

## LIVING BY FAITH

“What it means to be Pentecostal;” The baptism in the Holy Spirit as described in the book of Acts; the vision of Pentecost; the sound of Pentecost; the experience of Pentecost; the lifestyle of Pentecost.

**What it is to be living by faith.** Faith is so important as you can have all the anointing in the world but if we fail to step out in faith, the anointing is powerless. **Faith is the vehicle by which the anointing goes from an embodiment to an empowerment...**

- The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you...
- If we don't exercise our faith, it becomes an anointing for self and not an empowerment to reach the World with the Gospel.
- It's when we step out in faith, God empowers us to do His will...

**Testimony & background of a life lived by faith 20 years; including National Directorship of AAOM.** National training, national church planting, raising up of leaders and elders; miracles of community transformation, lives saved, families and marriages restored.

**God uses just ordinary everyday people to do extra ordinary things and through this receives all the glory for what He gets done.** It's amazing what God can do when you are willing to trust Him and it starts with just one step of faith (Psalm 119:105), with a prayer “whatever You want us to do, wherever You want us to go, we will go and do it” (in relationship with God, trusting Him with your life; trusting His Word by obeying it).

Heb. 11:1 **Now faith** is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Abraham's journey, **Genesis 22:1-3 (NIV)**

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**Procrastination is the enemy of faith; time will cause us to rationise what God has asked you to do;** cause you to second guess what God has said (“Did God really say that? Devil in the garden). If the Holy Spirit speaks we need to act; if God has given you the word you need to step out; today is the day of Salvation.... Otherwise you may never do it...

[I'm not talking about being impulsive..... I'm talking about being responsive;](#)

An impulse is a reaction in the flesh; **responsive is being open to God and obedient to Him;** being Led by the Spirit of God; being open to what God would have you do today; you can just go about your life so, busy and forget that God want to work through you on a daily basis; have you ever been prompted to talk to someone as you walked by. What did God prompt you then? Because HE KNEW they would be open for you to talk to them at that time. Maybe a word of encouragement? Tell them that God loves them; whatever he leads you to do.

[As we journey, things may not good in the natural but we keeping taking a step of Faith. If we wait for everything to come together perfectly, you may never step out...](#)

**Peter walking on the water:** Matt. 14:29 Disciples in the boat. Storm.....rough seas, wind blowing - 28 “Lord, if it's you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

Do you notice that Jesus never calmed the storm first? Jesus asked him to take a step of faith in his current circumstances. Don't wait for the perfect time..... planets to align. Step out and trust him.

**Consolidate the call. When we step out in faith, others see God in action and are caused to believe.**

**Hebrews 11: “The Faith Chapter” Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV) By Faith**

1 Now faith is **being sure** of what we hope for and **certain of what we do not see.** 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

Certain of what we do not see - faith is having a confidence and certainty in God and his word that even when we can't see how God will do it, we step out and trust him.

Verse 2 This is what the ancients were **commended** for.

What were they commended for? Stepping out in faith not having a clue how God was going to do it.

Verse 7: By Faith Noah built an ark..... Probably never seen a boat before; Not only build the ark, but then get all the animals into it; trusted God and his word....

Verse 8: By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Some people would call that **blind faith**..... Critical of it; it would be if you had the blind leading the blind; but we have a God who is the Alpha and Omega.... who knows the end from the beginning. He knows the future, so we are by no means walking blind; we have the all-seeing God leading and guiding us.

How were they able to trust God implicitly that he could enable them to do what he asked them to do?

[I believe they had a revelation on this next part of the Scripture.....](#)

### ***Hebrews 11:1-3 NIV By Faith***

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***Who believes that God created the world???***

That is incredible to think that God Made the earth; the trees, mountains and rivers, oceans, fish, birds and animals. Sat down with ADAM and named them all.... Pretty long day.... and God not only made the Earth but he created the universe! Scientist and astronomers can't fathom that enormity of the universe; they talk of stars millions of light years away..... And the further they go it continues on; Hubble space craft.... flying for years and still discovering new galaxies; it is impossible to comprehend in the natural mind....

**God made all that by his command:**

He spoke it into being; His words are powerful; Universe. Most of us have no problem believing that so why do we struggle to trust God and his word, when he speaks to us today?

***3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.***

Not only spoke the universe into being, but also **made it out of nothing**; the greatest minds on the earth, still can't make even a grain of sand out of nothing; He made all that is seen today out of that which is not visible. If we can get a revelation of the power there is in God's words we would step out in faith and trust him...

**There are people who are here today that can't see a way out of your situation....**

I believe that God is going to cause you to see that which you thought was impossible to come to pass - just trust in Him and his word; have faith that what you can't see now will become apparent in the future if you believe. If God can create the universe by just speaking the word, I'm sure he is well able to do that which he has spoken to you.....

Isaiah 40:25-26 (NIV)

25 “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. 26 Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Psalms 8 (NIV)

1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, **human beings that you care for them?** 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 **LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Get a revelation of how Great and powerful God is.... Majestic is how David described Him.**

The universe is the only thing that can compare and give man a glimpse into the majesty and greatness of our God.

**Many times when I didn't know what to do I would go outside alone and look up to the sky and say,**

If you created those stars and all the planets just by your word, what is this for you; I don't know how you are going to turn around this situation but I will put my faith in you; I know your word is powerful so I'm going to step out in faith and trust You.

**You see the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the power of God to fulfil what he wants you to do, but faith activates the anointing and gives God an opportunity to move through you.**

Don't need great faith, just a little faith in a great God. Matt. 17:20 I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. **Nothing will be impossible for you."**

**Galatians 3:11 "The righteous will live by faith."** We need to be people that have a lifestyle of faith. We get a word from God then we act upon it....that's faith.

**Do you know where I learned to live by faith?** Being invited to serve in the local church. Receive the invitation; trust God that we can do it knowing that we can do all things He asks us to do; scared? Step out. It is amazing what God will do with a someone who'll say yes. if God's speaking to you about taking a step of faith, do it now.

You might be here today and haven't given your life to the Lord as yet.... It's time to take that step today. Today is the day of salvation; 'As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame" Romans 10:11.

Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then **not act?** Does he promise and not fulfill?

Is. 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return **to me empty**, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth will **pass away**, but my words will never **pass away**.