## Scripture of the Quarter

<sup>5</sup>And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, <sup>6</sup>and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented." <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup>But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." <sup>10</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel."

Matthew 8:5-10 (NASB)

## Faith

This month's newsletter the Holy Spirit put the topic of **FAITH** on our hearts to write about. Why? If you don't have this **great faith** like the Centurion, in these <u>last</u> of the <u>last</u> days, how will you make it? While writing this newsletter a man by the name of Smith Wigglesworth came to mind. He was dubbed the "Apostle of Faith." Smith Wigglesworth had <u>documented</u> **twenty people** raised from the dead! Ref. (Smith Wigglesworth Devotional page10). Smith had a favorite saying "Only Believe!"

Some of you or possibly most of you, may have never heard of this plumber from England, that God Almighty used in a most powerful way. Why did God use him? Because Smith was **OBEDIENT** to the voice of God. Trusting that God sent the Holy Spirit to give him the **POWER**, **NEVER DOUBTING BUT ONLY BELIEVING!** He truly believed and trusted God with a radical faith that would not allow him to doubt that the miracle working powers of God were for everyone today and not only the Apostles in the days of Yeshua Jesus. (Read **Act 2:38-39**)

This is why I want to share some exerts of his messages, to inspire you to "only believe" and step out in faith, never doubting that God can use you to do what He said He will do, In the same way as God did for Smith Wigglesworth BECAUSE God is no respecter of persons!

For the sake of saving us, Yeshua Jesus "endured the cross, despising the shame" (**Hebrews 12:2**). How wonderful it is to say with our total will (resolve), "I will be obedient to God." He is such a wonderful Savior, such a Friend that we can depend upon with assurance, rest, and complete confidence. He can roll away every burden.

Think of Him as the exhaustless Savior, One who knows all things, One who is able to help and deliver us. When we have such a source as this, we can stretch out our hand and take all that we need from Him. We may think we have faith in God, but we must not doubt in our hearts. Faith is an inward operation of the divine power that dwells in the contrite (repentant) heart and can lay hold of things not seen. Faith is a Divine

Act; Faith is God in the soul (mind, will, and emotions). God operates by His Son and transforms the natural into supernatural.

Faith is active never dormant. Faith is **TRUSTING GOD**. Faith lays hold; faith is the hand of God; faith is the power of God. Faith never fears; faith lives amid the greatest conflict; faith moves even things that cannot be moved. God fills us with His divine power, and sin is dethroned. "The just shall live by faith" (**Romans 1:17**).

You cannot live by faith until you are just and righteous. You cannot live by faith if you are unholy or dishonest (while you are living in sin).

In order to understand His fullness, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit. God has a measure for us that cannot be measured. When you are in this relationship, sin is dethroned, but you cannot purify yourself. It is only by the blood of Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus the Christ) God's Son, that you are cleansed from all sin. We are His life; we are members of His body. The Holy Spirit is in us, and there is no way to abide in the secret place of the Lord except by holiness. Be filled with the Word of God. Listen, those of you who have stiff knees and stiff arms today, you can get a tonic (medicine) by the Word of God that will loosen your joints and will divide even your joints and marrow. (Hebrews 4:12)

One of the greatest things in the Word of God is that it discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Oh, that you may allow the Word of God to have perfect victory in your bodies so that they may be tingling through and through with God's divine power! Divine life does not belong to this world but to the kingdom of heaven, and the kingdom of heaven is within you (**Luke 17:21**)

### Victory through Faith - Trusting God

Inactivity must be brought to a place of victory. Inactivity - what wavers, what hesitates, what fears instead of having faith-closes up everything, because it doubts, instead of believing in God and trusting Him to do what He said He has spoken. What is faith? Faith is the living principle of the Word of God. It is TRUSTING GOD! It is life; it produces life; it changes life. How great our faith should be, for we cannot be saved except by faith. We cannot be kept except by faith. We can only be baptized by faith, and we will be caught up by faith; therefore, faith in the living God is a blessed reality.

All the wonderful things that Yeshua (**Jesus**) did were done so that people might be changed and made like Him. Oh, to be like Him in thought, act, and plan! He went about His Father's business and was eaten up with the zeal of His house (**Psalm 69:9**). I am beginning to understand **1 John 3:2** "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." As I feed on the Word of God, my whole body will be changed by the process of the power of the Son of God.

The Lord dwells in a humble and contrite (repentant) heart and makes His way into the dry places, so if you open up to Him, He will flood you with His Life. You can never cleanse sin; you can never purify sin; you can never be strong if in sin; you will never have a vision while in sin. Revelation stops when sin comes in. The human spirit must come to an end, but the Spirit of Messiah – Christ must be alive and active. You must die to the human spirit, and then God will quicken your mortal body and make it alive (**Romans 8:11**). Without holiness no man will see God (**Hebrews 12:14**)

#### **GOD's Plan for your life**

God has His own plan for your eternal good, "to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). You may refuse it; you may resist it; BUT GOD, who loves you "with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3) has followed you through life and will follow you with His great grace, so that He may bring you to a knowledge of this great salvation.

God may have brought something into your life that is distasteful, something that is causing you to feel desperate or to feel that your life is worthless. What does it mean? It means that the Spirit of God is showing you your own weakness so that you might cry out to Him, and when you do, He will show you the cross of redemption.

# Then God will give you FAITH to BELIEVE For Faith is the gift of God.

God, who has given us this faith, has a wonderful plan for our lives. Do you remember when God brought you to this place of salvation, how the faith He gave you brought a great desire to do something for Him, and then He showed you that wonderful **OPEN DOOR**.

If you will not allow your human nature to crush your faith and interfere with God's plan in its wonderful divine setting, you will mount up like the eagles (Isaiah 40:31) Oh the wonderful effectiveness of God's perfect plan working in us; with the divine Father Son and Holy Spirit flowing though us, changing our very nature to the extent that we can no longer be an unbeliever but must act in faith, talk faith, and in faith sing praises to the LORD! There is no room for anything that is not faith, for we have passed beyond our natural self (our old man) into a new level a new dimension where God encloses us and the HOLY SPIRIT manifests through us.

Faith is an increasing position, always triumphant in Victory. It is not a place of poverty but of wealth. If you always live in fruitfulness you will always have plenty. What does it say in **Hebrew 11:2** "The elders obtained a good testimony." The man who lives in faith always has a good testimony because he has gone through the fire and was tested, yet his faith - **TRUST** in **GOD** prevailed because the **WORD** of **GOD** is the **LORD** Yeshua and **GOD** CANNOT LIE! (Titus 1:2) Let that get down in your spirit!

- The Acts of the Apostles were written because the lives of the apostles bore the fruit of active faith. To them, faith was an everyday fact. If your life is in the divine order, you will not only have a living active faith, but also a faith that builds up others.
- What is the good of preaching without faith? God intends that we should live in

- this glorious sphere of the power of God so that we will always be in a position to tell people of the act that brought the fact.
- What is the good of praying for the sick without faith? You must BELIEVE that GOD Will NOT Deny Himself, for the WORD of GOD is TRUTH that CANNOT be denied!
- This message is in Divine Order that you may no longer be in a place of doubt!

Remember Peter "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew14:31) (Double minded James 1:8)

➤ But realize (Know that you know in your very fiber) that "faith is the substance of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1).

With all the faith we have, we are not even so much as touching the hem of God's plan for us. It is like dipping your toe in the water by the shore, while there is a vast ocean before you! God wants us to rise to the crest of the tide and not keep paddling along next to the shoreline. Oh to be connected with the awesome power of God (the HOLY SPIRT) so that your human nature may know God and the glory of the manifestation of Messiah the anointed one the Christ!

The Word of God is eternal and cannot be broken. You cannot improve on the Word of God, for it is life, and it produces life. Listen! God has begotten you to "a living hope" (1Peter 1:3). You are born again of the WORD that created the universe. If you dare to believe, such belief is powerful. God wants us to be powerful, a people of faith, a purified people, a people who will launch out in God and dare to Trust Him in glorious faith, which always takes us beyond what is common to an abiding place in God.

## ♦ You must ACT before you can SEE the FACT!



In closing, I pray that the Word of God awakens the power of the Holy Spirit that indwells in you to strive to do more for the advancement of the Kingdom of God every day! And "only believe!"