ALL IS WELL

Living the Faith Life June 18, 2023

Most of us, throughout the week, think & feel all is not well...

We think doubt, worry, anxiety, anger, guilt, lazy, selfish, weak, fear All of this is the opposite of the faith life...

1 Timothy 6:11 ...run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness, a godly life, along w/ faith, love, perseverance & gentleness.12 Fight the good fight for the true faith. (NKJV v12 Fight the good fight of faith...)

When you imagine the worst, you hinder God's best. But when you imagine the God life, you release the power of faith!

Hebrews 11:6 TPT And w/out *faith* living w/in us it would be impossible to please God. For we come to God in *faith* knowing that He's real & that He rewards the *faith* of those who passionately seek Him.

God's plan for your life can be fulfilled only as you walk by faith.

1 John 5:4 Every child of God defeats this evil world; & we achieve this victory through our *faith*. 5 And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who *believe* that Jesus is the Son of God.

Our faith is in Jesus. We win. We overcome. We're victorious.

James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, & He'll give it to you He'll not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask Him, be sure that your *faith* is in God alone. Don't waver, for a person w/divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that's blown & tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God & the world, & they're unstable in everything they do.

You can walk from fear into absolute faith; put a stop to Satan's destructive maneuvers in your life. Stand up boldly & say, "I've been made the righteousness of Almighty God. I've been washed by the blood of Jesus. The Lord is on my side. I live by faith!"

Ephesians 1:15 Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord...

STORY TIME W/ PASTOR FRANK

The woman w/12 years of bleeding... ... your faith has made you well."

Jesus healed her in response to her faith!

Ten lepers... ".. Your faith has healed you

Blind Bartimaeus, "... your faith has healed you."

The paralyzed man lowered in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith...

Paul & Barnabas - preaching to a crippled man, <u>Paul realized he had</u> <u>faith to be healed</u>.

Jesus walking on the water, tells Peter to come, Peter's walking on water, gets distracted & afraid, & Jesus says, "<u>You have so little faith</u>," "Why did you doubt Me?"

He was walking on the power of God's Word that said **Come!!**

But when he got distracted & allowed fear control him, it took over, weakened his faith, & dominated his entire being, causing his faith to fail.

1 Peter 5:8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him & be strong in your *faith*... (AMP be *firm* in faith)

Matthew 8:5 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came & pleaded w/Him.6 "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed & in terrible pain." 7 Jesus said, "I will come & heal him." 8 But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, & my servant will be healed. 9 I know this because I'm under the authority of my superior officers, & I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' & they go, or 'Come,' & they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." 10 When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to those who were following Him, He said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen *faith like this* in all Israel!... 13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. *Because you believed*, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.

Faith is a creative force that God uses to heal, build & uplift.

Mark 5:21 Jesus got into the boat again & went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around Him on the shore 22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet, 23 pleading fervently w/Him. "My little daughter's dying," he said. "Please come & lay Your hands on her; heal her so she can live." 24 Jesus went w/ him, & all the people followed, crowding around Him... Mark 5:35 ...messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter's dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." 36 But Jesus overheard them & said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid Just have faith." 37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd & wouldn't let anyone go w/ Him except Peter, James, & John (the brother of James). 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion & weeping & wailing 39 He went inside & asked, "Why all this commotion & weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." 40 The crowd laughed at Him. But He made them all leave, & He took the girl's father & mother & His three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. 41 Holding her hand, He said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!" 42 And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up & walked around! They were overwhelmed & totally amazed.

Whenever faith is in operation, you will always benefit.

You don't have to choose faith, but you can!

Faith is produced by the Word of God being fed down into our spirits, deep into our hearts, not just our head. Meditating in the Word causes the capacity for faith to increase & produce results!

Romans 10:17 NKJV So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

We meditate on God's Word instead of worrying.
We praise God until the storm is gone. We're Holy Spirit, faith people!
We say what God's Word says!! Regardless of circumstances!!!

How?

Whatever's in our heart in abundance, will come out of our mouth. Your heart/spirit is either filled w/ faith or fear. Life or death.

Matthew 12:34b ...whatever is in your heart determines what you say. (NKJV ...out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.)

When <u>faith-filled words</u> come out of your mouth, they're backed by the Word of God & the Spirit of God. All that power is applied.

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV Death & life are in the power of the tongue.

Fear works in the spirit world the same way faith works. Fear activates satan the same way faith activates God.

Romans 4:17b NIV...-the God who gives life to the dead & <u>calls into</u> being things that were not.

NKJV...calls those things which do not exist as though they did. **AMP**...speaks of the nonexistent things that He has foretold & promised, as if they already existed.

Faith is released by speaking things that are not, as though they were. By speaking words of faith, fear will depart.

Fear has no place or opportunity in a heart that's filled w/ God's Word.

BOTH FAITH AND FEAR WILL PRODUCE RESULTS

Whenever fear shows up, we should be so trained in the Word of God that we rebuke it & stand against it in every Bible form available.

"Fear knocked on the door, faith opened the door, & nobody was there!"

Jude 20 NKJV But you beloved, <u>building yourselves up</u> on your most holy **faith**, praying in the Holy Spirit

Faith is the force that reaches out into the world of the spirit & brings the Kingdom of God into physical manifestation, now.

2 Timothy 4:7 I've fought the good fight, I've finished the course, I've kept the *faith*.