course on some of the elementary principles of faith. Praise God. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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