

**Lesson 10**  
**THE DYNAMICS OF FAITH**  
*Nuggets of Faith*  
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Introduction:

There are key words and phrases in the Bible that serve to be of great blessing and faith builders to us in our faith. When we learn their proper definition, therein lies the power to give us confidence within our faith. These words and phrases are of great value to us in our walk with the Lord!

**There are two Greek Words for word:**

**a. Rhema**— "*A specific, spoken utterance, saying, or word of God that is active, timely, and personally applicable to a particular situation, person, or immediate need.*"

**b. Logos**— "*The Entire Revelation of God's Truth. The universal, constant, and complete counsel of God, encompassing His overall plan, doctrine, and teachings.*"

**The first nugget of faith we will go over in this lesson is:**

## **1. Mandate (Rhema).**

**A. Have you ever heard or even said: "I believe the Lord told me to \_\_\_\_\_.?"**

- I have heard this my entire life, and I have even stated the same phrase on many occasions.
- However, we have no authority in and of ourselves to say: "God told me this or God told me that." If this were true, a person could allege that God told him/her anything.

**How do we test: "The Lord told me \_\_\_\_\_?"**

- The word of God!

When I see a fellow Christian in need of food, clothing, or a necessity and I proceed to meet that need because I feel the Lord has spoken to me to help meet their need; does this come out of thin air? Does it come from an audible voice from the Lord? No, it comes from the word of God!

**1 John 3:17, 18**—"17 *But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?* 18 *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*"

- When we apply God's word to our lives, we will indeed hear from the Lord.
- In my illustration, you can see the need of the person, and my unction to help them is made up of seeing the need and knowing that God speaks to this, concerning what I am supposed to do about it.

**Mark 4:39**—"39 *And he arose, and **rebuked** the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*"

- This verse demonstrates the Rhema of Christ that transcends beyond the literally chaos those who were on the sea was experiencing.

- He has given a rhema to our storms too!

## 2. Fully Sufficient (Autarkeia).

**Autarkeia**— *"Self-sufficiency, contentment."*

- Contentment is a better rendering for this word in the English.
- Self-sufficiency in the English gives off the impression that we are self-sufficient; we know we are not. God supplies our every need.

**2 Corinthians 9:8**— *"<sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work"*

**Philippians 4:11**— *"<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."*

**1 Timothy 6:6**— *"<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain."*

**A. This self-sufficiency/contentment, means that we have all that we need in Christ!**

- We need not look to any other source, God has gifted us all that we need in Christ, therefore, we are autarkeia/self-sufficient and content.

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## 3. My Glory (Kabod).

**Psalms 16:9**— *"Therefore my heart is glad, and my **glory** rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope."*

**Psalms 30:12**— *"To the end that my **glory** may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever."*

**A. The word/phrase in Hebrew: Kabod, is the human voice, lifting up praise to God!**

- We have no glory in and of ourselves. God will not share His glory with noone!

**Isaiah 42:8** *"I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."*

**Isaiah 48:11** *"For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another."*

- This is so precious to consider that our praise to Him in voice goes up as glory to Him!

- The human voice is the glory of man, and we can desecrate it by using foul language, telling lies, and hurting people with our tongues.
- But when we lift our voice in praise to the King, our human glory as a fellow image-bearer becomes His glory which is Holy & Righteous.

## 4. The Trial of Faith (Dokimion).

**A. This Greek phrase/word is used 2X in the New Testament.**

**James 1:3--** *"Knowing this, that the **trying** of your faith worketh patience."*

**1 Peter 1:7--** *"That the **trial** of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"*

- The testing of our faith is what exercises it to be strong and unwavering.
- When we persistently pray for God to move in an area of our life and it seems as if it's never going to move, but we keep praying: This is the process of dokimion
- When our faith gets tested and we keep our eyes on Christ and when it seems like we're about to fail at trusting Him, God shows up!
- We have gone to a trial of faith (dokimion) and our faith gets proved!
- It's all a work of God!

## 5. Works (Erga).

It is the **plural form** of the neuter noun epsilon (**Ergon**). When you see "Erga" in the New Testament (like in the phrase "works of the law"), it refers to multiple deeds or actions.

The primary:

- Work
- Deed
- Action
- Task
- Occupation

Since **Erga** is the plural, it means:

- Works
- Deeds
- Actions

**James 2:14—24** *“14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”*

**A. Works can, not and do not save us, nor do they keep us saved, however, a faith that is a saving faith, will produce works!**

**How would we know that Abraham believed God had he not obeyed God?**

**Genesis 22:1—5** *“<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. <sup>2</sup> And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. <sup>3</sup> And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.”*

## **6. Sight (Eidos).**

**Definition**—*“The outward appearance of things.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:7**—*“<sup>7</sup> (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)”*

**A) Faith is more dominate by what we don't see verses what we do see.**

- If our faith is dictated only by what we see, our faith will grow weak very quickly.
- Our faith will attach itself to this world and this world will soon pass away!

**1 John 2:17**— *“<sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”*

## 7. Full Assurance (Plerophoria).

### Meaning of (Plerophoria)

The word is a compound of two Greek parts:

1. **(plērēs)**: meaning "full" or "complete."
2. **(phoreō)**: meaning "to bear" or "to carry."

Taken together, it means "full carriage" or "full measure," which is translated as:

- Full Assurance
- Complete Conviction
- Full Persuasion
- Absolute Certainty

**1 Thessalonians 1:5**— *“<sup>5</sup>For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.”*

**Hebrews 10:22**— *“<sup>22</sup>Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith”*

### A. Paul speaks of this full assurance using two words in two separate verses:

1. Full assurance in the Gospel.
2. Full assurance in faith.

## 8. Amen (Amen).

**2 Corinthians 1:20**— *“<sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”*

The word *Amen* comes from the basic Hebrew root (*aman*), which means to be **firm, confirmed, reliable, or trustworthy**.

When used as an exclamation, it is a solemn declaration of affirmation, and it has several translations based on the context:

- **So be it.** (Used most commonly at the end of a prayer or blessing, agreeing with or imploring the fulfillment of what was said.)
- **Truly or Verily.** (Used in the Gospels, particularly by Jesus, often at the beginning of a statement to emphasize its absolute truth, as in "Amen, I say to you...")

- **It is true.**
- **I agree.**

In the Bible, Jesus Christ Himself is referred to as "the Amen" in Revelation 3:14, signifying that He is the ultimate **Faithful and True Witness**.