

# **Faith That Works**

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## *Chapter 1*

### *First Things First*

#### **God is love:**

*(1 John 4:16) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

God is full of compassion and mercy:

(Psa. 86:15) But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

God is no respecter of persons:

(Acts 10:34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

#### **God does ONLY good!**

(Prov. 11:23) The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

(Luke 18:19) And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, that is, God.

God **DID NOT** put sickness on you! **It IS Gods' will to heal... YOU!** Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father. It **IS** God's will to heal you. How do I know? I know because His Word, the Bible, says so. Now, you just need to believe, (have faith in), what He has ALREADY said, in that Word. And, LEARN to receive the good things He has for you, including your healing.

## *Chapter 2*

### *What About Healing?*

When I first attended services in a church that practiced anointing the sick, back in the late 60's, I heard a sermon on the subject of healing and anointing. I sat through this sermon with a migraine headache, one of the many over the previous few months. After services, I thought I would *try it out* and be anointed. Immediately the migraine went away, and I am happy to say that I have NEVER had another one since. I was healed.

I had been anointed many times since for this and that, (never anything really serious). Sometimes, I was healed, and sometimes I was not. It seemed to me that the more mature I became as a Christian, the less often I was healed. I found this to be somewhat confusing. Was it God? Was it me? Had I *lost my initial zeal*? I did not know the answer.

**Note: At age 45, I found myself being rushed into open-heart surgery. I recovered quickly and began to return to normal life, only to be rushed back into the hospital. There, after dozens of tests, the doctors came in and told me that the surgery had failed, and that I was going to die, and that there was nothing more they could do for me. All they could offer was a heart transplant, which I declined.** Through this experience, I have had to heavily focus on the subjects of *faith* and *healing*.

I came to understand that sometimes God WOULD heal us on the faith of ANOTHER PERSON. (This is how I had been healed on all previous occasions.) I believe that this is so that we can SEE that healing by faith really WORKS!

At this time, I really did not understand that there was any

benefit to having my own faith because I had always depended on the minister's faith and on the faith of other people that would include my situations in their prayers.

But now, for the first time in my life, the situation was truly desperate.

So, I went on a campaign and began to request prayers.

At one point, I had massed nearly 1000 wonderful people, from my denomination and from many others. I had hands laid on me, and was anointed with oil four or five times based on my desire to be healed, the faith of the minister, the prayers and faith of all these people, and my faith, that God can and does, sometimes, heal people.

It seems however, that God will only heal on another's faith a number of times, just to get us started, (*when we are still baby Christians*). After this, (*when we **should** be matured*), it seems that God expects us to begin to exercise OUR OWN FAITH. This is why sometimes, I did not receive healing. I KNEW that God could heal. I knew that He does heal.

*(In retrospect, I did not understand anything about faith. I, like everyone else, just thought I did.)* Then I began learning some things about faith.

## *Chapter 3*

### *What About Faith?*

(Mat. 17:20) [*Jesus speaking:*] ... **verily**, [*I'm telling you the truth, when*] **I say unto you** [*YOU!*], **If ye** [*YOU!*] **have faith** as [*little as*] **a grain of mustard seed** [*about the size of the head of a straight pin*], **ye** [*YOU!*] **shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place** [*I command you to get out of my path!*]; **and it shall remove** [*then the mountain will get out of my path!*]; **and nothing** [*NOTHING!*] **shall be impossible unto YOU.**

How many of you have tried this scripture out on one your local hills or mountains, telling it to move ... to no avail?

I always thought this scripture to be a little odd, with Jesus seemingly rubbing our noses in just how little faith we have. But I came to find out, that is not the case at all!

The focus is NOT on how little faith we have, but rather on FAITH *itself*, and how to put it to work for us! So that brings up several questions:

**Why did your hill or mountain, not move?**

**Is my faith, my religious affiliation or denomination?**

That can't be right, because Jesus said that we were supposed to have some **quantity** of faith, and an **affiliation** would be *a* faith.

**Is my faith, just my belief in a Supreme Being and that**

**Jesus is His son?** That can't be right either, because that would mean that we either have faith or we don't have faith!

And, *Rom. 12:3* says that we all have "the measure of faith."

So then: What is faith?

Where does faith come from? And, how do we get it?

And, how do we know if we already have ANY faith?

Read on for the answers.

## *Chapter 4*

### *What Is Faith?*

*(Heb. 11:1) Faith is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen. Where does it come from?***  
*(Rom. 10:17) **Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.***

#### **Do we have ANY faith?**

*(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.***

If we believe the Word of God and have accepted the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and are reading and hearing that Word, then we **DO HAVE at least** the faith of a mustard seed! Yes, even if our measure of faith is tiny, **we do have enough!** So then, why does the mountain **not move?** Because, this scripture is an analogy... a **very important** analogy. I had been going to church and a student of the Bible for over 25 years before I understood this!

What a revelation to realize that **this mountain is analogous and symbolic of whatever seemingly huge, immovable problem, (or even some terrible illness), that is blocking our way in life!** And, this wonderful scripture tells us exactly what to do! We are to step up and face *this mountainous problem*, and SAY to it "**GET out of my way... and GO jump in the lake!**" Using language similar to casting out a demon, and to do this by the power and authority of the name of Jesus.

*(Mark 11:23-) "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.*

*(Mark 11:24) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, BELIEVE that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

Have what? You shall have whatever you SAID! Faith, is not your "religion" or a state of mind. Faith is more than believing IN God and Jesus. Faith is more than belief that God or Jesus can or even will do something! Faith is the BELIEVING, that we ALREADY HAVE, what we SAID, we were asking for! *(And the SAYING is just as important as the BELIEVING).* Faith is belief that God has ALREADY done something because His Word said He would! Because, faith is BELIEVING God, and then ACTING on it. When I learned this, I immediately got better, but still kept having some of the symptoms. I was sure that I was still missing something, so I kept looking until I found the answers.

You see, faith is not just something that you have. It is something that you have to use (James 2:14-26)!

## *Chapter 5*

### *You vs. The Devil*

Jesus stripped, (spoiled or disarmed), the devil and his demons of all their weapons, their entire armor, all their power and authority and then humiliated all of them!

(Col. 2:14) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross.

*(Col. 2:15) And having spoiled principalities and powers, He [Jesus] made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

And Jesus, even took the devil's keys!

*(Rev 1:18) I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and [I, Jesus,] have the keys of hell and of death.*

On the other hand, Jesus has given **us** the authority to use **His Name** in authority over *all things*. He gave us *Power of Attorney*, to use His name to do all that He did. That Name, **the Name of JESUS is above ALL other names**,

(Eph. 1:21) **Far above** all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and **every name that is named**, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

(Phil. 2:9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him **a name, which is above every name**.

*(Note: Christ is NOT Jesus' last name. But that is another subject. Just remember that **Jesus** is the name.)*

**ALL other names must bow, (i.e., submit), to the NAME of JESUS.**

*(Remember: **Everything has a name.** i.e., Satan is a name; depression is a name; diabetes is a name; heart disease is a name; cancer disease is a name!)*

His name, *JESUS*, has power! This authority, gives our words power.

(God created mankind and gave him dominion and authority in the earth. Adam, that first man, committed high treason by handing over that dominion to Satan. Satan held dominion and power in the earth until JESUS defeated him and took possession of that dominion and authority. Then, before He ascended into Heaven, JESUS gave US that dominion and authority, through the use of His name. There will be more on this later).

The devil no longer has any power or authority of his own, it's only a bluff, like a bully on the school yard. He has to use **YOUR** own authority against **YOU**. And he does this by using **YOUR own negative words.**

If you refuse to allow the devil to talk you out of your healing, then there isn't any way that he can keep you from being healed.

## *Chapter 6*

### *Stand On The Word*

God sent His Word to heal you, (Psa. 107:20), and His Word works! He keeps His Word. So (*this is important*), **don't let lingering symptoms discourage you**. Your healing may be instant, but if not, don't let doubts arise just because you do not see immediate results. It may take time for you to feel completely healed. So what do you do in the mean time?

#### **1. God's Word is the final authority.**

The Word says that *by His stripes you were healed!* (1Peter 2:24, past tense), quoted from (Isa. 53:4-5, future tense). Receive your healing as **already** taken place.

#### **2. Refuse doubt and unbelief.**

When the devil attacks you and makes you think you're still having symptoms, or whispers words of doubt and unbelief into your mind, deal with it immediately. Cast them down, rebuke and bind them, in Jesus name, (Mat. 16:19), (Mat. 18:18). And, praise God for your healing. Don't dwell on the symptoms; don't accept the devil's arguments, deception and lies. Anything that is a stumbling block to your faith, is darkness and of the devil. They may come through your own body and mind, family, friends, doctors or even pastors. I do not care **where** you hear or see them, do not accept them. (Rom. 14:1) *Receive him that is weak in the faith, but NOT to doubtful disputations.*

#### **3. Refuse to believe what you see and feel.**

If what you see or feel contradicts the Word, only believe the Word. What you see and feel is not always real, but may be manifestations of the devil, to cause fear, doubt and unbelief.

#### 4. **Meditate On God's Word.**

Concentrate on the Word, not on the illness. Immerse yourself in the Word, reading out loud, particularly the healing scriptures. Even listen to tapes of the Word as much as possible.

Do you need faith? (Rom. 10:17) Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Fill yourself through the eyes and ears with the Word of God until it fills you up, and overflows out of your mouth. This will release faith, and faith releases grace and healing. (Luke 6:45) *...for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.*

#### 5. **Do Not Fear!**

What did Jesus repeatedly say? "Fear not!"... "Do not fear!" (Luke 8:50). What do the angels say, every time they appear? "Fear not!" If you ask for God's protection, He will place a hedge about you. **But**, fear is a gateway in that hedge, which allows the devil to get to you. This is because *fear* is the devil's counterfeit of faith and is part of darkness. Light, (faith), cannot coexist with darkness, (fear). The devil will use every trick, lie, and deception, to cause you to fear and to open the gate. He is ever watchful of that gate. Therefore, keep it closed and locked, by consistently renewing and increasing your faith!

(Rom. 8:15) ...you have not received the spirit of bondage, again to fear... ;

(1 John 4:18) ...perfect love casts out fear....

#### 6. **Praise God For Your Healing.**

Praising God for your healing, before you see a manifestation, is the highest form of faith. (*This IS the shield of faith!*) And afterwards, thank God **every day** that you are healed.

## 7. Do Not Waiver!

(James 1:6) James said that the person who waives in his faith should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

(1Tim. 6:12) ...fight the good fight of faith...

(Eph. 6:12) ...For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness.

(Eph. 6:13) Therefore put on **the whole armor of God** and stand your ground. And having done all to stand... **STAND!** In this context: Salvation, Righteousness, Truth and the preparation of the Gospel will provide you with protection. The Word of God, ("*It is written: ...*"), is to offensively rebuke the devil, (your sword). And faith, is to defend against the manifestations of the devil. Once the manifestation has been rebuked, and then it *seems* to return, begin to praise God. (*Father, I praise You, and thank You, that I no longer have to believe what I see or feel.*) This kind of praise is your defense, (your shield), and seems to be even more effective against darkness, than using your sword.

## 8. Speak Only The Positive!

Speak only words that are in agreement with God's will for your healing. You have to **BELIEVE** you are healed, and it is difficult if you are constantly talking about **your** sickness. (If Jesus bore **your** sickness, then **your** sickness is gone! What is on you now, **does not belong to you! Do not lay claim to it!** Remember, your words have power to do both good and evil!

The devil **uses your negative words** against you! That sickness belongs to the devil!) Therefore, every day, let **God, the devil**, and **your body** know, by what you SAY, *that you believe that you have received* your healing, (Mark 11:23).

What you SAY is important!

(Mat. 12:36) In the day of judgment, men shall give account of EVERY idle Word they have spoken!

If you are not sure how to pray for healing, you might recite or pray something like the following:

*"Heavenly Father,*

*I thank You for Your Word that says that by the stripes of Jesus I am healed. I choose to believe that Your healing power went to work in my body the very instant that I believed Your Word.*

*Jesus Christ is Lord over my life - spirit, soul and body. I have received the power of God to make me sound, whole, delivered, saved and healed.*

*Sickness, disease, pain,*

*I resist you in the Name of Jesus. You are not the will of God.*

*I enforce the Word of God on you. I will not tolerate you in my life.*

*My days of sickness and disease are over!*

*Jesus bore my sickness, weakness and pain, and I am forever free!*

*Father,*

*Thank You for watching over Your Word to perform it in my behalf. I thank You and praise You in Jesus' Name!"*

*Amen*

This kind of prayer proclaims, (says), to God, the devil and everyone else, that you believe that the Word of God is true, and that the Word says that you are healed!

## *Chapter 7*

### *The Healing Scriptures*

The following scriptures are promises you can stand on to receive your healing:

**Exodus 15:26**

**Exodus 23:25-26**

**Psalms 103:1-5**

**Psalms 107:19-20**

**Proverbs 4:20-23**

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

**Jeremiah 1:12**

**Jeremiah 30:17**

**Matthew 8:17**

**Matthew 15:30-31**

**Matthew 18:18-19**

**Mark 11:23-24**

**Mark 16:17-18**

**Luke 9:2**

**Luke 13:16**

**Acts 5:16**

**Acts 10:38**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

**James 4:7**

**James 5:14-15**

Take your Bible and read each of the above scriptures, **out loud**. That's right, I said, *out loud!* Read them loud enough, so that you can hear them with your own ears.

How would it make you feel, if God Himself, spoke to you, like He did Noah, and said, "*You are my child, and I LOVE you!*"

Please understand that this IS God, speaking...to YOU, through the written record of what He has already said! Meditate on each phrase, and feel God's care, compassion and love, in His Word. Receive His Word as Him speaking to you. And, apply **His Word to your situation!**

## *Chapter 8*

### *Putting It All To Work*

As part of the process of learning all of this there came the time that I had to act, on my faith in God's Word. I had to start doing, what I could not do, due to the sickness. For me, this involved walking more than 20 feet. So, with my wife at my side, I made my way out to the sidewalk to begin.

Now, manifestations of symptoms of heart disease vary from person to person, but the main symptom, angina, for me manifested as follows. I would feel tightness in my left chest, which would spread up and along the collarbone, under the arm to behind the left shoulder. This would then begin to magnify and cause pain as it continued to spread both across the left shoulder, up the neck and down the left arm. The pain would intensify similar to a bad charley horse, but continue to tighten many times as painful as a charley horse, until my lower teeth ached and the pain felt like a fire just above the left elbow and just behind the left shoulder. It would stay like this for a few minutes and then all would subside, leaving me totally drained. Once they began, unless I would immediately sit down, regulate my breathing and heart rate, the attacks would fully manifest.

We began walking. At about 20 feet, an attack began. I told my wife and we both began rebuking sickness, disease and the devil. By the time we said, "in Jesus' name!" the attack had spread under my arm, but instantly stopped in its tracks! We walked about another 20 feet. Another attack manifested, was rebuked and also stopped, (this time before it got to my under-arm). This process continued, every 20 feet, during walks, for the next four days, never varying. By the end of that time, I was frustrated, VERY angry at the devil, and so sore from

The accumulated starts of attacks that my torso was leaning to the left. When we got about three fourths the way around the block, I held up my hands and face to God and yelled, "*God, how long do I have to ENDURE this!?*"

(I had thought that if I just kept doing this long enough, then God would just heal me. After venting my frustration, I asked God to forgive me, and told Him that I knew that He wasn't withholding anything from me.)

I then knew in my heart that I was still missing something. And that night I found it. I found that on my walks, I had, successfully, been using the *Sword of the Spirit of the Word*, rebuking the devil based on scripture, similar to Jesus' example on the mount of temptation. What I had been missing was the *Shield of Faith*, using Mark 11: 23-24, as a model of praising God for my healing, based upon any or all of the healing scriptures in God's Word, prior to it's manifestation in my body. Part of me could not wait to get out to the sidewalk and try this out! But, another part, did not want to chance another full-blown attack that may come if I was wrong. I decided then and there, this was literally, going to be *do or die*. I had made up my mind that I was NOT, going to be defeated by the devil.

The next morning, we began walking. At 20 feet, the attack came, was rebuked and stopped. At 20 more feet another attack began. I hesitated for a moment, but then said,

*"Father God, we have rebuked the darkness of sickness and disease, and I praise You and thank You for Your Word that says, "... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we were, and are,*

*healed." I believe Your Word, MORE than I believe ANY manifestation of sickness that the devil can place in me, MORE than I believe the reality of the material world!"*

The attack stopped, and on we walked. We got 20 more feet, and this time no attack came and we were able to walk double what I could before. But, at 40 feet another attack began to manifest.

We immediately praised God like before, and the attack stopped, and on we walked, this time 80 feet, again doubling the distance! Then, DOUBLE that and DOUBLE that... and, it's been like that ever since.

Now, I am praising God nearly all the time! I think I have become an actual, *Praise Addict!* And, may I never be delivered from that! God is so GOOD!

## *Chapter 9*

### *Conclusions*

#### **WARNING!!**

I feel that you need to be warned, or forearmed, about something. Satan is happy just to keep *you in a state of Non-Resistance*. Should you begin doing something that disturbs that *status-quo*, (say by acting on your faith and winning a victory over his influence), you will most likely get his attention to the extent that he will come against you in some way to attempt to negate that victory. If you are too strong, then he may come at you through someone close to you. Therefore... while you are celebrating your victory, keep your sword and your shield, at the ready, and be on guard!

#### **Note:**

What you have just been taught, is NOT, just something that you use when you get sick. Once you start this, you CANNOT quit. It MUST become a *Way of Life!* You must get *in line* with God's Word, make changes in your life, and develop a relationship with Him. You see, even the greatest of sinners, can receive the miracle of healing. However, continued *Divine Health*, requires obedience to God's Word. In addition, these principles can and should be applied to EVERY ASPECT of your life!

This is really all you need.

I could write a book explaining the "*why*" and "*how*", and this is just the basics of a very deep and rich subject, but this is all you really need to receive your healing.

I sincerely hope the above will help you as much as it has helped me.

Praise God, for **I am HEALED!**

## A Prayer for Health and Healing

**F**ather, in the Name of Jesus, I confess Your Word concerning health and healing. As I do, I believe that Your Word will not return to You void, but will accomplish what it says.

In the Name of Jesus, I believe that I am healed according to I Peter 2:24. Your Word says that Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses (Mat. 8:17). Therefore, with great boldness and confidence, I stand on the authority of Your Word and declare that I am redeemed from the curse of sickness. I refuse to tolerate its symptoms.

Satan, I speak to you in Jesus' Name and I proclaim that your principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places are bound from operating against me in any way. I am loosed from your assignment. I am the property of Almighty God and I give you no place in me. I dwell in the secret place of the Most High God and I abide under the shadow of the Almighty, whose power no foe can withstand.

Now Father, I believe Your Word that says, "*The angel of the Lord encamps round about me and delivers me from every evil work. No evil shall befall me, no plague or calamity shall come near my dwelling.*"

I confess that the Word abides in me and it is life and medicine to my flesh. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus operates in me, making me free from the law of sin and death.

I hold fast to my confession of Your Word and I stand immovable, knowing that health and healing are mine NOW, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Now, begin consistently using your shield of faith, by praising and thanking God for your healing. And if at any time, you should see or feel any manifestation of the illness, use your shield.*

## **Prayer To Make Jesus the Lord of Your Life For Salvation** (How to become a Christian)

**H**eavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I present myself to You. I pray and ask Jesus to be Lord over my life. According to Romans 10:9, I believe it in my heart, so I say it with my mouth: Jesus has been raised from the dead. This moment, I make Him the Lord over my life.

Jesus, come into my heart. I believe this moment that I am saved. I say it now: I am reborn. I am a Christian. I am a child of Almighty God.

Amen.

## **Prayer For Baptism in the Holy Spirit** (How to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit)

**H**eavenly Father, I am a believer. I am Your child and You are my Father. Jesus is my Lord. I believe with all my heart that Your Word is true.

Your Word says that if I ask, I will receive the Holy Spirit, so in the Name of Jesus Christ, my Lord, I am asking You to fill me to overflowing with Your precious Holy Spirit.

Jesus, baptize me in the Holy Spirit. Because of Your Word, I believe that I now receive and I thank You for it. I believe that the Holy Spirit is within me and by faith I accept it.

Now, Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise my God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance.

Amen.

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