

THE SHORTCOMINGS OF FAITH

Session 2: Making Withdrawals Where There Are No Deposits

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I. THE STOREROOM OF THE HEART

A. Scriptures

Luke 6:45

NKJV “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

AMP “The [intrinsically] good man produces what is good *and* honorable *and* moral out of the good treasure **[stored] in his heart**; and the [intrinsically] evil *man* produces what is wicked *and* depraved out of the evil [in his heart]; for his mouth speaks from the overflow of his heart.”

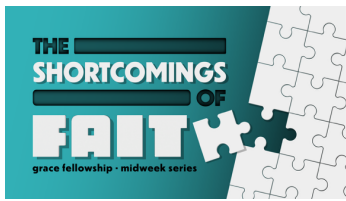
Holman “A good man produces good out of the good **storeroom of his heart**. An evil man produces evil out of the evil storeroom, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.”

1. “Heart” defined:
 - a. Your inner person. In some passages, it can be defined as your spirit. In others, is it closely related to your spirit.
 - b. The heart is primarily your spirit, but it includes what has been formed or planted there (your beliefs).
2. The heart of a person is their storehouse.
 - a. It could be said that it is the storehouse of our belief system.
 - b. **Proverbs 4:23**

NKJV “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life.”

Other Translations: “Watch over your heart”, “Guard your heart”, “Whatever you allow into your heart will come forth in the issues of life.”
 - c. A good man has stored up TREASURE in his heart. In a time of need he has something to withdraw.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Whatever you need to withdraw must be in the heart. Example: You can only withdraw what has been deposited in your bank account.*



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B. Faith Is Connected to the Storeroom of the Heart

1. Faith can only bring results from the Word of God that has been stored in the heart.
 - a. Faith requires stored up RESERVES.
 - b. There are many who attempt to withdraw faith where no Word has been deposited. The WORD account of the heart is empty!
2. Faith doesn't work without the presence of the Word of God!
 - a. **Proverbs 24:10**
NKJV "If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small."

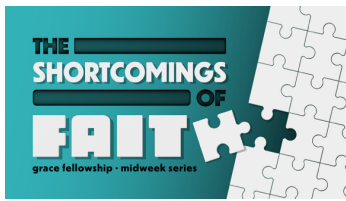
ISV "If you grow weary when times are troubled, your strength is limited."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *This doesn't mean FAILURE. It means insufficient deposits were made beforehand. From a FAITH perspective, when difficulties arise, and faith is needed to respond, it will often be WEAK if the heart has not been consistently filled with the Word.*

II. YOU CANNOT WITHDRAW WHAT YOU HAVE NOT DEPOSITED

A. Practical Ways to Make WORD Deposits

1. Read scriptures daily.
 - a. Be selective as the Holy Spirit leads you.
 - b. Be selective specifically for promises that relate to your faith need.
2. Speak the Word of God aloud.
3. Mediate on His promises (specifically on subjects needed).
4. Listen to teaching / sermons.
 - a. **Romans 10:17 KJV** "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."
 - b. Hear the Word repeatedly—repetition is the key.
5. Confess scriptures over situations.
6. Be repetitive.



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PASTOR'S NOTE: *Practicing the following "cycle" will drive the Word and faith deep into your heart: **Hear > Speak > Meditate > Act > Repeat***

B. Faith is a Lifestyle

1. Make Word deposits **daily**, not just when the needs arise.
 - a. Faith is not **built** in the emergency—it is **revealed** there!
2. Do you have anything in your Word / faith account?
 - a. Example: When Jesus encountered the devil, His response repeatedly was: "it is WRITTEN".
 - b. How easy is it for you to say: "it is written" and quote chapter and verse?

PASTOR'S NOTE: *For those who have been saved and are part of GFC, you should be beyond "by His stripes I am healed." This is not to diminish this verse, but it should not be the only verse you can quote! If so, your account is not adequately funded!*

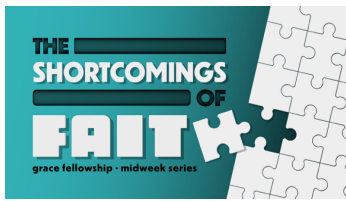
3. Joshua 1:8

NKJV "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

MSG "And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind.

Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Meditating on the Word drives it deep into your heart. And, when the Word lives in your heart, it becomes the power that fuels your faith! The driving force of faith is the Word you have deposited into your heart!*



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C. Five Signs You Are Making Strong Deposits

1. Scriptures come to mind quickly.
 - a. You do not struggle to think of a verse regarding your circumstance.

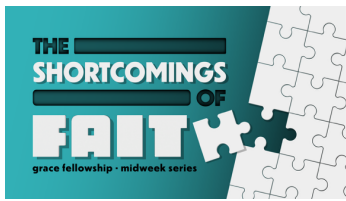
2. Peace is dominant vs. panic.
 - a. Peace is a sign of faith!
 - b. **John 14:27**
NIV “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
 - c. **Philippians 4:6-7**
NKJV “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

3. Your words align with faith—not fear. **Luke 6:45 NKJV** “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: **for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**” **TPT** “For the overflow of what has been stored in your heart will be seen by your fruit and will be heard in your words.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Faith can always be heard in your words! Doubt and fear will also be heard in your words. Whatever is in the heart is revealed by what comes naturally out of our mouth.*

If you find it easier to talk about problems, circumstances, doubts, and worries, it’s a clear sign that your heart lacks a sufficient supply of God’s Word.

Watch carefully what comes out of your mouth. Don’t be deceived. The mouth reveals everything. If there are NO SCRIPTURES proceeding from your mouth, it is impossible that faith is at work.



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4. You respond rather than react.
 - a. Faith is a response. Fear is a reaction.
 - b. When you have a strong supply of God's Word in the reservoir of your heart, your FAITH will **respond** in the time of trouble.
 - c. When your reservoir is low or empty, fear will **react** to the circumstances.
 - d. Take note of what comes up first from your heart: faith response OR fearful reaction.
 - e. Examples of response:
 - David's response to Goliath:
1 Samuel 17:45-46
NKJV "You are coming against me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the Israelite armies, which you have defied. This very day the Lord will put you in my power; I will defeat you and cut off your head. And I will give the bodies of the Philistine soldiers to the birds and animals to eat. Then the whole world will know that Israel has a God..."
 - The three Hebrew boys: "God will deliver us, but if not..."
 - **Psalm 118:17**
NKJV "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

5. Confidence in God increases.
 - a. When you have truly deposited the Word of God in your heart your confidence in God will increase!

III. CLOSING REMARKS

- Consistency matters more than intensity.
- Do not fall prey to pressure to do so much that you become overwhelmed. If Satan cannot stop your faith, he may attempt to overwhelm you in the process.
- Be consistently in the Word—but never be led by condemnation.