ALL IS WELL Living the Faith Life June 11, 2023

2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV We walk by faith, not by sight.

...the Shunamite woman received a miracle son, & he died, she told the husband all is well...she got on a donkey and rode to the man of God...she told his servant "All is well."

Most of us, most of the time, think & feel all is not well...

We think doubt, worry, anxiety, stress, anger, condemnation, guilt, pain, pressure, sickness, lazy, selfish, hopeless, helpless, weak, timid, **fear**

All of this is the opposite of the faith life...

Romans 1:17b ...It's accomplished from start to finish by *faith*. The Scriptures say, "It's through *faith* that a righteous person has life." (NKJV "...the just shall live by *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.

Dependent trust in God, or faith, will accomplish humanly impossible things through prayer.

Mark 11:22b ... Have *faith* in God.

Satan constantly challenges the promises of God w/ doubt. He's always trying to convince us that God's Word doesn't work, & that faith in Jesus doesn't work. Satan challenges the faith-filled promises of the Word w/ unbelief-filled lies.

All that Jesus has provided for us, must be received by faith.

By acting in faith on the Word, you can expect the favor, grace, peace, provision, abundance of God in your life.

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.

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

Galatians 5:6b What's important is <u>faith expressing/activating itself in</u> <u>love.</u> - *Faith is strengthened when it's put to use. It's like a muscle. It must be exercised to be effective.*

STORY TIME W/ PASTOR FRANK

The woman in the crowd had suffered for 12 years w/ constant bleeding... Mark 5: 34 He said to her, "Daughter, <u>your faith</u> has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

Jesus healed her in response to her faith!

Ten lepers...

Luke 17:19 Jesus said to the man "Stand up & go. Your faith has healed you

A blind beggar named Bartimaeus...

Mark 10:52 Jesus said to him, "Go, for *your faith has healed you.*" Instantly the man could see & he followed Jesus down the road.

Luke 5:17 One day Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees & teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. It seemed that these men showed up from every village in Galilee, Judea & Jerusalem. The Lord's healing power was strongly w/ Jesus. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus 19 but they couldn't reach Him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof & took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. 20 *Seeing their faith*, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven." 21 The Pharisees & teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does He think He is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so He asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? 23 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are

forgiven' or 'Stand up & walk'? 24 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man & said "Stand up, pick up your mat, & go home!" 25 Immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat & went home praising God. 26 Everyone was gripped w/ great wonder & awe, & they praised God, exclaiming, "We've seen amazing things today!"

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

Acts 14:8 ... Paul & Barnabas came upon a man w/ crippled feet. He'd been that way from birth, so he had never walked. He was sitting 9 & listening as Paul preached. Looking straight at him, <u>Paul realized he</u> <u>had faith to be healed</u>. 10 So Paul called to him in a loud voice, "Stand up!" And the man jumped to his feet & started walking.

Matthew 14:22 ... Jesus insisted that His disciples get back into the boat & cross to the other side of the lake, while He sent the people home. 23 After sending them home, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. Night fell while He was there alone. 24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, & they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified (afraid). In their fear they cried out "It's a ghost!" 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once "Don't be afraid," "Take courage. I am here!" 28 Peter called to Him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you walking on the water." 29 "Yes, come" Jesus said. Peter went over the side of the boat & walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind & the waves, he was terrified (afraid) & began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. 31 Jesus immediately reached out & grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt Me?" 32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

What caused Peter to sink? The wind? Rain? Waves? Storm? What caused Peter to walk on water? Calm water? Peace? A board? No!! He was walking on God's Word that said <u>Come!!</u> The power that was keeping Peter on top of the water was his faith in Jesus' Word!

When he first stepped out of the boat, he was acting in faith. But when he got distracted & allowed fear control him, it took over, <u>weakened his faith</u>, & dominated his entire being, causing his faith to fail.

If Peter had rebuked the wind, it would have ceased. But instead, he gave in to fear and the result was defeat.

1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries & cares to God for He cares about you. **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*)

Faith is produced by the Word of God being fed down into our spirits, deep into our hearts, not just our head.

Romans 10:17 AMP So faith *comes* from hearing what is told, & what is heard *comes* by the preaching of the message concerning Christ.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Fear comes by hearing the word of the world & the lies of satan.

Faith is developed by meditating in God's Word & acting on that Word. Meditating in the Word causes the capacity for faith to increase.

By meditating & practicing it, the Word will produce results: i.e. love, faith, healing, wisdom – God Life, in every area: spirit, soul & body.