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YEAR OF FLOURISHING AND THRIVING SUPERNATURALLY

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Romans 4: 17-22 (Msg)

We call Abraham 'father' not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because

God made something out of Abraham when he was a 'nobody'. Isn't that what we've always read

in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, 'I set you up as father of many peoples'? Abraham was first

named 'father' and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God

could do: raise the dead to life, (with a word make something out of nothing). When everything

was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he

couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of

people. God himself said to him, 'You're going to have a big family, Abraham!' Abraham didn't

focus on his own impotence and say, 'It's hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never

father a child.' Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around

God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came

up

strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That's why it is said,

'Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right.'

Faith cometh by hearing, fear also comes by hearing. If you want faith to come, then you need

to mind what you hear, whom you listen to and how you hear. If faith must grow, listening to a

faith-source must be a choice. It matters who you listen to. If therefore there is fear or doubt,

you had listened to somebody or read something.

Faith is born in your heart and grows in your heart by the Word of God. The results you get in

life will be determined by the level of faith that you have. Our faith does not grow based on how

long we have been in church, but on how much we hear faith-inspiring words and how much we

exercise our faith. In other words, the exercise of your faith grows your faith. Faith is a

corresponding action to what God has told you. Those who keep exercising their faith on what

God has told them develop their faith. The more you put your faith to work, the more result you

see.

HOW DOES FAITH WORKS?

1 Faith must be born for faith to grow

Faith is born into our heart by listening to the Word of God.

2 Faith names it before it becomes it

If you want something to happen, it is important to give it a name, declare it and say it into

existence. Romans 4:17 Abraham was named a father before he became it So if it has to become, someone has to name it.

3 Faith speaks to create it until it sees it

We speak to create something better out of nothing; we speak what we want to see and not

what we see. In other words, faith speaks to create. This is also a principle that the unbelievers adopt and it works for them. So much has not happened in your life because so much has not

been said to your life. Romans 4:17 with a word make something out of nothing When you

release words from your mouth, you are actually giving God raw materials to work with. God

does not use sand, water or cement to work on your life, but your words wrapped with faith and

corresponding actions. This means you are not saying something that you are acting contrary to.

It is time for you to find the Word of God concerning your life and begin to declare it until you

become it. Heb 11:3 (KJV) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word

of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. It is time to

start allowing your words to frame your world.

4 Faith overrules physical realities

Faith decides to overrule situations; so no matter what you are going through, you can overrule

anything by faith; in other words, everything answers to faith. Romans 4:18 (KJV) Who against

hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which

was spoken, so shall thy seed be. Faith lives on what God says He would do. It does not deny

reality but finds another reality that is superior to overrule any other reality. In the Kingdom of

God, facts are subject to truths; that is to say truth is superior to any fact. if you lack faith, you

will settle for less. Life will negotiate with you to the extent that you give up what is meant for

you.

5 Faith looks at impossibilities

There is nothing wrong with looking out for facts; however, it is to channel you into knowing the

truth to pull out of it. The only thing God cannot address is what His word does not cover. If you

cannot be a mother or father because of the existent facts surrounding it, you can be made

according to the Word of God. When all things against you are proclaiming that you cannot be it,

believe that you can be made of it with the Word. What you cannot have, you can be made to have.