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CONVERSATIONS OF FAITH

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DEVELOPING A WORKING FAITH.....

Face To Face – Conversations...The Intimate Working Of Our Faith

Hate to tell you this, but someone left out some ingredients when they made the cake, ...so I guess that is why it didn't rise? Some believers have felt this way after they found out that *their popular faith teachers* didn't include some *essential elements* in their faith teaching. *The result, their faith didn't work.* But when they ask "Why" they weren't given any answers back... the "Why" was something the teachers did not get themselves when they were taught about faith.

John 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify(what we have seen)(what we have experienced); and ye receive not our witness.

The Bible says here that a teacher can only teach what they know... so hope you are getting someone who really knows the Lord intimately.

Elements In Our Faith

Working faith contains some working elements - an experiential exchange – an on going continued conversation between us and the Lord; it is an intimate relationship and is not something which can be *formularized*. The Lord is never an inanimate object that can be worked like a candy-bar machine. True faith is a faith that LIVES and INTERACTS with our maker.

So here are somethings that were left out of teaching faith! Please add these areas to your understanding of faith.

Face To Face – Conversations Proceeding Word Causes Faith

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

A living intimate relationship with the Lord is a relationship that takes on a different dimension than that of mere natural religion or status-quo church attending.

Face To Face - Conversations...Hearing The Whispers Of The Lord

1Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

Hearing the voice of God is a matter of meditation and prayer – soaking in God's Word the Bible and then having conversations with the Lord – speaking to Him and listening to Him. Our soul isn't very quiet, so we need to set aside the noisy surroundings and practice sitting listening for Him. It takes time but after He develops us to hear His voice our walk of faith get out of *the trial and error stage or test the waters stage* into the area of confidence of faith from hearing God accurately. He will direct us along the way and will give us His conformation to all His spiritual leadings. (*Rule: Always Follow Peace In Being Led*)

Face To Face – Conversations...Receiving From The Lord

Faith only works as we are face to face with the Lord in the Spirit realm. The Godhead work in community, the host included... so how some got their idea that faith works independently outside of a face to face intimate relationship with God, well, they should have been reading the Bible more than listening to those who led them astray.

Adam walked in the garden and had a face to face relationship with the Lord... In this intimacy there is what I call the “Conversations of Faith.” You do know that Adam daily *conversed* every day all day long with God and listened to His mind and heart. What an awesome experience you may say to really be hearing God at that level. Well, all of that is available to a person who is a *believer*. *Do you want to hear the heart beat of heaven?*

Ben-Adam the Second Adam (Jesus Christ) walked the same way in having “Conversations of Faith” like the first one did. Jesus is “our model example of a man walking in faith before God” in the Gospels – calling God His Father (ABBA)... having intimate relationship with God before His disciples. Jesus was showing them *His connection of faith* by the conversations He was having with His heavenly Father. Jesus *saw and acted, listen and spoke*... everything was centered around His relationship with Father God. in this same way faith centers around our conversations with the Lord.

Gal. 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

1Corin. 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Being of *one spirit with the Lord* means *we do things differently* than the fallen world or natural thinking or natural religion.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Working Faith always “through deep fellowship” (abides) in the Spirit before its actings.

Face To Face – Conversations With God, Listening Openly

It is our daily function to walk with God in our garden...what the Lord has given us to govern over. Receiving from God’s Spirit can be challenging due to the state of our thinking compared to His.

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is where we can have some problems. Most people have what is called “*Natural Thinking*” which is *a condition* and result of living in a *fallen world*. So when it comes to “*Supernatural Thinking*” these argue at the possibilities that the Lord presents to them in conversation. By exposure to Jesus, His own Mother Mary had changed her thinking by the Wedding of Canaan.

We see that she was acquainted with Jesus’ abilities and tells the servants...

John 2:5b ...Whatsoever he saieth unto you, do it.

After you hear from the Lord and then affirm that what is being spoken to you, that it coincides with God's written Word, we must believe that what is *being said* or *delivered* is the primary instructions that we as believers should co-labor with God in. ***"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!" His abilities will do the rest.***

Face To Face – *Knowing God Builds Strong Faith Bringing Exploits*

Daniel 11:32b ... the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

It is plain to see that those who are having those *conversations of faith with the Lord* are the ones who are being affected in the building up of their personal faith and *the confidence to do the tasks* that are given them... knowing that their labor is working together and through Jesus. The word **"know"** here is an intimate word signifying a *deep conversational relationship with our Lord.*

Face To Face - *Conversations With The Lord Create Faith (Mark 11:22)*

The verse **"Have Faith In God"** points out our Lord's (*In The Father*) intimate relationship (*cursing the fig tree*). Putting this into perspective and reading further it is easy to see one's confidence *in the speaking of faith* to any (*mountain*) after such a conversation has been given to us by *the Lord's proceeding Word.*

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Notice that in verse **23** that you wouldn't think a conversation with our Lord telling us *to speak to the mountain* would yield a *doubtful heart* but again this is the challenge of living in a fallen world with a *"Natural Thinking"* an fallen intellect and our need for a renewed *"Supernatural Thinking"* mind with a heart filled with the confidence of the God at work with us – as *the working* of faith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Notice that *prayer* here is the *"Conversation"* that our faith is having with God and that the Scripture also touches upon *unforgiveness* as a *blocker* of our faith working.

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Conversations Of Faith – *A Question And Answer Faith?*

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Ezek. 37:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD,

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Thou Knowest...

Notice here that Ezekiel is asked a question from the Lord. Is he being challenged in his thinking by the Lord? Ezekiel's *"Conversation of Faith"* replies – he answers back, *"You Know That Lord"...*

The Lord instructs him...

Ezek. 37:4-5 Again he said unto me, (((Prophesy upon these bones))), and (((say))) unto them, O ye dry bones, (((hear the word))) of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live...

Here is an example in Scripture where Ezekiel is spoken to receiving a *question*, he *answers* with an open ear to *the next instructions*, then the Lord replies. The Lord *says* here “He is the one that is *speaking* here even though Ezekiel’s mouth is moving... The Lord *says* “*Behold... “I” will cause breath (of life) to enter...and you shall LIVE!*”

Couple that understanding with **Mark 11:22-23** and see that the (((*mountain*))) moves by the incarnation of Jesus speaking through the believer to the mountain, which can only happen by an intimate *deep* relationship with the Lord face to face.

Conversations Of Faith - Walking On The Waters And Other Supernatural Works
Matt. 14:25-32 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

No doubt Jesus wanted to show His disciples what could be possible while being focused *face to face... in faith* with God. Remember while Jesus was having this intimate relationship with His disciples He must need teach them what would be possible for them if they simple have confidence in His abilities. Jesus was teaching them to think “Supernaturally.” So Jesus comes to the boat walking on the waters, then Peter states his conversation of faith with the Lord. “*Lord if it is you* (((?))) seeking confirmation... *bid me come unto you on the water.*” You half to know here this took some “*Supernatural Thinking*” at lest enough to get him out of the boat and start walking! Peter starts walking on the water. Now considering that Jesus is framing all the elements – every atom together in the universe which would include H2O (**Heb.11:3**), it would be natural to think “*Supernaturally*” about such a feat. Notice Peter is alright as long as he is *face to face in faith* with the Lord. Peter starts his walk out of the boat with the confidence that was needed to do as Jesus was doing. That *confidence of faith* was created by his “*Conversations of Faith*” with the Lord before he went anywhere. Jesus was leading Peter to do exactly the same thing as He was... “*Walking Upon Walk!*” WOW! Now Jesus told Peter what to do and Peter did it... *that is faith*, and *it all started from Peter’s Conversations with the Lord.*

Alright, so now we see Peter get *crossways* with his faith when he gets his eyes focused to the side and downward... *taking his eyes off the face of the Lord*. So in sinking into the waves we see Jesus hearing his cry for help and lifts his up again and back to the boat. So the storm began to *dominate his view* by moving his eyes off the Lord in front of him. *Absorbed in the storm Peter's confidence wavers* and his is back to "*Natural Thinking*" once more. Peter wasn't fully persuaded or that persuasion wavered when ON THE INSIDE of him he let go of his confidence with God. The strength of having conversations with the Lord cannot be over emphasized here, for it is the very *anchor of faith* that *we hold on to, that holds us* when everything seems to be *contrary* to His promises in this fallen world. *Solidness in faith* comes only through our conversations of faith with the Lord. Later Peter is the "Rock" of faith by hearing revelation directly from the Father.

Matt. 16:17-18 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (a solid Rock), and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? GET ON THE WORD OF THE LORD!

As believers we must *change our thinking* and *hold fast* to our conversations of faith with the Lord.

FOLLOW-THOUGH WITH YOUR BELIEVING

James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Wavering between two opposite positions between "*Natural and Supernatural*" dimensions will cause our faith to *short circuit* receiving nothing from God.

THE POWER TWINS FAITH AND PATIENCE

Heb. 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Believing and endurance is a matter of *being steadfast on His Word to us* and continuing in intimacy with the Lord.

THE LORD WILL BRING HIS PRECEEDING WORD TO PASS.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall ((my word)) be that goeth forth(((out of my mouth))): it shall not return unto me void, but it shall(((accomplish))) that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Conversations With The Lord – Fully Persuaded And Fully Confidence In Faith

Romans 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

As we continue in intimacy with the Lord giving His Word first place in our heart and mind our faith will be strengthened and we will become confident *being directed by our Conversations of Faith with God*. Abraham who is called *the “Father of our Faith”* received from the hand of the Lord in just this way, and through his conversations with God was told many awesome promises which by faith Abraham saw come to pass in his life.

These are just a few examples of “*Conversations Of Faith*” as the Bible’s record of these are so numerous we don’t think there is room enough here to show you everyone. Just get out your Bible and go hunting in the pages when you first open it... *they’re right there under your nose!*

Enjoy and Build Up Your Faith -Listening To The Lord.

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