"Next Level Faith"

James 1:2-8 "My brethren count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your <u>faith</u> produces <u>patience</u>. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks <u>wisdom</u>, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Today, I want to teach you the secret of taking your faith to the next level of victory, breakthrough, blessing, power.

Taking Your Faith To The Next Level

Question: What is <u>faith</u>?

- 1. Your faith is what you believe about God.
- 2. Your faith is what you <u>believe</u> about your <u>relationship</u> with God.

In order to experience **Next Level Faith** you must embrace God's <u>process</u> of...

1. "Patience Under <u>Pressure</u>"

"when you fall into various trials" ... you must...

- a. PAUSE and find your faith and anchor your faith
- b. **PRAY** for and allow the Spirit of God to supply to your faith the fruit of the Spirit called **"patience"**.
 - Patience: persistent serenity, unflappable stamina.
 - Next Level Faith embraces patience under Pressure
 - Faith and patience to produce / birth God's best, blessings, breakthroughs
- c. **PROCLAIM** God's goodness, promises, power to deliver, heal, provide, breakthrough, bring victory
- d. **PRACTICE** all of the above everyday w. expectancy (Joy)
- 2. "Waiting On Wisdom"
- "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting..."

- <u>Next Level Faith</u> is produced in the fire of patience and asking/waiting on God for His wisdom in the situation
- "Wisdom": Knowing what needs to be done, and how to get it done. "who gives to all liberally and without reproach."
- God is pouring out wisdom for every challenge in your life
- God's wisdom will make you look like the smartest person in the room.
- Without God's wisdom in any situation, decision, trial your faith can feel like blind faith.
- Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
- The Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of **Wisdom**" (What to and how to do it.)

Concluding Thoughts:

- Next Level Faith values patience and wisdom in trial!
- Next Level Faith produces maturity, stability, security, fruitfulness, blessing.
- Doubt produces instability, chaos, uncertainty, oppression, defeat
- Faith with patience and wisdom produces God's best, finest, greatest.

Declaration:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching me about the blessing of my faith. Thank you that I don't have to give in to doubt, fear, unbelief! Thank you that I can have confidence that you love me & watch over me. Thank you that I can reach my next level of faith in You Help me to stand in faith when I face trials. Teach me to be patient when my faith is tested. Remind me to always as for your wisdom when do, and don't understand. Thank you that you have new levels of blessing, breakthroughs, and victories for me! I receive greater faith, greater patience, and greater wisdom today and every day. Thank you that you are for me and want your best for me! In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen!"