

I. Review/Previous Sessions

A. Our Better Covenant of Health

B. How to Access Our Covenant of Health

II. The Progressive Force of Faith

A. Introductory thoughts

1. Faith is progressive

- a. Faith begins with a freely given measure distributed to every man by God himself. (Romans 12:3)
- b. Faith grows with a progressive revelation of God's Word.
- c. Faith must go through progressive doors prior to arriving at its destination.
- d. Our faith progresses daily by gaining revelation from God's Word and pushing against the opposition of the adversity of our faith.
- e. We aggressively obtain the promises with a force of faith that is fueled by revelation from God's Word and Spirit.
- f. *"A progressive faith-life is fueled by spiritual hunger, focused attention, and a strong desire to know God and His Word."* – **Pastor Debbie Eberly¹**
- g. The more we get to know God, the easier it becomes to receive from Him.

- *Get to know Him as mercy and compassion – it is easy to receive forgiveness.*
- *Get to know Him as healer, it is easy to receive healing.*
- *Get to know Him as provider, it is easy to receive provision.*
- **Job 22:21 (NKJV)** – *Now acquaint yourself with Him and be at peace; thereby good will come to you.*

2. Everything that we receive from our covenant of health will be received by faith.

- a. **If I am not receiving, the issue is not with the covenant.**

¹ Pastor Debbie Eberly, Divine Healing and Health for Today, Pg 207

- b. **When I am not receiving, I need to check my faith levels.**
Where is my faith regarding the healing I desire to receive?
Have I researched the healing scriptures to build my faith?
Have I really meditated upon Healing scriptures?

B. How the progression of faith works

1. **Mark 4:26-32 (KJV)** – ²⁶And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; ²⁷and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. ²⁸For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. ²⁹But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come ³⁰And he said, “Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, **when it is sown** in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: ³²**but when it is sown, it groweth up**, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.”
- a. **Faith works like a seed!**
We could say faith is a seed.
- b. **Seeds must be planted before they can produce a harvest.**
Faith must be sown into the heart before it can produce a harvest.
- c. **Seeds do not produce a harvest overnight.**
Faith does not produce a harvest overnight.
- d. **The harvest that comes from seeds is progressive.**
The harvest of our faith will be progressive.
2. **Mark 4:28 (KJV)** – For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Mark 4:28 (Lamsa Bible) – For the earth causes it to yield fruit; and yet first it becomes a blade of grass, then an ear, and at last a full grain in the ear

- a. Notice the progression
 - *Blade*
 - *Ear*
 - *Full corn – HARVEST*
- b. You cannot attempt to harvest corn from the BLADE or the EAR prior to the development of the corn.

3. You cannot reap the harvest of your faith when it is only at blade level or ear level – yet still undeveloped at harvest level.

- a. Many are trying to reap a harvest where no seed has been sown.
No Seed – No Sowing – No harvest.
- b. Many are trying to reap a harvest of faith from someone else's faith.
- c. Many are trying to reap a FULL harvest of faith when their faith is still at BLADE level.
 - *Be happy that your faith has been sown.*
 - *Celebrate when you begin to see the BLADE/BEGINNING level of your faith come into manifestation.*
 - *Celebrate as you watch your faith grow.*
 - *DO NOT ATTEMPT to HARVEST your faith from the blade or early development levels.*

C. How to navigate our faith forward to harvest.

1. Continue to Sow to your faith. Build and develop your faith by meditating upon your covenant promises which make up your foundation of faith.

- a. *Build your knowledge base. The progression of faith begins with knowledge.*
- b. Add to your healing scripture lists.
- c. Keep them in your eyes, ears, and heart.
- d. As you meditate upon God's promises, revelation knowledge will come to your spirit regarding what belongs to you.
- e. One of the greatest signs of development in faith is confidence.
Become confident and assured of the promises you have been given.

- *Full confidence in the Greek: full conviction, entire confidence, or complete understanding.*
- *This is what occurred in Abraham's progression of faith. He became FULLY PERSUADED that what God said, He would do, He was fully able to do it.*

2. Stay in an atmosphere conducive for your faith to grow.

- a. Stay with a local church that teaches the principles of faith.
- b. Be submitted to a Pastor who imparts things relating to faith.

"By hearing the powerful Word from an anointed pastor, the Christian will further be able to see or attain to a thorough revelation knowledge of the scriptures that specifically cover their redemptive promises."

*The believer MUST be in the right places where they can hear the truth's of God's Word....**Pastor Debbie Eberly***

3. Navigate through the opposition that always comes in to challenge our faith.

- a. Faith will always face opposition.
- b. Faith will face progressive doors that have increased levels of adversarial opposition. *Do not be moved by the faith's opposing forces.*
- c. The woman with the issue of blood no doubt face great opposition before her faith ever placed her in proximity of Jesus.
- d. Remember, faith is a fight: *"The Good Fight of Faith." – 1 Tim 6:12 If your faith is not up for a fight – your faith is not up for harvest yet"*.

"TEST" – *Is my faith up for this fight?*

If not – it may only be a BLADE level – Keep developing it to HARVEST level.

4. Rely on the aid of our great navigator – the Holy Spirit.

- a. **John 16:13 (NKJV)** – *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*
- b. The Holy Spirit will guide us in our faith battles.
*He will show us things to come that we need to be aware of.
He will give us a warfare strategy.
He will guide you to the right physician.
He will guide you in treatment options and procedures.*

5. Only those who “Prepare Themselves,” to flow with this progressive force of faith will receive the promises.

- a. We must feed constantly upon the living Word of God.
- b. We must be faithful to build ourselves up spiritually through knowledge and understanding and the wisdom God if we are going to be PROGRESSIVE in our faith journey.
- c. We must possess an aggressive resolve to have God’s best and perfect will for our lives – *This includes healing and divine health. Passive faith doesn’t obtain the promises.*

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV) – *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force*

Matthew 11:12 (AMP) – *From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize]*

Audrey Mack calls this Tenacious Faith!

Tenacious – Not readily relinquishing a position – DETERMINED!

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