

Stand Still & Go Forward, Pt. 4

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Exodus 14:13-14 (NKJV)

“And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

In our last teaching, we were discussing 4 vital ingredients for our success and advancements during times of difficulties, adversities, and major changes in our culture and nation.

1. Mature in love based on 1 John 4:17-19 (NKJV) - “Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.”

2. Stand Still and See

- a. When you're experiencing adversity, demonic attacks, bad reports, and tough times, what is your focus, center of attention and concentration during your trial, adversity, and testing?

The devil's main thrust against you is to distract you by what you see, hear, or feel, and then attack your mind with thoughts that your present circumstances are not going to change and God's promises are not going to manifest!!

Let's, again, look at Abraham.

- b. **Romans 4:17-24 (NKJV)** - “(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead..”
 - i. vs 18...contrary to natural hope, in hope (joyful and confident expectation; trust in God and His promises) believed, so he Became according to what was spoken!!
 - ii. vs 19... **Romans 4:19 (ESV)** - “He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.”

Unbelief will keep its focus on the facts of your present situation as if, it is an impossibility.

Unbelief is consumed with the difficulties, only stares at the circumstances, and meditates on what is instead of what has been promised and what will be.

Peter walking on the water, **Matthew 14:29-30 (NKJV)** - "So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Faith sees the facts, does not deny the facts but turns its focus on something (the Word of God) and someone else (God).

It was a fact, that at a hundred years old Abraham was impotent but he didn't focus on his impotence but on God who is OMNIPOTENT!!

His power has no limits, "is there anything too hard for the Lord"? **Genesis 18:14 (NKJV)** - "Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

iii. vs 20...he did not Waver!! Waver means: "to be in strife with oneself; to doubt and become hostile; to be double minded and to withdraw..."

James 1:6-8 (NKJV) - "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. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

You cannot stop thoughts of doubt from coming to you but you can stop them from staying by evicting them.

Ephesians 6:16 (NKJV) - "above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

When doubts enter your mind, it does not mean that you're in unbelief. When temptation comes, it doesn't mean that you're in sin. It's only when you allow doubts to take up permanent residence in your mind that it becomes unbelief.

"Starve your doubts and continually feed your faith!!"

"Doubts will point out the greatness of your problem but you must point out the GREATEST OF YOUR GOD!!"

"Doubts will scream that your abilities and resources are no match for your circumstances and you must declare that you're not dependent on your abilities and resources because you're depending on God's ability, His promises, and His resources!!"

iv. vs 20b...but was strengthened in faith, giving glory (praise) to God. Praise is the wind under my wings that lifts me above my problems, eradicating the thoughts of depression. Praise is faith erupting out my heart through my mouth with songs of deliverance and praising the greatness of my God. Doubts declares, there is no way out; Praise declares, my God is my Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness, my Healer, Deliverer, Protector, and Provider!!