Title: Faith Required for What's Ahead

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Topic Sentence: Faith without works is dead. How's your faith working for you? Are you pulling your future self into today or are you coasting in the present circumstances? Are you living from a victory mindset or a victim of circumstance? Everything can change if you want it too. Join us as Kris discusses how to acquire what is needed to partner with God in what He is doing.

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good morning first of all I want to say this is a beautiful city a very seldom go someplace and think man I could move here but I probably told Kathy three times like this is you know I'm not moving here by the way we have a Promised Land and you guys have a Promised Land and I'm excited for yours and for ours but how many of you got to be a part of the conference so beautiful and amazing and the worship today was just epic was like amazing I mean we get to be a part of really great worship at Bethel and so most of the time should I say this like my expectations pretty low when I go somewhere else and sorry that's probably on me but this you know listening to the worship not just the but the quality of voices and but also the annoyingness on this place I sling over to Kathy like this place should be 10 times bigger like it's so anointed in here and the conference was so good and your leaders are glad to be here to honoring the leaders day was amazing um your leaders are really epic this place is epic so um let me give away a couple books this is called Spirit Wars and it's about spirit wars haha thought I'd just tell you that and I was demonized for three and a/2 years

so that was what qualifies me to write this book

that I personally was in spiritual battle that took

took my life over for three years um

I'd like to give this to someone who's demon possessed

haha

Bobby

who would like to have a spoke

just come and get it please

yes please

great and then this is heavy rain um

this is actually about cultural transformation

from an amostolic perspective

and we taught a little bit on this

this week who would uh

why don't you just give that to

give the second book to somebody

that'd be great cool

well once you grab a hand we'll pray Holy Spirit

thank you for what you're doing in our lives

we we we pray god for your uh your leading today

we pray that uh Lord

as we as we teach that people would be healed and Lord

that people would be delivered

people would be encouraged

pray god that you would instill in us

a great and deep sense of your presence

amen thank you Lord

there's a oh that's a

it'll update because right now I'm like in hell

it's red and it's now I have 5 minutes

5 minutes in hell isn't too bad

um

sorry

I want to talk about leading with my faith today and and talk some about operating out of your superpower

you know

something

I'll tell you a little bit about our own life

by the way let me introduce my wife Kathy

would you stand Kathy

I don't get to be with her on the road very often

we're we've been married 48 years

and we have four kids and 11 grandkids

and a great grandson so I said in the conference

we like our grandchildren

much better than our children

we would skip right to grandchildren

if we would have known how good they are um you know I uh I had this dream um this is probably been about a year ago I'm really bad at time so don't don't trust my time stuff at all because I'll say that was five years ago and Kathy was like that was 14 years ago so really bad at that that thing but a while back I had this dream and in the dream I saw a lion and it was on a leash and I

I I woke up from the dream and the Lord said to me you're the lion who's on a leash you've been domesticated it's time for you to be released and then I went back to sleep and had another dream and in the dream I saw a beautiful incredible this beautiful eagle and it was in a golden cage and in the dream

I was bragging about how beautiful the cage was and I woke up from the dream and the lord's like you're the eagle in the cage and you're bragging about how beautiful the cage is but you weren't meant to be a cage you're meant to fly and and then the Lord said to me something that kind of rock me he said I want you to get back to doing the deeds you did it first now I you know everybody's in a different place and different season in life so I understand that this first part may not be totally relevant to you but you know um

when when we were young and and in Weaverville was our kind of our our our starting place in in the Lord we were actually saved a few years before that but we met Bill Johnson in Weaverville and we Learned how to move in power and and you know heal the sick and all things were we're teaching today you know we were in this big well

I feel like we're still in this big laboratory learning so let me say I feel like there's so much to learn but we were definitely in the in the beginnings of of that uh of that of that laboratory and there was nothing to lose like we didn't have any money and nobody knew who we were we lived in Weaverville think about that Weaverville at least you're in Bend Oregon it kind of sounds like way upgrade from Weaverville vou know and and so you know it was like we we just did crazy stuff we just did whatever God told us to do we just did it and we didn't like we weren't thinking about how risky it was we were just did it and um and I think that we came to Bethel with that same kind of thing we came to Bethel this is a very long story that I don't have time for but we sold our businesses to a big corporation that went bankrupt before they paid us and basically uh we were supposed to have about \$200,000 to live on

we were supposed to have about \$200,000 to live on after we sold for a couple million dollars and instead we owed \$1.8 million and we lost everything including our house everything except for our furniture and our cars the only thing we are able to keep and we ended up living we lost the house we built our children grew up in and it was very tragic actually and then our leaders asked us we went to our our board our Bethel Church board we'd only been there like a month and we were brought on to the to actually start to school ministry so we left we sold our businesses was kind of like you know it's kind of like Eli Elijah Elijah falling Elijah like like

would you come and start a school ministry and things are a little tight so I can't pay you

you know Bill said

and we're like well

we'll sell our businesses

and we'll have an income for a couple of years so we won't need to pay and then we get to Bethel and that business that bought us went bankrupt before they paid us and so we obviously we're gonna go bankrupt cause we owed \$1.8 million to people hundred 27 suppliers and we went to see the board our church board at Bethel and and Bill and said hey we're resigning we have to go back and like earn a living and go bankrupt we don't wanna be bankrupt pastors that didn't sound too great and um I don't tell a story very often but the oldest board member stood up after I this was like I gave him an hour dissertation on what everything happened so they would understand exactly what we were doing and he stood up and he said would you not bankrupt for six months because I believe God's gonna do a miracle and I said I have no faith for that he said would you trust mine

and you know I mean what do you have to lose like you've already lost everything so uh he's just asking for six months so I said yeah well yeah we can not bankrupt for six months that was the request and two months later we got forgiven 900,000 of our 1.8 million and then over a period of three years we paid off or got forgiven all the 1.8 million and we never did bankrupt um but you know it was a very no to say it was a tough season was a little bit of an understatement and then by the way I didn't realize it at the time but when Bill said things were a little tight uh Bethel was also in financial trouble and our our team was holding their payroll checks and we were 120 days behind on our bills and so a little tight we were a little tight so um so anyway that's kind of what I entered Bethel I entered Bethel in in that mode and and then we just um and so you know we were we were radical

you know we were radicals

you know we just uh

came to Bethel and we started school ministry

and we had radical people

and we we were radicals ourselves

and we were doing a school supernatural ministry

we changed the name from Bethel

School Ministry to Bethel School

Supernaturals Ministry

like three months before he started school

cause we're like we wanted to track radicals

so we needed a radical name and

you know people are like

oh those people are crazy

that's what we want

we want people to know we are crazy cause we are crazy

and you know in over the years um

I hope this sounds like I mean it

but over the years we got notoriety and you know

and Kathy and my case you know

we paid off our

all of our debts and then the Lord began to prosper us

and we prayed Kathy and I prayed

this is a few years ago we prayed

we were talking about leaving a legacy for our children

and this is at night was like 11 o'clock at night

and we were just talking about man

we just want to leave a legacy for our children and

you know proverb says

a righteous man leaves a

inheritance to his children's children

and were like man

wouldn't be awesome if we could pay off our house

which we owed like \$486,000 on

and so we prayed for God That night

we prayed a short prayer longer

no longer than two minutes Lord

would you pay off our house so that we could

you know be alive

like not not die and leave like

you know leave an insurance inheritance to our children

but we could actually be alive and help our children

while they're while we're um

while we're here anyway

two weeks later we were in San Diego and a man came up

and I thought he wanted prayer

and he said I've come to pay off your house and a week later he paid our house off \$486,000 so um yeah so I and and that's just one time I can tell you thing after thing that go the lord's completely prosperous financially and and you know and we've gained like we've become known and people you know think that we're something and and all that I'm telling you all that to say that as you get known and as you have stuff like physical things houses and cars and planes and trains we don't have any planes or trains but you know when you have stuff you I think you slowly can get to this place where you have something to risk vou know it's like it wasn't like we revealed like nobody cared and nobody knew who we were and we had no money so it was nothing to risk and I didn't and then and then Covid came along and um you couldn't do anything right I you know I shared with some of the leaders are are um our journey which was very similar to many people's journey and as a leader in Covid you couldn't do anything right like you could if you opened you you were in trouble if you close your control if you wore mask you didn't wear mask you took a VAX you didn't take a VAX it just went on and on and on and then add the black lives matter to it then Benny Johnson dies in the middle of our of all of that for us our matriarch one of our matriarchs and we planted church kind of like in Covid but it was like a really awkward timing for all of us and and just all of that

like I didn't realize what was happening

but slowly a little by little

I was becoming more and more

and more concerned about what people think more and more concerned not not that I think you shouldn't care what people think but I mean it began to dictate like how I behaved there was so much criticism in Covid you you might imagine this but I was getting like emails letters private messages even snail mail like just like literally every day 20 30 emails a day about how we should be doing this and how we shouldn't be doing that and why didn't we do this and why we didn't do more of that and and we got cited three times by OSHA and went during Covid and just crazy I was in the newspaper five times for doing my grandson's wedding during Covid outdoors of course and I didn't realize it but slowly I was vou know I didn't wake up one day and say I'm afraid of people but just slowly little by little I think I began to lead my life in a way to reduce it to live with the least amount of criticism and I felt the Lord say to me I want you to do the deeds you did it first and I began to ask myself what those deeds were how that was and so so much of this message that I'm sharing with you where is the Lord speaking to me I'm like I feel like the Bill said this years ago whatever feeds me feeds them and I began to realize you know first Timothy 6:12 Timothy Paul writes to Timothy and he said fight a good fight a faith and I I

I wanna I wanna just begin by saying that faith is a fight I think that people on the outside uh maybe outside of uh our circles maybe outside of your circles cause

I feel like your circle and our circle are the same circle I mean we believe for miracles we believe that God doesn't can't

it's not just that God can do the impossible that he does the impossible and when you believe that you know like you like us like people fly from all over the world every Sunday every week to Bethel to in the healing rooms and Sunday mornings and our conferences and you know they're not just there to hear a good message they're there because they have four stage cancer or they they haven't seen their son in 10 years and they don't know if he's alive and I mean just the craziest stories I'm sure you have them too and they're there because they wanna be someplace that that has hope you know he who gives the most hope has the most influence and so we just have people sitting in our congregation coming to our conferences and they come up for prayer and they have the craziest stories and they're there because they because they heard that God still heals that God still delivers that God does miracles and and it's and and and people think that I I I think the outside world has this idea that people who move in miracles don't have any doubts like we pray for the sick and we're like we know God's gonna heal them and we don't have this like rational thought that maybe they won't get healed but the truth is I don't know anybody on our teams I don't know the person who's you know running the has has the best history of miracles doesn't struggle when they're praying for somebody for a miracle that this may not happen like like like faith is a fight is my point no matter how much how many miracles you've seen the the next one the one you're in is still fight and so I I I really believe that uh that it's important to know that everybody deals with doubt

it's important to know that everybody deals with doubt when they're moving in faith and there's once in a while in in your life and probably in mine when I you know I

I'm praying for something that I have this extraordinary

I call gift of faith where the Lord just comes in

and takes away all my doubt

but that's not my norm

and I don't think that's a normal

most people

TD Jakes made statement I love TD Jakes by the way he said god didn't send Goliath to David to kill him he sent him to reveal him such a powerful statement

god didn't send Goliath to David to kill him

he sent him to reveal him how many you know

god had already anointed him king

nobody thought that this kid could be a king until he

until he defeated Goliath

and my point is that

if God puts a giant in front of you

he's put a David in you

and and it's important that we realize that

if you have a giant in your land

is because there's a David in you

I mean

there's a Jesus Christ in you more powerful than David

you get the idea it's an analogy

oh I just baptized myself

no I'm good

don't clean it up I'm good

and um

in Romans chapter 1 verse 17

it says that the righteous shall live by faith

the righteous shall live by faith

it's really important that

we don't just have a faith experience

but that actually our whole life is a life of faith

our life is a life of faith we

we don't it's not just what I do on Sundays or

or I gotta work up some faith

for someone who needs a miracle

of course we have we all have that

but actually

but actually Paul said the righteous

she'll actually live by faith

and and so I

I was thinking about

a couple of things came to my mind

you know do you guys

would you guys know who Danny Silk is

why let Danny Silk to the Lord

although Bill gets credit for it

Danny was 16 years old when I met him

he was we were working at tire store together

he was a drug addicted drug pusher

definitely did not know the Lord

living with his girlfriend

and I was plaguing him with the Holy Ghost

you know you can't overdose on the Holy Ghost

and I was uh I'm

I'm like six years older than him

so I was talking about the Lord every day

and he was like no no

I was the uh

I was the um

the shop manager and he was the tire buster guy in

out front and so

um a few years later

probably about five years later

and we we would kind of stay in touch

I mean we definitely were not

you know running with the same people but um

he would I had a service station and repair shop

and he would stop by once in a while and say hi and

you know I work on his car whatever

and one one day comes by and he's like hey

this is he

he goes hey

I wanna do that thing

the thing you talked about

well you know

we'd had a lot of conversations

I wasn't sure what thing he meant

to be honest

it didn't occur to me that he wanted to receive Christ

and uh he

there was like no cracks in the foundation

that he wanted to receive Christ

I'm like what thing

he goes you know

that thing I'm like no

I don't know what thing you're talking about

he goes you know

that thing where you say that prayer and then you become a Christian I said you wanna be a Christian he said yeah that thing

I said well

why don't you come to church with me on Sunday and every Sunday we pray for people to receive the Lord and you know

you could you can receive the Lord there and I just thought it would be good for him I could have prayed from there

but I wanted him to get in a family cause he's you know

basically born into a family with no dad so he's like okay so he comes to church um

you know at the end of Bill sermon he he's you know Bill's always like hey

if there's anyone here needs a Lord come up and and Danny comes up and prays for him and he receives the Lord

that was really cool

but what something profound happened after that now

I want you to know like in our little church of 202 50 um you know that nobody in our church I don't think a single person in our church knew Danny I I

I don't know anybody who did if they did and so he was running in other circles and about a week or two or three weeks later we had a prophet named Dick Joyce would anybody know who Dick Joyce is some of the older folks would know because well he's been he's passed a while ago but he was like a really profound prophet that was running in our circles with Dick Mills

Dick Joyce used to come to our church every every twice a year and he we we liked his teaching but we loved his prophetic ministry and so Danny was like I don't know 3 weeks old in the Lord probably any call Dick Joyce calls Danny out of the congregation has him stand up and gives us incredible word like you're gonna be the next James Dobson kind of word and you know I see this thing on you and you're gonna

you're gonna reconcile families there's a spirit of counsel on you the spirit of wisdoms on you like this is like I I'm like

you know when you're standing there and you're like wow this would be a miracle

but a really cool thing happened

that I didn't understand actually

till years later looking back

and you you know

okay

Danny uh you know started walking with the Lord yeah he became our next pastor and we reveal by the way

so when Bill went to uh Redding

Danny became our next pastor

that was actually part of a prophecy he got later

that he would be our next pastor

and but here's the here's what I wanna share with you none of those people in that congregation or very few

if there was any knew him past present

everybody in the congregation that was there that day

they all began to know him future prison

and what I'm getting at is that because they

only know him future present

they actually invited him into his divine destiny

because they knew him after the spirit

you know second Corinthians 5:17

almost everyone can quote

if you've been a Christian any length of time

if any man be in Christ he's a new creation

but the previous verse is the verse that I have been

really you know

profoundly touched by in the last couple years

and that says we know

we know each other no longer after the flesh

although we knew Christ this way once

we know him this way no more

the next verse says if any man being Christ

he's a new creation

all things have passed away and all things become new

you probably notice I shared at the conference but the word new in the Greek there

that word new cause two words for the word new that

that word new means prototype never before created

and Paul's point is

is that we don't know each other after the flesh we know each other after our new prototype and there's something that happens in a culture like what would happen if our churches became a a a

a breeding ground where we no longer know people past present but we begin to relate to them in faith future present are you with me

and we invite them into their divine destiny

not just because we're prophesying about their future

but because we're behaving

as if they've already walked into their future

see I think prophetic ministry can give you a

a word but

I think it takes a prophetic culture

for you

to actually become the person that you need to be

to actually walk that word out

in 1st Samuel 9 you probably know these verses

but in 1st Samuel 9 is a story of Saul

who will now become king Saul

Saul encounters Samuel the prophet

and Samuel the prophet you know

Saul's looking for donkeys

and God says to Samuel

tomorrow there's gonna be a young man here

he's gonna he's gonna be looking for donkeys

but you're gonna anoint him king

so he encounters Saul encounter Samuel

doesn't know he's Samuel and says hey

we're looking for a profit

and you know cause

cause his servant Saul servant said hey

why don't we go see if there's a prophet in this town

maybe knows where donkeys are

so he encounters Saul Samuel

Saul encounter Samuel

doesn't know he's the prophet and says hey

we're looking for a prophet

he goes on the prophet

by the way the donkeys you lost

they've been found but tomorrow morning

I want you to stay with me for I'm gonna tell you

tomorrow morning

I'm gonna tell you all that's in your heart

get this all that's in your heart

for aren't you

the one that everyone in Israel's waiting on

and Saul goes

I don't know why you're talking to me like this

I'm from the smallest tribe

and the smallest family in Israel in other words

Samuel says I'm gonna tell you what's in your heart

but Saul doesn't seem to know that

there's anything great in his heart

the next morning he anoints Saul king

but like to show you that he anointed

he gave him the right word to the wrong guy

because Samuel says this all listen

you're gonna be king he anoints some king

now I want you to go down to this place

and for the sake of time

I will say where the prophets were coming down from

the mountain actually

they're coming from Bethel

think about that

something might be more powerful than you think

happening to you right now

there's prophets coming down from Bethel

you're going to you're going to join these prophets

and when you do

you're gonna be changed into another man

I'd like to point out

that Saul wasn't changed into a different man

he was changed back into the man he was supposed to be

that low self esteem

and all the disappointments of his life

had changed him into someone he wasn't supposed to be

but here's my point

the prophetic word declared who he was

but the prophetic culture

changed him into the man he had to be

so he could be king

here we go are you with me

and and I'm saying

what would happen if we live by faith

and we had this prophetic culture

where we're actually calling people

not just calling people

but we're calling people future present

we're calling the the the drug addict

the the drug pusher the the retrograde

we're calling him great and then we're inviting him or her into their divine destiny yes we're creating thorough ways in the spirit I could see this vision right now that we're creating highways highways where there's no stop lights in the spirit there's no stop lights are you with me there's no stop signs it's like somebody gets a word but then they come into our culture and I think this church is gonna be famous okay you should write this down this church is gonna be famous for taking broken people and making great people out of them Isaiah 61 I see it written over the door the spirit of the Lord God is upon you for the Lord is anointing you to preach the good news the afflicted bind up the broken heart speak release the captain freedom prisoners favorable year the Lord the day of vengeance of god grant all those who mourned Zion and give him a Gar instead of ashes a mantle praise instead of a spirit of fainting that they might be called oaks of righteous planting of the Lord that he may be glorified now here's verse 4 the verse that you're you're you're trying to live out you are living it out verse 4 says that then they shall return who who is they the people who are broken oppressed captives the ash people right they got beauty for ashes those people the morning people they got joy those few then they shall rebuild then they shall return they shall rebuild the ancient rooms they shall raise up the former devastation and rebuild room cities like the people who are the builders the rebuilders of ruined cities the people who had the first three verses of Isaiah but I think the Danny Silks of the world are gonna fill this place the former drug acts like I see a great wave of evangelism

leading to cultural transformation like I see the next five years

as

this place is gonna fill up with people who are broken

but you're gonna know them future

present that they won't even be running with

you won't even know their past

if you're with me

so the lord's talk to me about living from faith

I I remember uh we we were uh

I used to go to the convalescent hospital in weerville

uh with a friend of mine

his name was Paul Schmidt and Paul was a deputy

uh sheriff's deputy and uh

he he actually started the ministry

and I joined him like years later

and we just go to the common lesson hospital

and basically just love on the old people

an hour before our church service started

and uh

and before we uh

would go into the uh Comblescen hospital

we'd always stand out front and

and just pray a short prayer like

Lord be with us let us encourage people

please heal people that

and it was just a very simple low key uh ministry

we'd often bring our kids and our wives

and so once uh

Sunday morning we were standing outside uh uh

uh of the

of the common us in hospital like we always had

we done it for five years actually

and uh

and and we were praying of just a very simple prayer

nothing nothing

you know

like you would think Holy Ghost anointed at all

just a simple discipline of prayer

and as we were praying

by the way those prayers are like 2 minutes long

so I don't want you to think was like prayer meeting

as we're like when Paul prayed

and then when I went to pray

instead of praying for the Collesque Hospital

I heard these words come out of my mouth

I'm trying to point out that I didn't anticipate them I didn't pre conceive them I heard myself say you shall be the next sheriff of Trinity County what shouldn't have much to do with the convalescent hospital if you'd notice he was a deputy sheriff I said you'll be the next sheriff of Trinity County I hadn't anticipated and thought about that we'd never had a conversation about it and he said what did you say to me I said I think I just said you're gonna be the next sheriff of Trinity County well this is a very long story but the short story is that when the incumbent sheriff in our county is running a deputy sheriff who's on payroll cannot run against him so he had to quit his job uh to run against the sheriff because the incumbent sheriff who had won five terms was running again so he quit his job and then he said that Paul said to to Danny and I would you be my campaign manager to be honest I've never voted before for anybody much less be a campaign manager so Danny and I became his campaign manager and the short story is on that is that there was nine people running and he took seventh great campaign managers right and we all cried like we cried and and we were actually at the at the courthouse watching the the precinct votes come in and it was about 50 of us there from our church or you know we were like a family and we're watching that we all knew about the prophetic words and and you know we were like it wasn't so much that we cried because he wasn't sheriff but we cried partly because the prophetic word

this was the first directional

prophetic word that we had ever seen given

like so directional and it failed

and so that was of course

on a Tuesday and then on the next morning

which would have been I guess

no Saturday morning

I get a phone call

it's 6:00 in the morning Paul gets up early

he's a bodybuilder guy reads his Bible

Super Discipline I'm sleeping

like old man dream dreams

I love being a profit cause I get paid to sleep

where the other people have to work with people

he calls me at 6 in the morning

I pick up the phones before cell phones and like

half asleep like yes hello

he's like hey

this is Paul Schmidt what are you doing

I'm like sleeping

he goes hey

I need to talk to you my what

what's going on he said

I feel like I'm supposed to run as a right in Kennedy

now remember

I have no political experience whatsoever

I said right in Kennedy

he said yeah

I said does that

does that mean like your name is not on the belt

he's like yeah

I said well

when your name was on the belt

you took seventh

not third seventh

he goes I know

but the Lord told me I was gonna be the sheriff

I'm like yeah

I gave you that word

let's just confess together that that was a bad word

what will you will you

will you help me I

I don't know so anyway

we end up helping him

and you know

so you know

there's all these rules about writing candidates

you can't have a sign

within 300 feet of a polling station all the stuff and anyway the short story is he ran as a writing candidate his name wasn't on the belt and he took 67% of the vote and won the canister here's part of the profound part so the Sunday before the Tuesday of the final election Bill Johnson said I think we're supposed to annoy Paul Sheriff this this keeps getting worse so we brought Paul Schmidt up and laid hands on him and anoints him as as sheriff before the Tuesday of the vote and there was all kinds of testimonies for a couple of years that that went on people who were actually you know in the newspaper supporting the other candidates said I had a dream support Paul Schmidt I I heard person after person who said I went into the voting station and an audible voice said to me right in Paul Schmidt so we had all these crazy encounters but it tells me that nothing's impossible with God and by the way he won four more four more terms after that without having to be a riding candidate which was incredible in Matthew chapter 9 Jesus encounters a blind man and the blind man says would you heal me and Jesus says do you let me quote him exactly he said to him do you believe that I'm able to do this do you believe I'm able to do this and he said yes Lord and the Lord touched him's eyes and said to him it shall be according listen this to your faith in other words he's saying hey the level of healing you get isn't gonna be according to my faith it's gonna be according to your faith and it stimulates something in me a few things first of all

how many know faith is creating alternative realities

he was blind and he saw can I say that again faith creates alternative realities he was blind

in this man's case

now he sees here are some questions I ask myself I like to ask you what if the primary component to our destiny isn't education skill experience capability or even calling but what if it's faith listen I'm not saying don't go to college I'm not saying don't get an education I'm saying what

if the primary component to our destiny has little to do with how we

how we perform but who we believe what if we are spending our lives waiting for the ultimate opportunity

but god is waiting for us to believe

what he said about us

why did it get quiet in here

guys were like all a minute just a few minutes ago what

if your faith is responsible for your current reality that's right okay here we go what if your faith what if my faith

is responsible for your current reality and your daily life unfolds in the visible realm according to the invisible expectations of your own heart like

what if your condition right now is directly related not to how hard you work or the your financial capability or your education or what

if your current situation is directly related to the faith you have

I guess you got quiet cause you're like my life sucks and you're blaming me well what if your life sucks and it is your fault well let me say it differently what if your life sucks and it isn't your fault but it's your responsibility and what if your life sucks and it isn't your fault but it is your responsibility and you can shift it just by leaving okay so the bad news is your life may suck I don't know maybe it doesn't you know maybe it's wonderful you like that's me

I'm living by faith

but if you're sitting here feeling condemned

and you're like oh man

he's saying that my current situation is

cause I don't believe God

but what if it's true

and what if all you have to do is believe God

man

that's a ton easier than a whole bunch of other ideas

you might had

like maybe I get a fourth job

maybe I put my children up for adoption I mean you know

I'm saying there's like

hahaha oh I was better point

I'm just pointed out that you could take it away

I don't mean it

I'm saying what if everything could shift

you're the blind man sort of speak

it's a metaphor like you're the blind man

you've lived blind your whole life

your whole freaking life has been darkness

and you run into someone that goes

hey

I could shift this for you if you'll just believe

I mean

think about if your current situation could shift

if you just would believe

and what if it's in your capacity to believe like

well my problem is I don't have faith but you could

because the Bible says that

everyone's been given a measure of faith

what if your measure of faith is been used up in fear

because how many fears faith in the wrong God

let me say that again you have faith

you have it you may not feel like it

but if you're alive and breathing and taking up space

you have faith

fear is faith

what do you mean by that well

think about it if a little boy came up to me and said

I'm gonna beat you up I have no anxiety

you know why I don't believe him

but if some gangster came up said I'm gonna beat you up

I have anxiety you know why

cause I believe him same circumstance

one I don't believe one I believe

what I'm getting at is

you can't have fear without faith

cause fear goes

something bad's about to happen to me fear says

oh man I don't know what we're gonna do about the rent

next week I mean

the reason you're worried about it is because what you

the way you see that isn't the little boy

but the gangster

okay I'm trying

I'm not trying to discourage you

I'm trying to encourage you

I'm like everything could shift

can I say that in my life

I have faith for a lot of faith for certain things

and I'm like pee wee Herman on other things

I am a contrast in conflict

like when it comes to money

I mean Cathy and I've had so many miracles

like I don't even have permission to not have faith

for money

and I just told you one miracle

I could tell you miracle after miracle

things that have happened to Bethel

since I've been there there

partly related to my faith

and partly related to the team

and Bill and everybody else

I mean everybody gets credit off obviously

it's all about the Lord

but there are other things

like little tiny things that cause me anxiety

I'm like where is your faith

I'm like I don't know it's in there somewhere

can't find it right now

I bet you have those contrast in like

do I believe God or not I don't know

it depends on what we're talking about

I struggle with this in my own life

like how can I not like one second

I'm like I got this

the Lord decrees somebody else comes up and they got

you know a fingernail

a green grown toenail I'm like

oh Lord please

in Jesus name

oh God

if you're ever gonna do it do it now sweat pouring off my head you knows wet to my underwear you know it's like you guys probably have the same freaking thing happen right there's areas in your life that have you have great success and there's areas that you really want success in that you're like pee wee Herman you're like

I don't get why my life sucks only here yeah and and there might be other reasons but I'm just asking it as a question what if it's because you have no faith for that and it's not to shame you it's to say what if you got out of the boat love a story about the boat walk right the the water walk with Peter because he's got 12 world changers and 11 of them are in the boat you know doing a commentary on the stupid guy that's how church feels often you're the idiot that's in the newspaper while the 11 guys look wise and did nothing I'd like to point out the only people that have bugs on their windshield

are people that actually leave the garage Jeez I'm right about this Paul said in Romans that his apostle ship was for this one purpose

for the to bring about the obediences of Romans 1 5

to bring about the obedience of faith among the Gentiles he said my goal of my entire parcelship is to bring about the obedience of faith and I'd like to point out that his former life as a pharmacy his entire pharmaceutical purpose was to bring about the obedience to the law and now he says

I'm no longer trying to get people to obey the law I'm trying to get to them to obey faith I don't know about you but this is a stunning concept like faith is something I have to obey like if the Lord says

I'm gonna raise that person from wheelchair

you get that in your spirit you actually have to obey that

you're not responsible

for the person getting out of the wheelchair

people say I can't heal the sick

Jesus said heal the sick

he didn't say pray for the sick

he said heal the sick

so I'm responsible the partner

and my partner he's the elephant on the mouse

we cross the bridge like

didn't we shake that bridge

but I'm saying

I have to cross the bridge with the elephant

I'm the one that has to initiate the action

and if that woman

or man doesn't get up out of that wheelchair

and walk it's not my fault

but it is my responsibility that's right

I'm pointing out that there is an obedience to faith

I can't just say I have faith

what are you doing about it

what am I doing about it and I wrote this

are you living beyond your means

because faith requires us to live beyond our means

beyond our ability

beyond our natural capacity to perform

have you ever

noticed that the Lord thing the Lord calls you to

can't happen without him

did you ever notice that you have you ever done this

if you're like here Lord here's my strengths

I took the strength binders test

and here's five of them lords like

that's awesome we won't be using you there

seriously

do you know

the Apostle Paul was a famous expert in Jewish law

and when he got saved and put into his purpose

the Lord said we'll put you over the Gentiles

he knows nothing about gentiles

as a matter of fact he grew up hating them

guy goes perfect we'll put you over the gentiles Lord

I know nothing about gentiles

that's the point and Peter who's a fisherman he goes

who knows nothing about the law

or you'll be over the Jews

come on I don't know about you

but sometimes

you spend your life studying to be expert at something

guy goes awesome glad you got 6 year degree

you won't be doing that

what am I gonna be doing you'll be doing this Lord

I can't sing I know

we all know

I'd like to point out that

when the Lord calls you by faith

to something it's usually something you can't do

it's usually not

based on how strong you are at something

unless the Lord gave you a superpower right

often the Lord gives us a superpower

not related to our personality

not related to our ability

and he gives us a superpower and he tells me like

you're gonna write books I'm like

I can't spell I can't type you know

I know speaker too good

was like perfect when people read your books

they'll either know you suck or that you trusted me

and I'm just pointing out that

the Lord often calls us to our weakness

and we get scared because we think it's all about us

do you know that trials don't test your character

I hear people say all the time

well trials test your character

they probably do

but that's not the purpose of the trial

James 1 says that consider all joy in the converse trials

knowing the testing of your faith produces endurance

is that am I supposed to do something oh

some kind of signal you have

when someone says something that isn't scriptual

I noticed the two usher stood I'm like

let me quote the Bible here

in all seriousness

trials test your faith in other words

what we're supposed to learn in a trial

a trial is something that looks bigger than you right

that's a trial what am I supposed to do

I'm supposed to trust god

like the goal of the trials that I trust god it doesn't mean I don't have some responsibility but it means ultimately I'm not trusting my ability even though I may have a responsibility like you know I may be broken gotta go so get get go get go get a job but

I'm not trusting that my job's gonna solve the problem I'm trusting that my job is an act of faith okay

okay a couple more things then I'll be done in Mark chapter 11 verse 20

it's the story of Jesus with his disciples and they they're walking down the road and there's a fig tree it's it's it's out of season

it's not season for figs

Jesus goes over to get a fig and there's no figs and Jesus gets upset and curses the fig tree and evidently the next day they're walking back by that same fig tree and the fig tree he cursed is withered up and dead and Peter goes dude the tree and Jesus says

have faith in God and he makes a statement he says to him have faith in god truly I say that to you whoever says to this mountain be take it up and cast and see it does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says is going to happen it will be granted to him therefore

say to you all things for which you pray and ask believe

believe that you receive them and they'll be granted to you I I'd like to point out that faith is voice activated Jesus said if you say to this mountain are you with me I I I'm just saying okay how do I know if I have faith well you have faith it's what you do with it so if I have a mountain I need to speak to it let's say my son is wayward or my daughter is I don't know become a prostitute

what do I do well one of the first things I do is

my these are things I care deeply about

and I'm not talking about to them but in my prayer closet I began to speak to Joanne Joanne you're coming home Joanne listen when you were born we dedicate you to the Lord Joanne the spirit of purity is on your life Joanne you are and I begin to prophesy how many prophecy is foretelling but it's also foretelling I'm causing I'm not foretelling I'm telling you what's going to happen foretelling is I'm causing it to happen Ezekiel's Boneyard I'm speaking to Joanne I'm speaking to Henry I'm speaking to my finance it's like you will prosper yeah that's right what do I do when I believe I began to speak to my mountains how many know that the complaining is to the devil what praise is to God some of us you know the more anointed you get the more powerful your words are negative and positive may the president United States says something negative it's on everybody's radar within 30 seconds why cause he's anointed he says something positive that's on the radar you get the idea it's like the more anointed you are the more positive Holy Spirit energy you carry but also more negative energy you carry you get really anointed like prophetically and you start complaining what happens is you're taking mo hills and making them in the mountains and wondering why the valleys are so low remember when the children Israel marched around Jericho and god said shut up don't talk for 7 days I mean this is one decree like don't talk

why because

is to shout

walls are gonna fall and then the first thing

God's trying to get them to believe that

they were only allowed to say for seven days

are you phone me

I'm pointing out that I don't know if you're like me

I'm an external processor

my wife's an internal processor

when she gets scared

she just like shuts down into like a safe

nobody can talk to her

when I get scared I talk to everybody

you thought about the bad situation we're in

we should talk about this

let's just tell everybody

how terrible of time I'm having

even strangers

it's really important what we say

remember fear is what

faith and wrong gone

when I have fear and I'm talking out of fear

I'm actually also creating realities

second Corinthians 4 says

I believe therefore I spoke

I believe therefore I spoke

that's a good work what am I doing for time

did they just give me more time

I see the security guard sat back down and

in numbers 13

again it's a story

the 10 spies I'm telling you stories

cause I know that most of you know these stories

but the 12 spies so the 12 spies go into the land

you know the story if you don't quickly

Moses sends to all spies in the Promised Land to say

hey figure out where we should go up

not if we should go where we should go up

and by the way bring some bring some fruit back

they bring back fruit

they say that the grapes were size of watermelons

like this is very fruitful

like more than we thought could happen

and so the 10 spies get up

and they begin to give an account

and talk about how fruitful the land is

which in the beginning sounds like a great report

it's like when someone writes you a letter and they go

I really love you you're awesome

you know you're about to get hammered

the next paragraph isn't so good

but the land is full of giants and they go on to say and the giants consume the land they are everywhere they consume the land and they made this statement and we became like grasshoppers in our own site and so we were in their site I want to say this again we became like grasshoppers in their sight and I'm sorry I said wrong right we became like grasshoppers in our own site did I say that we became like grasshoppers in our own site and so we were in theirs and I like to point out the facts will never satisfy a fearful heart you can't reason a spear to fear out of a faithless person you can only cast it out people who analyze things until they are paralyzed aren't looking for ways to win but searching for reasons to justify their unbelief unbelief grows in an action in action anesthesizes courage and rocks radical faith to sleep fear often masquerades as wisdom but it's a homeless coward unwilling to live in the shelter responsibility and perseverance so Mo and Aaron are down on the ground weeping Caleb stands up and says hey we saw the Giants we saw the fruit and he says this to them do not rebel against the Lord and do not fear the people of the land for they shall be to us our pray the word pray in Hebrew is the word daily bread you know we're praying our father who's in heaven hallowed be your name your kingdom come you will be done on earth as it is heaven give us today our daily bread remember remember that the Ten spice said we were like grasshoppers remember what John the Baptist did he ate grasshoppers

Caleb said listen

we saw those giants

and they shall be to us our daily will

eat them for breakfast

do you know that those giants that they saw

that cut them out of the land

all those guys you know

that gave those bad reports and all

of those people who came out of Egypt

except for Josh 1 Caleb

they all died in the wilderness

because of those giants they saw

and you know that

when Caleb and Joshua finally got them 40 years later

into the Promised Land do you know that

there's no record of them ever fighting a giant

you may say well

Caleb took the land of the Anakin

they were giants well possibly

but there was no recorded battle that Caleb ever had

if he had a battle

it wasn't significant enough to even put it in the book

and do you know that

the only giant that's ever recorded

that they fought or that

let's say first giant ever recorded

that they fought in the Promised Land

wasn't fought for 370 years

and then

a 15 year old kid killed it with a freaking rock

yeah

think about what I just said

they didn't encounter a giant that was worth recording

for 370 years a whole generation felt

died in the wilderness

because they're afraid of a giant

and when they finally encounter one

a kid killed with a rock

I'm not talking about their giants

I'm talking about yours

like what you fear probably won't even see

and what is keeping you out of your promise land

it's possible that your infant will kill it

your elementary school kids

liable to destroy the very thing that you keep

keeping you from your purpose

good point Chris

worry is a squatter living

rent free in my mind and destroying my house of faith

worry plants

weed seeds of destructive possibilities in my brain which infect my imagination with movies of mayhem

and madness I wanna make doubt

a homeless vagabond

that finds no habitation in my yard of possibility

yes

faith

creates alternative ends to my personal documentary

it rewrites the final frame of my happy

ever after script

I wanna make one more point about faith

James said James Chapter 2 verse 14

what use is it my brother

if some say he has faith but has no works

can that faith save him

if a brother or sister without clothing

is without clothing and needed daily food

one says to him go in peace and be warmed and filled

yet you do not give him what's necessary for his body

what uses that so even so

faith if it has no works is dead being by itself

it goes on for another 20 verses

and then he he ends with this well

let's say this part

the scripture says that Abram believe god

I was reckoned him as righteousness

as he was called a friend of god

you see that a man is justified not justified by works

not by faith alone in the same way

not only was rehab the harlot

also justified by works

when she received the messengers and sent them out

another way

for just as the body without the spirit is dead

so faith without works is dead okay

so we said this

we said faith creates alternative realities

we said faith that faith is activated through words

you speak to this mountain

and the last thing I wanna say is

faith is catalyzed through action

it's catalyzed through action

I noticed you have some resin tables

tables that were coated with resin I used to work with resin when I was in high school and the teacher the shop teacher told us okay all everybody who's in the class I want you to go buy a gallon of resin and get some partner so we went and bought a gallon of resin all all the students that were in the class and then so I got the gallon resin and then I told the guy behind the counter at this paint store hey I need some hardener for the resin my my teacher said give me some hardener so I got this gallon resin and he sends and he gives me this little 2 ounce bottle of hardener and I'm like sir excuse me I I have a gallon of resin and I need enough hardener to make the gallon heart he's like yeah you just need you just put a few drops in this this little thing's gonna make all that heart he's like yeah and I Learned by working with resin that you just need a few drops of resin for a whole bunch of I'm sorry few drops of catalyst for a whole bunch of resin but if you have too much catalyst in there it gets hot and cracks and you put too little in there it stays sticky and gooey my point is is that so many things are made out of resin but without a little catalyst you just have goo the Lord is the resin but you need a couple drops of catalyst to create anything by faith are you with me and I'm pointing out that a lot of you have a bunch of goo and you're like I feel like I have a lot of faith it's like okay

you wanna catalyze your resin you need works come on like

he said faith

there's something you're supposed to do

to catalyze the resin and think about what he says

he said just as the body without the spirit is dead so faith without works is dead

think about how dead your body is if it has no spirit

and said you have faith

but you you haven't done any work

it's completely as dead as your body with no spirit

there's something you have to do

I love the story I told earlier

when Bill Johnson brought Paul Schmidt up

and anointed him

he anointed him sheriff two days before the vote

like there's something

there's something you have to do

sometimes to catalyze faith

there's the prophecy there's a prophetic decoration

but this is only gonna happen by faith

cause he's already lost in the primary

and Bill had this insight

let's bring him up and anoint him Sheriff

huge risk but I

but in my mind that catalyzed that prophetic decoration

and brought him into his divine destiny

it changed if you will

it created an alternative reality

you may have a wayward son

you haven't seen for 10 years

I told you where I'd start

I began to prophesy my son's return

maybe like the prodigal sons father

who went out every day into his field of dreams

and look for his son to return

it wasn't by chance that when his son came back

his father was already waiting in his field of dreams

I'm saying the father was making a face statement

my son's returning I know he is

I'm going out there every day till my son gets back

it may be for you you may make your son's favorite meal

and freeze it as a sign a declaration

you're coming home we're gonna thaw that meal out

the day you knock on my door

maybe you paint the room his favorite colors

you know I

I don't I don't know what to do

my point is do something that catalyzes faith

do something that catalyzes faith

would you stand

I uh I have this word that just came to me a minute ago I feel like there's a Barnabas in this room vou know uh without uh Barnabas there would be no Paul Barnabas took a hold of Paul Saul who became Paul who wrote 13 books of New Testament the rest of the apostles wanted nothing to do with him and then Barnabas didn't want anything to do with the guy named Mark Cause he ran away during a church planting episode and Barnabas took a hold of Mark and Mark wrote the book of Mark 20 years later if it wasn't for Barnabas there be no Mark there be no 13 books of the Bible there be no 14 books of the Bible cause most New Testament is written by Paul and then one of the Gospels written by Mark think about what would be missing if there wasn't a bar of this and and I I feel like the Lord is anointing a Barnabas right now a barn of a spirit and I feel like there's heat in your chest right now that you didn't walk in with and it's not a condition that you had but it's in your chest it feels like your chest is on fire who is that would you raise your hand please yes that's so funny cause I thought it was you would you come up here so encouraging for me would you just extend your hands towards this man what's your name Ron Ron I feel like the lord's anointing you as a Barnabas in this house do you even go to this church okay well think about that Lord I bless this man in Jesus name I release this coat of many colors I release this barn of a spirit over him that he would be a man who's catalytic to people's greatness

that he would measure his success

by how many other people

that he inspires to greatness I pray that he'd be a father to sons and he would be hope to the rejected that he would be arms extended to those who run away in fear Lord I bless this man I pray that you put the word of the Lord in his mouth for people who maybe the other leaders have rejected that he could be a catalyst to their divine purpose and to their greatness in Jesus name thank you Lord amen thank you Lord um yeah that's a good word um is somebody in here your hands are on fire like I get it's not a condition you came with but like you and you don't have to think if that's me like your hands are on fire would you come up right here right now please I felt that there was a miracle annoying being released for healing so Lord we just extend your hands to these folks right here Lord we bless these people right here in Jesus name and we release a miracle anointing over them right now in Jesus name that literally not just healing but that miracles would break out when they're in the room in Jesus name Lord let there be like an Amy Simple Mcpherson kind of mantle on this woman right here in Jesus name let the fire of god rest on her let there be a preaching mantle on her Lord expand her capacity for uh for understanding the word let a teaching anointing flow from her but let it result in people believing God Lord I just release that to her in Jesus name out of the stadium stands and onto the field Lord I release that to her in Jesus name thank you Lord let the fire of God be on this woman right now in Jesus name fill her Lord fill her with your presence

thank you Lord

I bless what you're doing in these guys in Jesus name thank you Lord

thank you Lord

give me your hands Lord

I bless this woman

I pray that you'd increase her anointing

God I pray

that there would be a spirit of reconciliation

in her life that she reconcile people

both to god and to one another

that there would be a gift of counsel

Isaiah 9 6 and 7 that

that

the spirit of god is called the Wonderful Counselor

let the gift of council be on this woman

thank you Lord

I bless what you're doing these people

Lord thank you for this man

I thank you for this prophetic gift that's on his men

what a pray that would grow

and that you would give him insight

and give spiritual experiences

like Bob Jones Lord

I just opened the door to new revelation for him

and Lord

and that you take away the fear of people and Lord

he would be a man who's connected and who's um

who runs with the in community

I bless what you're doing this man in Jesus name

thank you Lord Lord

I thank you for this woman

I just I pray your Grace to be on her right now

but everything that was meant for evil in your life

God's turned around for good like Joseph

you're gonna say to your brothers

what you meant for evil God meant for good for me

and I see the Lord taking your ashes

and making it into beauty

that things that you thought would be

would hold you back

or actually you're standing on them

they're elevating your your uh

your perspective and your your ability to see Lord

I pray that you would cause this woman

to be a deliverer of those oppressed by the enemy

that her story her story

would become a salvation story

for thousands and thousands of people

I see you on talk show telling your story Lord

I just release this story

to be a story that frees many people

in Jesus name thank you Lord

is there a Joanne in here

someone named Joanne

somebody's like I'll change my name to Joanne

that'd be great

thank you Lord

thank you Lord I thank you for this young man

what's your name Steven

oh Lord

I thank you for Steven

Lord I just

I thank you for what you're doing to him right now

Lord thank you that you're solving his situation

his inner world Lord

thank you that you put it to rest or you

you've had a great call on this man's life

and thank you Lord that

that he's not to stay in the shadows

but to be out front as a man of courage

a man of strength and a man of great wisdom

I bless this man in Jesus name

thank you Lord

I bless your child

is this your first child third

your third oh

you're doing good you guys kind of like rabbits huh

Lord we just bless this child in Jesus name

what's his name Milo

Milo wow

Lord we bless Milo in Jesus name

bless Mom Dad

thank you Lord

bless what you're doing to them

a house of laughter

your house would be a house of laughter

a house of connection a house for depressed

depressed people

that

depressed people would come in and be filled with joy

ha let your house be a house with

that depressed people come to

and become filled with joy like on the floor laying on the floor rolling down rolling around filled with joy yeah and may you be a bartender of the Holy Spirit serving up the joy of the Lord this is these people are not drunk as you suppose but they are definitely drunk and I just pray that your house would be a bar people would come to get drunk in the Holy Spirit and be filled with joy in Jesus name thank you Lord thank you Lord and Lord I just bless this church I pray God for an outbreak in this community Lord I pray for the Danny Silks of the world to fill this place Lord I pray that this place would grow exponentially and that in 27 months they'd say this place is too small for us we need a bigger place we need more room we need to stretch out Lord I pray that there should be a Holy Spirit vortex right now I prophesy a Holy Spirit vortex that people would come from all over to be discovered to be developed and to be deployed Lord that this house would move from a from a from a house of just shepherding to a house this like an army this is like an army base it's like training Holy Spirit terrorist Lord I pray we train Holy Spirit terrorists in here not to terrorize humans but to terrorize the devil I pray that that these leaders would become generals in the faith Lord we just release a new anointing for a new day that stripes would be put on their shoulders that metals would be put on their chest Lord I bless this day as a day of transition in Jesus name amen God bless you thank you for listening come on come on well um

just wanna invite you guys um

uh if you've got kids

you can go pick them up I just I just wanna invite you the ministry team to come forward and I feel like what Chris released today is for a lot a lot of people and so um I just encourage you to come forward as our ministry team is up here um if you need prayer for anything or if you feel like what was released is is for you which I I personally know it's for many people um that haven't come forward yet then please make your way forward and um our team will pray for you pray over you and um we're just excited to to have you guys here and be able to have the opportunity pray over you so thank you so much for um being part of what we're doing here at Eagle Mountain thank you for um for just being part of God's story that he's unfolding here so I'm gonna pray and release you guys so father thank you for thank you for today thank you for this weekend thank you for your servants that have come and poured into this house and in this region and and the people that are representing as ambassadors their regions that are watching online for their cities and their regions and and for their families and I ask that you would just just you you would just seal the things that you spoke into existence through your servants as you would just seal those we just say yes and amen to what you're doing right now father we say yes for the opportunities that you're setting before us right now we say yes to the action and the faith the cheers just stirring up inside of us right now so we just thank you again

right now we say yes to the action and the faith the cheers just stirring up inside of us right now so we just thank you again we just love you Jesus we just wanna serve you we wanna make you famous we wanna do everything that you created us to do we want to do in a way that honors you in your name in Jesus name amen all right you guys thank you we'll see you guys next week I just I love you thank you I miss you I miss you I can't believe you this is my ex this is in the middle of space