

Abundant Life: ALIVE by Faith

Every good and perfect gift we get from God will be received by faith!

The devil wants to bring God's people into an alternate reality where he rules over us. This is done when we're not living by faith and instead by perception. When we walk by sight we're walking but not advancing, this is how he creates strongholds. In this evil realm, our worry is his worship! When the spirit of fear can produce enough anxiety to get us leaning to our own understanding and rising from our seated position of victory in Christ. Then we begin operating in the flesh, and works forfeiting our triumph in rest. The only way to break free is by worshiping God in spirit and in truth. Coming alive by faith!

Trying of Your Faith= Triumph

James 1:2-4 New Living Translation Faith and Endurance

2 Dear brothers and sisters,[a] when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

- Trouble = An opportunity for joy! Why? A testing of faith.
- When faith is being tested = Endurance has a chance to grow, so let it grow!
- Fully developed endurance = Perfection, completion, in need of nothing.

My Testing

Genesis 4:6-7 New Living Translation

6 "Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected?
7 You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

- The devil is relentless in his attack against marriages because they are the picture of Christ and His church.

- My marriage is no different and a prized target of the enemy because of the potential of the domino effect in the church.
- Husbands and wives when you're not experiencing the blessing of marriage you can be overcome.
- We go through things as many of you do as well and not looking back God was asking me what He asked Cain.
- Why do you look so dejected Damian? Do what is right!
- What is right? Walk by faith and not by sight!
- Go back to the ABC's of Faith. Accept believe create.

Ephesians 5:25-26 New Living Translation

25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

- Accept and Believe (Husband love your wives as Christ loved the church)
- Create (A wife that is holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word)
- What happens if we don't?
- Genesis 4:7 New Living Translation
7 You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."
 - Sin lies at the door but you must rule over it!
 - How? Subdue sin and become it's master!
 - How?

Romans 5:17 New Living Translation

17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

- By putting our faith in Jesus Christ we will live triumphantly over sin and death! When we receive Him as master we subdue sin, as He has subdued sin and become it's master.

ALIVE by Faith!

Galatians 2:20 New King James Version

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

- To live by faith is to live in obedience to God's word, and God's word is His Son!
- Obeying the word keeps Satan and sin crouching at the door but unable to enter!

James 4:7-10 New Living Translation

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. 9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Genesis 4:3-6 New Living Translation

3 When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, 5 but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. 6 “Why are you so angry?” the Lord asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected?”

- By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice.
- What is our most excellent sacrifice? Ourselves! Our lives lived by faith in God!

Romans 12:1-2 New Living Translation

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters,[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.[b] 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

L.I.F.E by Faith

- You acquire love by faith.

Romans 8:38-39 New Living Translation

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- You acquire identity by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:17 King James Version

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- You acquire your faith by faith

Romans 12:3 New King James Version

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

- Your acquire purpose by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 New Living Translation

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[a] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Reconcile by Faith!

- To tell the world to come back to God we must be in God, and God in us!
- What needs reconciled in your lives? Marriages, finances, health?
- Come back to God! How?
- Where does sin come in? Where faith is not active.
- Romans 14:23 NKJV (...for whatever is not from faith is sin.)

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Surround yourself with light! The devil operates in the shadows.

John 1:3-5 New Living Translation

- 3 God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.
- 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created,[a]
and his life brought light to everyone.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.[b]