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## ABOUNDING IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

*“The Vitality Of The Work Of FAITH,  
The Patience Of HOPE  
& The Labour Of LOVE”*

Shalom & Redemption greetings! I welcome you to the February edition of the AFD. This is a month of “ABOUNDING IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE” in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I pray that His enabling grace, love, mercy, wisdom and speed might take hold of you with ALL things under your feet according to the Holy Scriptures, in “The Vitality Of The Work Of FAITH, The Patience Of HOPE And The Labour Of LOVE”. Amen.

### **THE STORY BEHIND VALENTINES**

February is the month in which the world celebrates Valentine’s spirit of love. St Valentine was a priest, who lived in 270 A.D. At that time, the Roman government controlled much of the ‘World.’ The Roman government needed many soldiers to protect its lands. The Emperor Claudius 11 decided that married men did not make good soldiers because they wanted to stay at home with their wives and children. He made a very strange law that said young men were not allowed to marry.

He also said that any priest who married a young couple would be put to death. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the Emperor. He secretly married many young couples. When the Emperor found it out, he had Valentine imprisoned. Since Valentine had helped lovers, the day he died became a day for people to express love for others.

The Valentine kind of love is founded on predominantly fleeting emotions; which is temporal with no eternal love effect. Yet there is a love that is eternal, a love that is not subject to change with time and affects life in every aspect; this love is called AGAPE love - **2 Corinthian 4:18**. I hope that you will be overwhelmed by agape love - God’s kind of love. By God’s agape love, you will have the right reason to celebrate God; reign as an overcomer in Christ and live triumphantly by faith.

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I trust that by the grace of God through this edition of the AFD, all things will be subdued under your feet according to *Philippians 3:21* such that you will be able to live triumphantly over all things in every place as in *2 Corinthians 2:14*, and accomplish to the place of fulfilment as in *Colossians 4:17*.

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## SO FAR SO GOOD?

The year is still young per se, however at the moment of drafting this AFD February 2020 Edition, the 'World Economic Forum' - DAVOS 2020 - was having major economic plans to shape the world economy in Switzerland. In attendance are major HEAD OF STATES, FINANCE MINISTERS, BUSINESS LEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS and such like the more. Most nations in attendance will leave that convention with an economic ideology that will formulate their national economy which invariably will have an impact on all nationwide and probably in a collective sense globally. Based on that, entrepreneurs, career negotiators, financial institutions, political leaders, family institutions and ordinary individuals will begin to chart the pathway to their wellbeing in the year.

Does that relate to you today? Probably. Have you thought that you are about to step into another month without accounting for the plans, purposes and pursuits of January? The Achievers' FAITH Digest is meant to aid your EXALTATION. The Vitality of "The FAITH that WORKS" is the essence of this month's plans, purposes and pursuits.

As I said in the New Years edition, this is a year of EXALTATION - A year of LIVING THE EXALTED LIFE. This year will see us Living and Soaring in EXALTATION - "Living in the consciousness of God's righteousness in Christ Jesus - for a greater, colourful, thriving, blossoming, purposeful, meaningful, fulfilling life. These are possible in light of the following scriptures but not limited to these: *Psalms 65:11-13 and Psalms 92:10-15; and Philippians 2:9-12 and 1 John 4:4; and Proverbs 14:34 and 2 Corinthians 5:21; and Colossians 4:17 and Philippians 1:21; and Matthew 6:33 and Romans 14:17; and Matthew 5:6.* This is a year in which you can experience the EXALTATION AND DOMINION deed of Christ in our REDEMPTION as God's children in every circumstance - *Ephesians 2:4-10.* However, these experiences are a matter of choice for the people of God. God gives His people His WORD of life, it is His people's prerogative and obligation to do life with those words as others experienced in the Bible days so that they can have the same results as seen again and again in the Apostolic acts of accomplishment by the word given to them in *Mark 16:16-20.*

Our God will not enforce His will on us. He loves His people to obediently and willingly put their faith on His Word in order for them to receive His goodness as in *Isaiah 1:19; 1 Corinthians 1:9.* Know full well that colourful living and doing life in Christ Jesus is a choice to be made on an individual basis of faith - *Habakkuk 2:4b.* This can only be enhanced and demonstrated by FAITH through the working of genuine bible love - AGAPE - the God kind of love.

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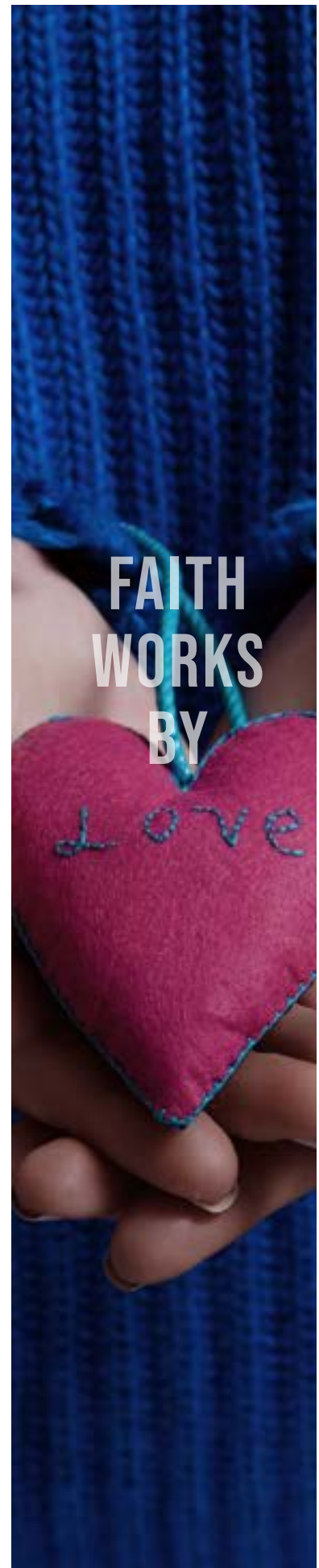
As we therefore examine the vitality and essence of the Faith that works, be prepared for the great and awesomeness of the unadulterated truth of God's word in this edition. By faith we take a stand in all areas of our lives, yet the Bible says that it takes love to ensure that our FAITH works; it takes love to our faith effectual (efficient) and effective.

"BEING EFFECTIVE is getting things done; getting results; while BEING EFFICIENT is getting things done with a smart use of available resources. In this case being efficient would mean bringing forth fruit in due season according to the working of God".

I hope and pray that this edition will enhance your achievements that is, your earnest plans, purposes and pursuits in every aspect of your life be it spiritual or physical. Knowing full well that in Christ Jesus as an achiever what is vital is not just about who you are - circumcised or uncircumcised - but how you become who you are - faith working through Love.

**PROPHETIC DECLARATION:**

*James 2:14-26 "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is*



*one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (Cross reading - 1 John 3:10-24)*

This is your month to activate your FAITH in REDEMPTION wholly and completely to ensure that your faith in God through our Lord Jesus Christ works.

***How does it work?***

It works a result of the revelation, inspiration and empowerment of the Holy Spirit that dwells in you. We've heard so much about the WORD OF FAITH from various sources. But how much of this truth have we really put into practice in our lives such as - marriages, relationships, parenthood, career, business, governance and more. This February, the Lord God, wants your faith in Him to Work, for faith without works is dead. That is the concept that **James 2:14-16** above is endeavouring to bring to our knowledge and understanding. We need to know and understand that concept in order for us to experience the fulness of His exaltation in the kingdom - **Ephesians 2:4-10**.

**James 2:14-26** gives us an account of Abraham, the father of faith and Rahab, the harlot - a distinguished woman. Both demonstrated how to have faith in God and how to accompany faith with works - in essence, how to bring it to reality. Just as Apostle Paul will say that to be willing is good, but performing that willingness is better - **2 Corinthians 8:11-12**. Abraham and Rehab chose to change their world and create an atmosphere to colour their life by not just having I CAN DO FAITH, but also being able to put their FAITH TO WORK.

**2 Corinthians 8:11-12** *"Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. 12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not".*

This month, pray and believe that you will let your faith work out your salvation



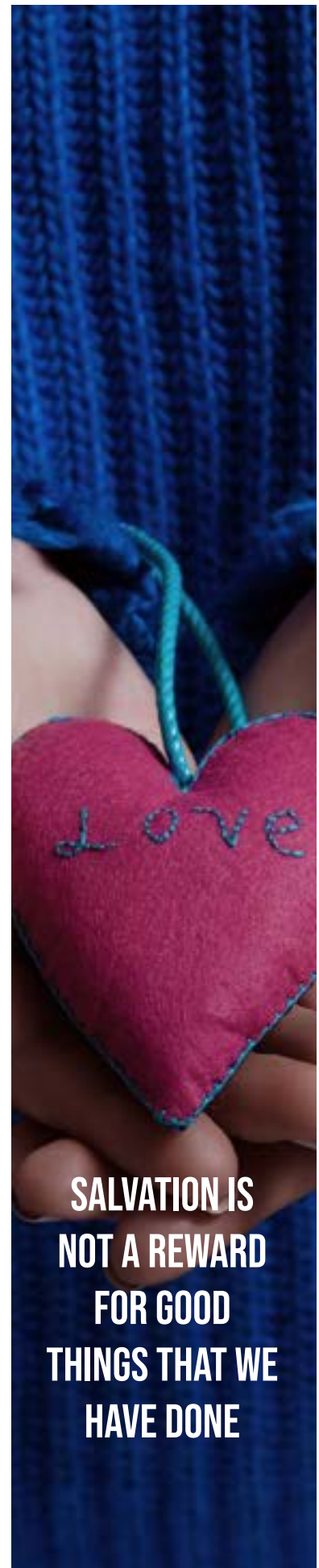
in redemption. Your faith in that business, marriage, relationship, career, governance and more, it's time to put it to work with every vital element that will rejuvenate and revitalise it. Do not sit back and watch your world fall before you. Do not keep your life in a state of a mere imagination; it's your time and moment to make it real.

Dear friend, achiever of God and recipient of this AFD FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION, it's your moment, the year is still young, make your faith to work for your good and goodness. It's time to rise to your horizon of grace in REDEMPTION and make a difference; make history to and for your generation and posterity because you are born of God to live an exalted life and to leave a foot print as others have done before you; let this testify of the graciousness of your God - *Hebrews 6:10-12*.

I prophesy to you today, this day and in this month of FEBRUARY, that your faith will work, rejuvenate, revitalise by the working power of the blessed Holy Spirit. I declare that you will not have a sluggish and sluggard attitude to your enviable destiny in you, but you will arise in grace and put your faith to work out your exalted place of salvation in the fulness of Jehovah God gracious REDEMPTION for you in Christ Jesus.

You are the reason that the earth was created and made beautiful; and surely, I pray you will share in the fulness of God in His REDEMPTION plans, purposes and pursuit for your life in Christ Jesus according to the scriptures - (*Isaiah 45:12; Psalms 115:16; Jeremiah 29:11 Amplified; Philemon 6; 2 Peter 1:1-4; Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 1:3-5*).

I pray that the vitality that makes faith to work will overshadow you in all life endeavours wherein your faith will keep working until the Lord returns for your good. Amen!"



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## **THE THEME**

AFD FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION is themed - **ABOUNDING IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE** - and it's "The Vitality of The Work of FAITH, The Patience of HOPE and The Labour of LOVE" as summed up in the following Holy writs below:

*1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now there remain: FAITH [abiding trust in God and His promises], HOPE [confident expectation of eternal salvation], LOVE [unselfish love for others growing out of God's love for me], these three [the choicest graces]; but the greatest of these is love" (Amplified).*

*1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; 3 remembering without ceasing your WORK OF FAITH, AND LABOUR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God".*

*1 Thessalonians 5:8 "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the BREASTPLATE OF FAITH AND LOVE; and for an HELMET, THE HOPE of salvation".*

To abound is to be in abundance, to exist in a large quantities. Abounding in something is an action or state of action. And the vitality of these three elements - FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in Christ Jesus provides potential to live the life that God purposed for us.

In our abounding, we need to be unceasing in our WORK OF FAITH which is the abiding trust in God and in His promises. The LABOUR OF LOVE, which is the unselfish love for others that grows out of God's love in us, with us and for us. Lastly PATIENCE OF HOPE which is the confident expectation of eternal salvation, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. This we find in *1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; 3 remembering without ceasing your WORK OF FAITH, AND LABOUR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God".*

This means that in our bid to advance the kingdom of our God and keep the enemy at bay in LIFE and GODLINESS, our FAITH must be accompanied and energised through WORK; our HOPE in God must be accompanied with PATIENCE that is unwavering, which is the good-natured tolerance of delay; and our LOVE must be accompanied

with the devotion of LABOUR, that is, to strive and make an effort (physical/mental) to reach a goal – productive results in such services. In other words, to abound is a state of movement or action to accomplish the intended purpose in plan and in pursuit of that plan. This is made possible by the breastplate of FAITH and LOVE and the helmet of HOPE according to *1 Thessalonians 5:8* says “*But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the BREASTPLATE OF FAITH and LOVE; and for an HELMET, the HOPE of salvation*”.

These choicest of graces – FAITH, HOPE and LOVE, are considered to function healthily in our Christian walk or in all other aspects – the ministerial gifts, the spiritual gifts, the character gifts and the secular or civic gifts. And with all these gifts functioning in these – FAITH, HOPE and LOVE, one can operate, manifest and administer to an endless capacity in the fullness of God – meaningfully, resulting in being fulfilled. Therefore, be PATIENT in whatever you are so keen to pursue and achieve in HOPE; endeavour to live through LOVE in all you set to LABOUR to achieve; and to ensure FAITH as a living currency in your process of WORK to achieve what you desire according to His will.

**THE ACT OF ABOUNDING IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE HAVE FAITH IN GOD:**

*Mark 11:20-24 “And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 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. 24 Therefore I say*



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*unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them”.*

*Romans 8:35-39 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”.*

King David the Psalmist put it this way in *Psalm 121*, look upwards to the hills where your help comes from - in another words, HAVE FAITH IN GOD. In challenging times the integrity and authenticity of our faith in God is put to the test. Let your faith not be centred as fulcrum on your job or from wherever you get your livelihood and sustenance for living from. These things fail. The true test comes when pressures are high, jobs are lost and businesses fail to deliver - this is the time when we know who we believe our source to be - *Psalms 23; Acts 20:21*.

When we begin to nurse the spirit of having faith in God without having a plan B, faith will work in us and through us. In this way we will see mountains turning into plains, valleys being filled, the rough becoming smooth and the crooked becoming straight - (*Isaiah 40:3-5*). Having Faith in God is a dedication of trust on the integrity of the creator God. Just look at the faith you put on your SATNAV to take you to unfamiliar places. Yet even they lead one astray and fail at times. God is the map writer and the guide, He will never fail you.

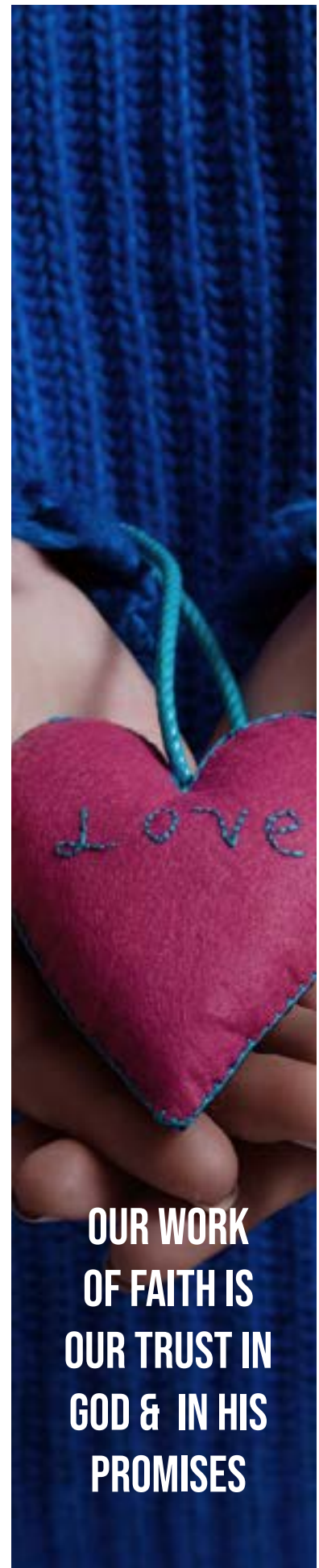
Jesus spoke in *Mark 11:20-24* requesting the disciples (fellow believers in Him) to ‘HAVE FAITH IN GOD’ in response to their being in awe of the event that had happened previously in Mark 11:12-14. He had cursed a fig tree, which eventually became just as He said it would become. Jesus spoke there as son of man, that is, in His humanity (the book of Mark helps to explain the working of God in Christ Jesus as son of man - humanity). In other words, Jesus was informing them that it was possible also through them as disciples (followers of Christ), which you are also, to ‘HAVE FAITH IN GOD’. This is what makes us work out our salvation of and for the good and goodness of God in us.

To 'Have Faith In God' means having faith in the 'Word of God'; that the promised and earnest intent of God for us in His plans, purposes and pursuits will surely come to pass no matter what the situations and circumstances are for us. We need to have undivided trust in God, meaning no room for doubts to the sayings of God in and through us as in *Proverbs 4:20-22; Mark 11:23-24*, knowing full well that God rewards those who diligently have faith in Him - *Hebrews 11:6; Proverbs 22:29*. We need to build up a strong desire on and for the WORD of God, so that our faith will unceasingly work for us.

The faith that works is the faith built by a continuous hearing of the WORD of God as says in Romans 10:17. For some men have no faith

*2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 "Furthermore, brethren, do pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed on (spread rapidly and run its course) and be glorified (extolled) and triumph, even as [it has done] with you, 2 And that we may be delivered from perverse (improper, unrighteous) and wicked (actively malicious) men, for not everybody has faith and is held by it" (Amplified).*

The simple reason could be because Faith is built by steadfast hearing of the Word of God which if you don't build it up, on days of challenges you will doubt God and succumb to the lesser instead of the greater. It's the craving for God's word that Job in *Job 23:12* says he desires God's word more than his necessary food. The same act of grace you can find of the Psalmist David in *Psalms 119:89, 97-100, 105 and 130*. Their respective strong desires kept their faith not only built up but strong to work out their respective salvation in all the challenges that befell them.



**OUR WORK  
OF FAITH IS  
OUR TRUST IN  
GOD & IN HIS  
PROMISES**

To 'Have Faith In God' that works, means loving God and allowing His love to take hold of you and direct your plans, purposes and pursuits. Faith will always work if there is an established love for God in us to trust Him and His word in all matters that concerns us. This is what Apostle Paul means in **Romans 8:35-39**, where he says that there is no force, mountain, valley, trials, hunger, sickness, nakedness and more that can take his heart from the love of God and love for God. That no changing times or circumstances can make him underestimate his faith because the love of God and the love for God will always enhance his faith to work out an answer. When you allow the genuine love of God to garrison your faith in the word of God, you will see that the act of serving God and obeying His word or commands is not grievous, burdensome, oppressive and taskmaster instructions. Having Faith through loving God ensures and assures that God will always commend what He commands.

*1 John 5:1-3 "Everyone who believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him (His offspring). 2 By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey His commands (orders, charges)—[when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching]. 3 For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous)" (Amplified)*

The faith that works is built on the love for God and His WORD. When this becomes the synergy of operation in our day to day life, there is no mountain, valley, rough place and crooked path of life that can be a stumbling block in us getting to God's eternal plans, purposes and pursuit for us in REDEMPTION.

Therefore GO for the WORD, through the act of loving God, knowing your FAITH WILL WORK. Amen!

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## **THE VITALITY OF BEING EFFECTIVE AND EFFECTUAL**

*1 John 5:4-5 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

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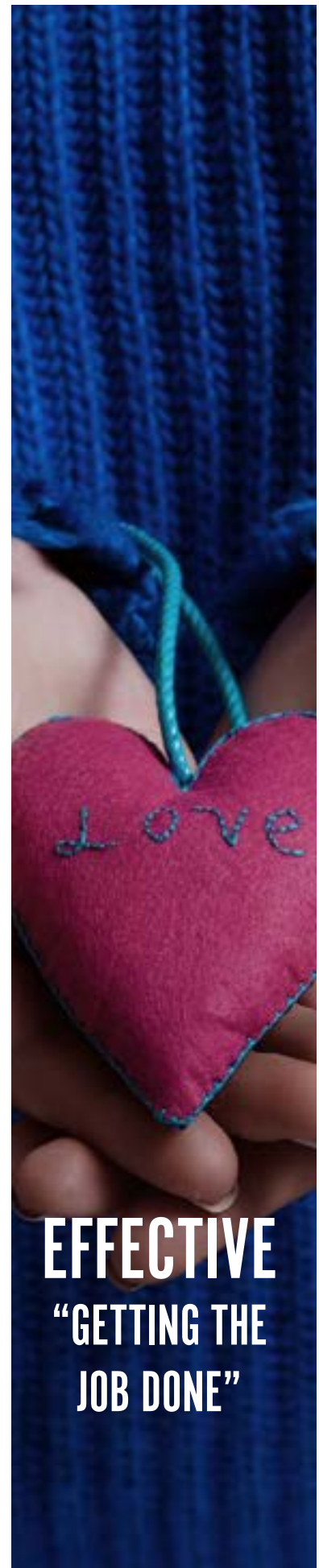
**Galatians 5:6** *“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but Faith which worketh by Love”*

As we examine the vitality and essence of the faith that works in life, what comes to mind is the place of faith in the expression of love vis-a-vis. As God’s children and achievers in Christ Jesus, by faith we take a stand in all areas of our lives, yet the Bible says that it takes love to ensure that our faith for living is efficient (effectual) and effective.

When you are effective - you get the job done; you get the results. When you are efficient you get the job done, you get the results with a smart use of the available resources - which being in Christ means bringing forth fruit in due season according to the working of the grace of God in your life.

To live colourful, triumphant and overcome in life, the scriptures tell us that it is by an act of Faith working through Love in the deed of Christ Jesus in His redemption acts and process for us. That’s what 1 John 5:4-5 and Philemon 6 indicates. Knowing full well that in Christ Jesus as an Achiever what is vital and prominent is not just about who you are - circumcised or uncircumcised - but how you work your faith to become who you are - Faith working through Love - **(Galatians 3:26-29; Galatians 5:6; Romans 10:11-13; Colossians 3:10-11).**

Faith is acting on the instruction of whom you believe in order to become what you believe of Him and in Him. More appropriately, Faith is acting on the Word of God in order to be or become what God’s plans, purposes and pursuits are about you. In order for you to be, your faith has to work.



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I want you to know full well that the enemy, the devil and his cohorts are not after your finances, marriages, business, careers and more but are after your FAITH. If they can get your faith to deny God or place of denial towards God with an unbelieving act; such that you can doubt, distrust and question the integrity and authenticity of God's Word, they can get hold of your being in order to ruin and annihilate your finances, marriages, businesses and more.

He tried to make Job deny God and give up on His Faith in God. But Job in all his trials and temptations kept His Faith intact and eventually there was a double recovery of all he had once lost such that the enemy could not contend. He stood on His faith and determined that His love for God in it would not tarnish - **Job 19:25-27; Job 42:10-17; Romans 8:35-39.**

If your faith were to be tested today, would it work as Job's did or would you mortgage your faith for material things? Would **Romans 8:35-39** as it pertains to the love for God be relevant to you in the essence of your FAITH working by LOVE? Consider pondering over it!

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**THREE UNIFIED ELEMENTS - HOPE, FAITH & LOVE**

**1 Corinthians 13:13** "And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity".

**Romans 5:1-5** "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 and patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us".

The above scriptures, **1 Corinthians 13:13 and Romans 5:1-5** help to illustrate three vital elements that give worth to life which just as they are spiritual, they are also legal and vital to enhance the achievers' lifestyle in an exalted position. These three vital elements are hope, faith and love.

♥ **HOPE** - Sets life goals and takes shame away from us

♥ **FAITH** - Brings life set goals to pass.

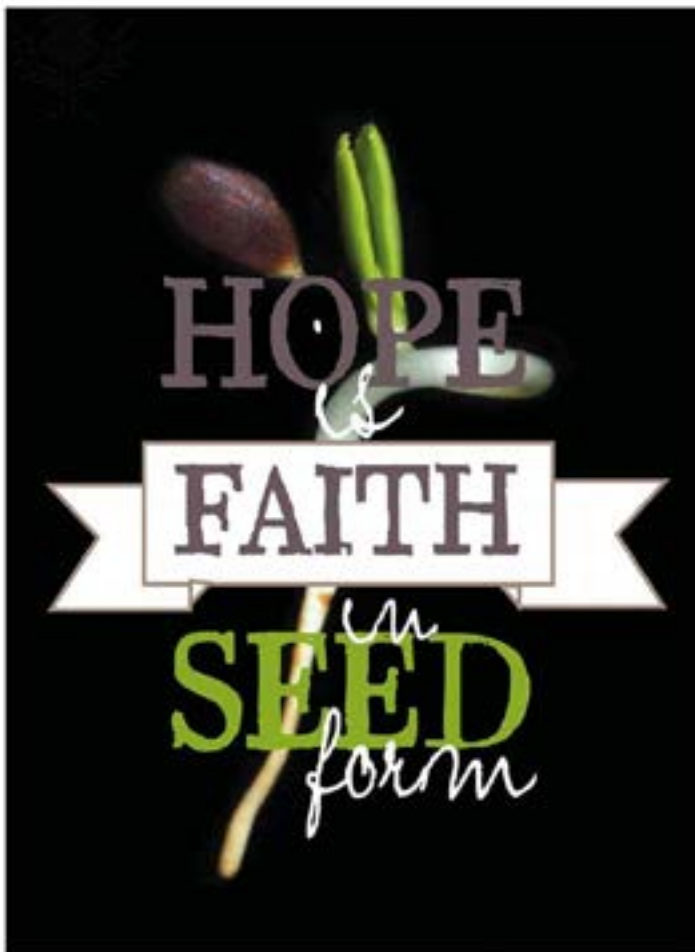
♥ **LOVE** - Lubricates, sustains & strengthens our hope & faith to make life worth living.

These ingredients that make life worth living are vital if we must have lively achievers'



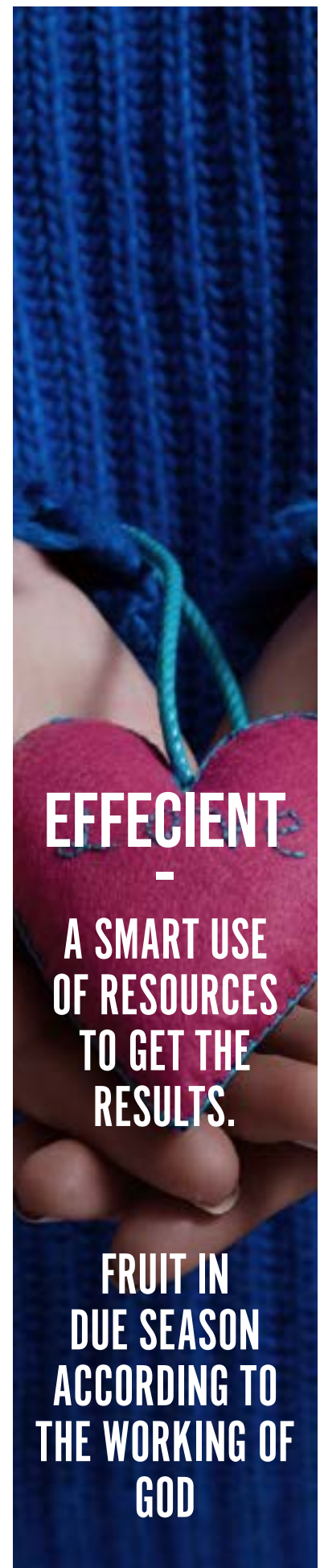
wellbeing. In this edition we will be considering the vitality of these elements to ascertain the faith that works. Seeing how vital they are and how they work together in making us become what we are born to be and in achieving our set goals and aspirations in life.

**BUILDING ON HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE**  
**THE VITALITY OF HOPE:**



*Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen".*

Hope is a vital entity of FAITH. In other words, Faith is insured and assured when it works in the company of hope. Hope is the element that sets life goals to enable Faith to function effectively and effectually. A hope is a desire based on the promise of God personified or generalised. This promise communicates a possibility of God's blessing



to the individual, family, nations and encourages the soul. If one will plant this seed into the soil of the heart, and if the soil is kept right, it will bring forth a harvest of faith. Bible hope is faith in seed form.

However every human being has hope planted in them. That's why each day we all rise up with the hope that something good will come our way or rather will happen to us. However, HOPE can be of natural and spiritual instinct. The difference is that the natural act of hope does not measure along in the eternal effect of spiritual hope embedded in the re-born spirit of man.

**1 Corinthians 2:14-16** *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ".*

But first, let us define natural (every day) hope, and then look at how it differs from spiritual (scriptural-based) hope.

## **NATURAL HOPE:**

(Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia)

Hope is the state which promotes the desire of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances in one's life or in the world at large.

♥ *Hope is the "feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best" or the act of "look[ing] forward to something with desire and reasonable confidence" or "feel[ing] that something desired may happen".*

♥ *Other definitions include: "to cherish a desire with anticipation"; "to desire with expectation of obtainment"; or "to expect with confidence".*

♥ *In the English language the word can occur either as a noun or as a verb, although hope as a concept has a similar meaning in either use*

♥ *(Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary)*

### **HOPE AS A NOUN**

♥ *A desire of some good, accompanied with an expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable; an expectation of something, which is thought to be desirable; confidence; pleasing expectancy.*

♥ *One who, or that which, gives hope, furnishes ground of expectation, or promises desired good.*

♥ *That which is hoped for; an object of hope.*

**HOPE AS A VERB**

♥ *To entertain or indulge hope; to cherish a desire of good, or of something welcome, with expectation of obtaining it or belief that it is obtainable; to expect; – usually followed by for.*

♥ *To place confidence; to trust with confident expectation of good; – usually followed by in.*

By definition as ascribed above in the two distinguished dictionaries, the concept of Hope is very much vital and paramount for any man to live. The natural hope may or may not have a strong foundation, and may exist only as a feeling, or mental attitude. However, this hope gives us the reason to go on, based on a notion that our desires in respect of our plans, purposes and pursuit to an exalted position can be achieved. The natural hope then is based on the natural instincts and reasoning, convincing as it may seem to be, is not an absolute guarantee. In this world, a good result is never absolutely guaranteed however not the less when it's not divinely imparted and directed.

**THE SPIRITUAL (BIBLICAL) HOPE**

The Bible hope is similar to natural hope, in that it is also a belief in the possible expectation of a desire. The difference is that the foundation for Bible Hope is not founded on earthly reason, but rather on the promises given to us in the Bible from God.

**Romans 15:4** *“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope”.*

**Ephesians 2:12** *“...remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world”.*





**HOPE IS FAITH IN SEED FORM - FAITH IS HOPE IN FINAL FORM!**

Both natural hope and Bible-based hope start with a desire, a longing, or a need. Add to this desire a reason for it to be expected and you have hope. The Bible-based hope is a desire that has a corresponding promise from God. In Bible hope, the promises of God contained within the written scriptures are the foundation for this positive future expectation. The desires remain our desires, but now they have the added

benefit of being a desire that is also an approved scriptural possibility. These desires are transformed into Bible-based hope by the realization that they are in agreement with the will, which is the Word of God. By this understanding the vitality of hope is that it is transformed into an object of faith by direct and personal communication of God to our hearts. This faith will in turn transform the desire into reality in our lives.

***Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.***

***Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance (ownership, legal right) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not (yet) seen.***

***FROM HOPELESS TO HOPE AND THEN TO FAITH***

Anyone who does not know Christ, is lost and without hope in the world and in life with God. One day when he is presented with the Gospel of the Bible-based hope and he believes, such receives Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord. Christ becomes his hope. His future is insured and assured, but he still has physical needs in this life.

***Colossians 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"***

***Romans 8:24-25 "For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience".***

One of physical needs of such new person in Christ with scriptural-based hope may be the need for a physical healing. His need for healing creates a desire in him for healing. Learning further about the scriptures, he comes to realise that physical healing is also included within God's redemption plan, and that he can be healed through the power and grace of God. The realisation that physical healing is a scriptural-based possibility creates hope. Hope is the positive future expectation of receiving God's promises fulfilled in our lives. Hope is a desire that the answer is found in the promises of God. It is this vitality of hope that makes FAITH work.

***Hebrews 11:1-2 "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, [a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." (Amplified)***

***Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope"***

***Titus 3:7 "so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life"***

If we diligently persevere in seeking God on a matter, hope will turn to faith, and our desire to reality.

- ♥ Hope is the first step in our receiving 'things' from God. For, 'faith is the ownership or reality of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen'
- ♥ Hope is the start of the walk of faith, hence to give vitality for Faith to work.
- ♥ Hope believes you can have it someday. Faith believes that you have it now (in your heart).
- ♥ Hope is the possibility; faith is the surety. Faith transforms



hopes into realities.

♥ Hope is the raw material from which faith builds the house.

♥ Transforming our godly desires into reality is the purpose of hope and faith! I challenge you to go ahead and hope freely in God, you will not be disappointed, because hope is the vitality that makes faith work.

*Romans 5:5 “. . . and hope does not disappoint (make us ashamed), because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Emphasis mine).*

*1 Peter 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”.*

It is up to us to take our needs and desires to our Lord God and seek Him through His word according to all Christ accomplished for us in REDEMPTION. Only through His word can we accurately judge our desires. Those desires that can stand the test of His word are viable candidates for reality.

*Hebrew 6:11-12 “But we do [[a]strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end, 12 In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith ([b]by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises” (Amplified).*

For without hope God has nothing for which faith can make reality. For HOPE is the vitality on which Faith works.

**BUILDING ON HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE**

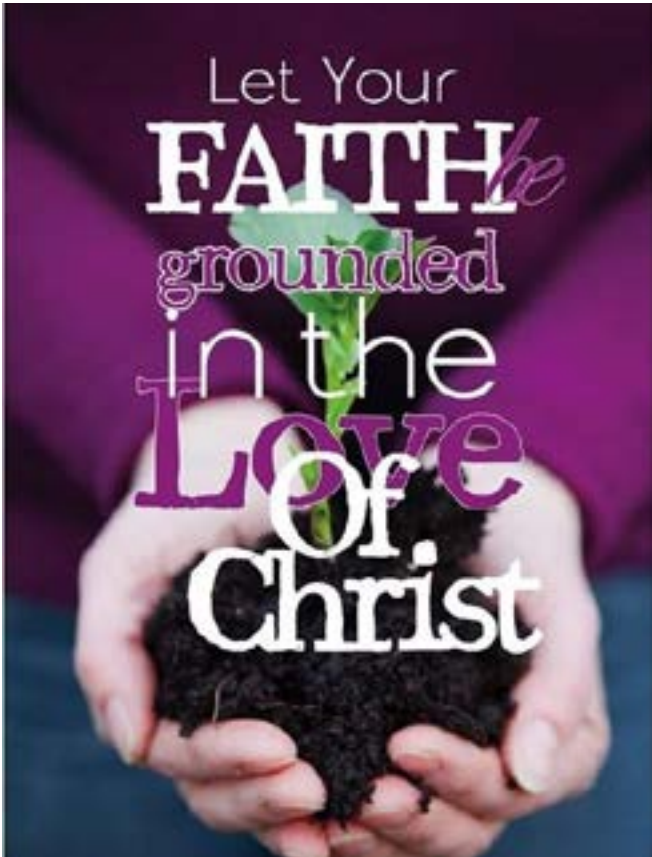
### **THE VITALITY OF FAITH:**

*Galatians 5:6 “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but Faith which worketh by Love”.*

*Hebrews 11:6 “But without Faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”.*

*Romans 14:23 "And he that doubteth is damned if he eats, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin".*

*Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God".*



I have come to know in the course of my pastoral responsibility that people who live with unfulfilled life dreams of their plans, purposes and pursuits, could end up frustrated even unto destruction as they see their aspirations and hopes being shattered. It's painful to watch. God has given and bestowed grace on us to succeed, triumph and win in life. That is what you called being blessed.

For these the Bible has great input to say about the vitality of our FAITH in order to achieve our goals and become what we ought to be. Let's consider these scriptures then:-



♥ *Hebrews 11:6 - says that you cannot please God without Faith. (Deuteronomy 32:20, Luke 18:8)*

♥ *Romans 14:23 - Says that anything done without faith is sin.*

♥ *2 Corinthians 5:7 - Says that we walk by faith and not by sight.*

♥ *Habakkuk 2:4 - Says that the just shall live by his own faith*

♥ *Ephesians 2:8 - Says that by faith we are saved through God's grace.*

♥ *Luke 7:9; Matthew 9:29; Matthew 5:28 - Testimonies of countless people healed by our Lord Jesus Christ were as a result of their faith..*

♥ FAITH is spiritual, legal and vital to our Christian walk and is important in becoming that which God intended us to be. Faith is of God. Faith is of a pure and good conscience, and unfeigned towards God and towards man - **1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Timothy 1:5; Acts 24:16; 2 Timothy 1:3; 1 Titus 1:15**. Faith is neither a doctrine nor a creed. It is a product of the Spirit and comes from the Word of God - **John 6:63; Romans 10:17**. This means that FAITH can come and go when attention is not given to generate and sustain it through the Word of God. There is no single being that has walked on the face of the earth with meaningful and achievable kingdom results that has nothing to show from a life of Faith. The reason is because Faith is the victory by which life warfare can be overcome in every level of life - 1 John 5:4-5. Faith is bringing the unseen to the seen world - **2 Corinthians 4:13, 18**.

We can therefore sum up the vitality of faith by the scriptural truth of Hebrews chapter eleven (Hebrews 11).

♥ ***Vs 1 - Faith gives substance (flesh/reality) to our hopes and aspirations***

♥ ***Vs 1 - Faith is evidence - legal tender, assurance and confidence.***

♥ ***Vs 3 - Faith gives understanding***

♥ ***Vs 4 - Faith offers an excellent and better sacrifice.***

♥ ***Vs 5 - Faith translates and transfigures.***

♥ ***Vs 6 - Faith pleases God.***

♥ ***Vs 7 - Faith gives warning of coming danger***

♥ ***Vs 8 - Faith receives an inheritance.***

♥ ***Vs 9 - Faith gives or creates patience***

♥ ***Vs 11 - Faith gives strength.***

♥ ***Vs 12 - 40 - Faith produces and makes the heroes of faith.***

Yet as vital and as this essence of faith is, it's not workable says the Word of God unless it allows HOPE as earlier discussed and LOVE to be the main stream or river course in which it flows and operates; and in order to achieve life goals according to the plans, purposes and pursuit of God for us in REDEMPTION.



**BUILDING ON HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE**  
**THE VITALITY OF LOVE:**

*1 John 5:1-5 "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that Loveth him that begat Loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we Love the children of God, when we Love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the Love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

*Romans 5:5, 8 "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. . . But God commendeth his Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us".*

*Revelation 2:4 "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first Love".*

*1 John 4:7-10 "Beloved, let us Love one another: for Love is of God; and every one that Loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that Loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love. In this was manifested the Love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is Love, not that we Loved God, but that he Loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins".*

Just like Faith, Love is a product of the Spirit; meaning it's of God. God is love. God is a Spirit and those who worship Him do it in their spirit and in truth, for God have no place for lies, lust and deception; Love is of the Spirit. Genuine Bible



love is spiritual not natural. It is not a product of an act of man's creation. God is love and anyone whose intention is to know, understand and manifest a genuine kind of love needs to connect to God's DNA of love.

Love is an attitude, a deliberate choice, an exercise of the will, a choice of life and is much more than a mere feeling; it is an expression of the nature of God. God is love! Which means the definition of Love is God - **1 John 4:7-10**. Let's consider love in diversity for a clearer understanding of the kind of love vitality being implied in this AFD EDITION.

There are three MAJOR kinds of love:

- **Phileo (Greek)** (Which is of the soul i.e. mind, emotion):

Love relationship in family - between parent and child/children. The Family like kind of love gem and passion. It means to be fond of; it is based on feelings and not on principle. It's never used of man's love to or for God. This is human or natural kind of love. **Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Genesis 8:19; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21**. This kind of love is however essential and crucial; and based solely on and for a family wellbeing and bonding.



- **Eros Grk** (of the Physical i.e. body)

Sexual love; purely intended and reserved for the married, that is, within the bond of marriage. It's neither for fornication, adultery or any act of immorality or formats. However, Lust and immoral desires have gotten some into it. **Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; 1 Corinthians 5:1-2**. And it's strongly needful in marital relationship and should be held in such regards to its chastity and beauty within the bond of need as scriptural enjoined. This is based on looks and physical desires, not on principle.



• **Agape (Greek)** (of the Spirit i.e. spiritual, divine):

God's kind of love; unconditional, limitless, divine, spiritual. It transcends race, gender, generation, culture, family, physical, personal (self) and such likes. **1 Corinthians 13**; Agape love is the bedrock that helps to ensure, strengthen and maintain also the living out of the Phileo and Eros kind of love in all life endeavours. Agape love is based on principle - be it towards things or people.



**GOVERNING EROS AND PHILEO LOVE BY AGAPE LOVE:**

The Phileo or Eros kinds of Love need to be ruled and governed; and possibly bring under subjection or control by the exercising of the Agape kind of love, otherwise it will hinder our fellowship and relationship with God and possibly lead to sin - separation from exercising and living within the bounds of God's kind of love - Agape, as exemplified below:

• **Eros (Sexual love):**

As married couples, use periods of fasting and prayer with mutual agreements in knowledge and understanding to abstain, then return afterwards to avoid temptations.



*1 Corinthians 7:5 "Do not refuse and deprive and defraud each other [of your due marital rights], except perhaps by mutual consent for a time, so that you may devote yourselves unhindered to prayer. But afterwards resume marital relations, lest Satan tempt you [to sin] through your lack of restraint of sexual desire" (Amplified).*

• **Phileo (Parental love):**

Don't let the feelings of love rule your life more than your faith love in God and towards God. The love bond can be so strong that if it's not properly ruled by agape love, it can be a loss of genuine love towards God, which is our primary essence to all kinds or forms of love expressions.



*Romans 8:35-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".*

*1 Samuel 2:22-36 "Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress. 25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they*

hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them. 26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men. 27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? 29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 30 Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. 32 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. 33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. 34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. 36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread".





Love is a fruit and not a gift. Fruits are grown while gifts are imparted. Genuine Bible love - Agape - is born and is a product of the Spirit. Considering our subject of discussion, let us come to the light in examining some characteristics of Agape kind of love as vital to enhance the working of Faith.

- ♥ Love is God and God is love, meaning God is the definition and embodiment of genuine love - **1 John 3-4:24.**
- ♥ Love gives power of initiative; Love is a giver, sacrificial giver- **John 3:16.**
- ♥ Love is the royal law for the redeemed who are a royal priesthood - kings & priests unto God - **James 2:8 (Revelation 5:9-10; 1 Peter 2:5, 9).**
- ♥ Love works no ill to self or others and it's the fulfilment of all God's commands - **Romans 13:8, 10.**
- ♥ There is no hypocrisy or dissemination in love. It sees people through in life and does not see through people - **Romans 12:9 -11; Philipians 2:3-4.**
- ♥ No fear, intimidation, harassment and torment in love - **John 4:17-18.**
- ♥ Love is the greatest gift in ranking and its characteristics are imbedded in this scripture - **1 Corinthians 13:13 (1 Corinthians 13).**
- ♥ Love is the end of all commandments and supreme to all things - **1 Peter 4:7-9.**
- ♥ Love is supreme and above all things - **Colossians 3:12-14.**
- ♥ Love is the excellent way to enhance spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit of the Spirit - **1 Corinthians 2:31-13:1-13 (Galatians 5:6, 13, 22-23).**
- ♥ Love restores the weak ones back to Faith and not the accuser or fault finder of the brethren - **Galatians 6:1; John 8:1-11; John 4.**
- ♥ Love is the most excellent way to excel, pilot one's life and to have an overflowing life in divine endowments - **1 Corinthians 12:31.**
- ♥ Love is considerate - **John 15:13.**
- ♥ Love is patient, kind, not boastful or arrogant, not selfish and keeps record of no wrong - **1 Corinthians 13.**
- ♥ Love forgives and does not offend - **Psalms 119:165.**
- ♥ Love edifies and builds - **1 Corinthians 8:1-3.**

♥ Love overlooks a multitude of evils and sins - **Proverbs 10:12, 1 Peter 4:8, John 3:16.**

♥ . . there are many more when you search the scriptures further.

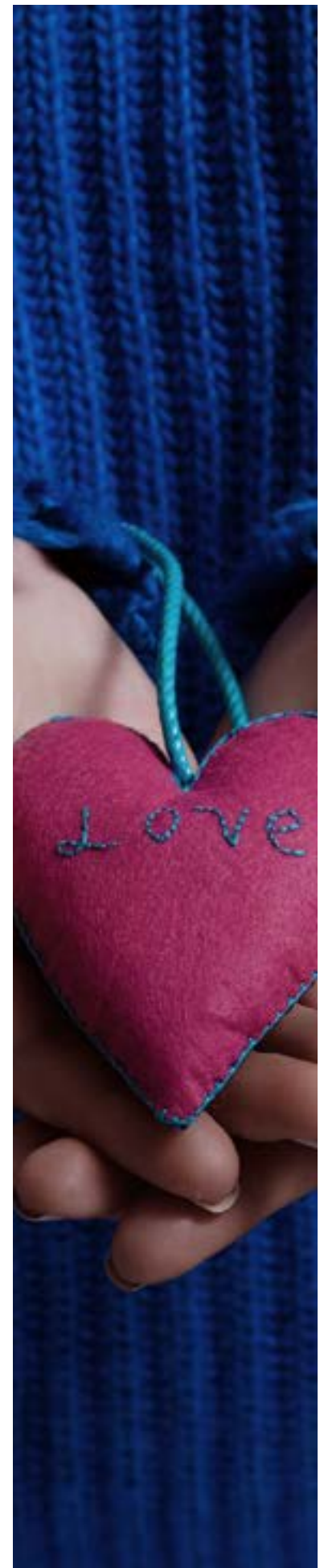
Your regard, respect and value for love determine how you live and reign in it and the virtues that get back to your life. When one walks in love, one is then prepared to live through life as God's instrument of grace on the pathway to achieve and become.

Love is the hallmark of the New Testament Christian Faith for any great achiever or one intending to become such in God. Hence its vitality as to make our faith in Christ work was strongly commanded (not as an advice) by our Lord Jesus Christ.

*John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another".*

And it's upon this unity of grace in God's eternal plans, purposes and pursuit which are born from the Spirit of love that God's commanded blessings are lavished and manifest in and through believers in life and ministry. This is what makes Faith to work in and through us.

*Psalm 133 ". . . Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore".*



*BUILDING ON HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE*

## **JESUS CHRIST - OUR LIVING EPISTLE**

*Acts 2:22 "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know".*

*John 13:1-3 "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end"*

*Hebrew 5:7-10 "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek".*

God wants you to live THE EXALTED AND GREATER LIFE, triumph and reign in life through the FAITH that works in HOPE AND LOVE. The days of mere wishful way of existence to deal with the affairs of life is over for all those who are born of God and want to let the word of God have a root in them. We live in challenging times and every child of God must as a matter of reality live by what they are made to be in order to authenticate their faith in God - exalted to as kings and priests unto God on earth - **1 John 4:17**.

You need to take your stand in Christ in that which affects and opposes your faith. Faith works by God's grace already made available to and for you in REDEMPTION; by this you can be able to triumph, reign, rule and win in matters of life. This will stand in the vitality of hope and love, to lubricate your FAITH TO WORK, and you can overcome over all that has limited you and questioned the integrity of your faith in God.

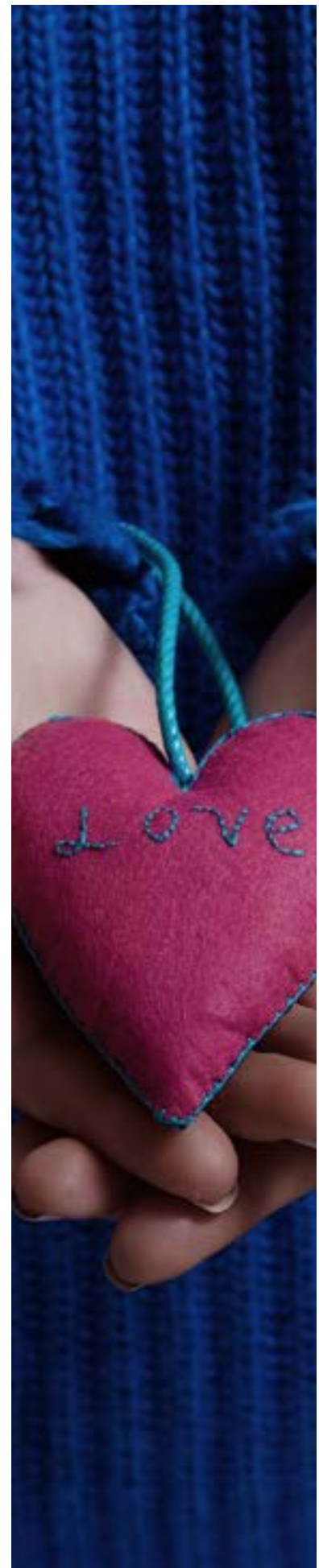
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the days of his life in the flesh - humanity, that is, as son of man" - reigned in life through Hope and Love by the abundance of all things supplied by the Father God. He reigned over and dominated principalities and powers, overcame temptations and trials, uprooted bitterness, envy and every work of the flesh as depicted in **Galatians 5:19-21; Matthew 4:1-13 (Luke 4:1-13); 1 John 2:15-17**.



Jesus' love knows no bounds hence He ruled and reigned over all, in life on earth. He had a choice to either give in, give up or to be in charge and in control; and of course He chose to reign that He might give us an assurance of hope. It is possible for one to live and reign in life on earth until He comes to have us home with Him - **1 John 4:17; Romans 5:17, 21**. For as a son of man in humanity, His Faith was working for Him and indeed He reigns triumphantly in life through love in these wisely undermentioned acts:

- ♥ **Over all flesh - John 17:1-2.**
- ♥ **Over Temptations and trials - Matthew 4:1- 11; Luke 4:1-13.**
- ♥ **Over all things - Philippians 2:21-22; John 14:30.**
- ♥ **Over principalities and powers - Ephesians 1:20-22; John 14:30.**
- ♥ **Over the crafty and devices of hell and death - Revelation 1:18-19; Hebrews 2:14-15.**
- ♥ **With all authority and powers - Matthew 28:18.**
- ♥ **Over all the works of the flesh - Galatians 5:19-21; John 14:30.**
- ♥ **And many other's in the Bible- John 21:25.**

Therefore let's arise, put an end to living in your own strength and skills and on life that is based on your intellect and human deprivation. Let's put our Faith to work through the vitality that is already made available for us in Christ Jesus by His REDEMPTION plans, purposes and pursuit for our exaltation. Let's begin to live life to the full, taking charge and reigning in life as a triumphant, victorious and more than a conqueror people of God and not as cowards. Human life is limited, is more than a mere accumulation of wealth or being physically strong. You can't measure God's endowment with physical prosperity. Let's begin to exercise ourselves unto the FAITH THAT WORKS, for in it we shall live well on this side of heaven until the Lord returns.



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## **GRAND FINALE**

***Galatians 5:6 "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but Faith which worketh by Love".***

***Ephesians 3:17, 19 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, . . . And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God".***

***Ephesians 4:1-3 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".***

***Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, FAITH, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law".***

Faith and love are an expression of obedience to God. Obeying God is as a result of the revelation knowledge of God and His Word. It is not dogmatic or an act of religious know-how, tradition and conscience of any source. Faith is both a gift (imparted) and fruit (character) of the Holy Spirit - **1 Corinthians 12:9; Galatians 5:22**. As a fruit it speaks of faithfulness. Hence one can say that faith and Love are both fruit of the Spirit in a sense.

***Ephesians 3:17, 19 show that our faith should be rooted and grounded (established) in the love of Christ. For illustration, let consider Matthew 5:23-26 as written "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. 25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. 26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing".***

***Ephesians 4:1-3 indicates that if we must love, we need to make an effort. Make everything possible to love to enable our faith in God to be effective and effectual - efficient. To love is gentle and humble - complete humility and patience in bearing with each other as a way to love.***

In **Galatians 5:6** we see that in Christ Jesus nothing has value except Faith expressing itself in Love. Faith works by love when we take God's Word as it is without argument. This we can see in the following biblical expressions and hallmarks of Love:

Faith is the hand - legal tender - that takes the things we need from God and delivers them into our hand. Everything that Jesus purchased (Redeemed) for us on Calvary can be obtained by FAITH - **Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3-5; Colossians 1:13-14; John 10:0; 3 John 2**. Faith is acting correspondingly to the Word of God, that is - belief in Action.

One of the reasons why FAITH is not WORKING for some of the Believing Achievers as they lay claim to be people of Faith is simply because they do not have understanding of what the Word of God says - Faith that works by Love and Faith that lives by Hope. This is what will measure up to all of the principles and stands set down in the Word of God. When we are Love-conscious, Hope-conscious and not Sin-conscious, our Faith will bring us to our place of triumph to reign in life.

**Revelation 2:1-7 "...4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God".**

**Mark 11:20-24 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 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. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them”.*

***Romans 5:4-5 “And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of [a]character (approved faith and [b]tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] [c]joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation. 5 Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us” (Amplified).***

Dear reader, you are destined not only to have good success and triumphantly reign in exalted place of grace but to become in life as an ACHIEVER thriving through the vitality of faith that works in hope and love. We can infer and establish from the foregone illustrations that in our exercising of Faith through our natural instinct or as a fruit or spiritual gift - we need the element of hope and love to authenticate its viability to make life worth living. This will bring forth the desire you long for and anticipated for your spouse, children, parents, family members, in-laws, relationship, your neighbour, career, business, friendship, church and more.

I therefore urge you to create a desire that enables love to enhance your faith. This becomes the pathway to all the open doors that you desire. Love is the mother of unity and unity receives and enhances blessings from the Lord - ***Psalm 133; Matthew 5:23-25***. I therefore present you the biblical FOOD FOR THOUGHT as to:

♥ ***WHERE IS YOUR FAITH LIFE?*** James 2:14-26; 1 John 3:10-24; Luke 18:8; Deuteronomy 32:20; 2 Thessalonians 3:12.

♥ ***WHERE IS YOUR LOVE LIFE?*** Revelation 2:4, Galatians 6:5; Romans 8:35-39.

♥ ***WHERE IS YOUR HOPE LIFE?*** 2 Corinthians 15:19; Romans 5:4-5.

Faith, hope and love produce the vitality for effectual and effective achievers’ life and lifestyle. There is a promise of grace for all who operate under God or in God’s name through the urgency of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in their faith endeavours.

I pray that God will give you understanding and revelation knowledge. The excellent way to be effective and effectual in all areas of life - is by our FAITH working through the vitality pin-hole of HOPE and LOVE.

I sincerely pray for you that in this month wherein most people are considering and marking their Valentine's day in various human formats, that our God will awaken your spirit by this AFD FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION so that you can begin to reign in life in full by God's faith that works. Your prosperity is very certain and today, this day; this month can be the beginning of the beginning. Desiring for you, God's grace and abundant blessings in all you do through the month, Amen.

***Dare For Faith That Works?***

***Then . . . Dare Also To Hope***

***. . . And Dare To Love***

***That's the working vitality and essence to achieve in REDEMPTION.***

In His Kingdom Causes For His Glory,

*Rev Chukie MORSI*

Note: All scriptures are in Authorised King James Version (AKJV) except otherwise indicated.













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“Whoever decided that one cancels out the other?”

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### THE REALM OF REVELATION



“The realm of revelation is the state in which we as individual Christians and the church as a whole need to live in order to be effective in the world in which we live.

It ought to be a way of life in the way that we speak and in the way that we relate to those around us. Living in the realm of revelation is foundational and fundamental to the Christian walk; the church was founded on revelation. Unfortunately, today the church as a whole has become a place of religious traditions of man that work against the revealed Word of God and do not reflect the God that we serve”

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### BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH



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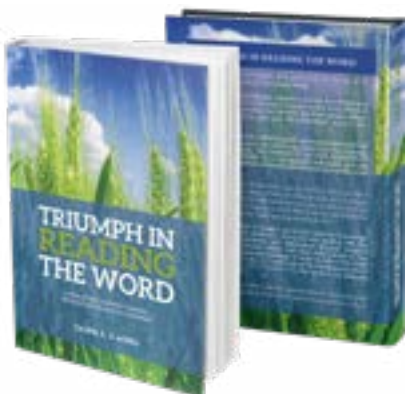
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## TRIUMPH IN READING THE WORD



A man's ignorance is his own mountain; but the knowledge and understanding of the truth which is based on the living Word of God, birthed and breathed by the Holy Spirit, will always deliver, direct and prosper to give your life meaningful success with fulfilment.

The intention of this book is to inspire and empower through teaching and is an instructional manual on how to live effectively through reading the Word of God

# THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Picture this. You see your boss write out and sign a cheque for your End of Year bonus.. But - as he is about to hand it to you, he takes it back, picks up an erasure and rubs out his signature and well as the amount and then hands it to you.

***Now what?***

You cannot cash that cheque without the credentials. The fact that he DID write it is of no relevance anymore. The cheque is no longer legal tender there is nothing there now.

In a similar way, when we make a confession that is in line with the Word of God - we are writing that cheque. When we confess something that is contrary to what we said and believed in the first place - we have erased the first confession. It could be that, the pain is still there, I don't know how I'm gonna pay my rent, I'll end up getting evicted, I'm gonna lose my job at this rate etc. The cheque is now blank.

Words are spirit, they are life. Life and death are in the power of the tongue the Bible says. A man shall live by the words of His mouth.

***Proverbs 18:20-21 . . . wise words satisfy like a good meal. The right words will bring satisfaction. The tongue can bring life or death. Those who love to talk will reap the consequences. (NLT)***

The mouth confesses what the heart believes.

***Romans 10:9-10 . . . 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

Hold fast to your confession in spite of the situation that you may be experiencing because you not only know the will of God but He is with you always. Never leaves nor forsakes you and he is faithful. The Word does not say that we will not go through trials and pains - but He says when we do, we will overcome.

***Romans 8:35 - 39 . . . What can separate us from the love of God? Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine . . . yet in all these things we are more than conquerors. "***

The following scriptures also shed more light on the subject.

*Hebrews 11:1-3 . . . 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

*Hebrews 10:23 . . . Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

*Proverbs 6:2 . . . You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.*

*Mark 11:23-24 . . . I assure you and most solemnly say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea!' and does not doubt in his heart [in God's unlimited power], but believes that what he says is going to take place, it will be done for him [in accordance with God's will]. 24 For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer [in accordance with God's will], believe [with confident trust] that you have received them, and they will be given to you.*

So watch that tongue! Watch that the Words that you speak line up with what the Word of God says. He has already spoken.

*James 3:1-12 . . . the tongue is a little member and boasts great things . . . And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. . . With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.*



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# HEARTFELT Prayers

- May God bless you in the morning, when the day has just began
- May God bless you at the height of the afternoon, beneath the blazing sun
- May God bless you in the evening, when the dusk begins to fall May God bless you through the darkening night until the day lights call
- May God bless you in the springtime, when the earth is adorned with green
- May God bless you in the summer time through every passing scene May God bless you in the autumn when the leaves like books unfold
- May God bless you in the winter time, 'mid scenes of ice and cold
- May God bless you and keep you
- May God make His face shine upon you
- May God be gracious unto you
- May God lift up his countenance upon you
- May God give you peace
- May God's love-light shine about to guide and guard you on your Way
- May you flourish like a palm tree
- May you grow like a cedar in Lebanon;
- May you as being planted in the house of the Lord, flourish in the courts of our God;
- May you bring forth fruit in all seasons;
- May you be full of grace and flourish in the verdure of trust, love and contentment, that as a living memorial, you may show that the Lord is upright and faithful to His promises and He is your righteousness.
- May God bless your life, your heart and all that pertains to you in life and godliness
- May God bless your work, home and you
- May God bless your soul, in such a way that you being blessed, become a blessing to others.
- May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and through 2020 and beyond, Amen. Keep on keeping on. Jesus loves you, so do we.

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