

Great Joy In The City Ministries

"With God all things are possible"



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Dear BSCMF Member,

"...Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance." - Hebrews 6:12 (New Living Translation)

How many of you are believing God for answered prayer? How many of you have been waiting a long time for the physical manifestation of what you have received by Faith? Always remember, the battle of Faith always takes place between the time you say "Amen" in prayer, and when you see the physical manifestation of that answer in the natural realm. Satan's strategy is very simple, but sadly he uses it too effectively since many Believers live powerless and unsuccessful lives: Satan's primary strategy is to get you to believe that God doesn't love you, and that God doesn't want you to have the answer. But understand, if the Bible states a promise that covers your problem or situation, it belongs to you. You can have that promise; but you have to obtain it by Faith. You must believe that God is faithful to his Word and to the redemptive work of Jesus. Always remember, when God sees you, he sees Jesus. You have a new covenant built on better promises that belong to you; and Jesus paid the price for your victory. So, it's important for you to keep your focus upon God's Word and believe.

I want you to take a look at Romans 4:19 -20. It says, "***And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God***". I believe this is the key to answered prayer in your life – not occasional answered prayer, but receiving answered prayer consistently from God: It revolves around the question: **What are you considering? Where is the focus of your attention most of the day?** Is your focus and attention upon the problem, or is your focus and attention upon the Word of God that covers that problem? This is the where the battle of Faith is either won or lost: What are you considering? The scripture says that Abraham didn't consider his old age, nor did he consider the fact that his wife Sarah was 90 years old. The only thing that Abraham considered was God's Word that stated that he would be the "Father of many nations". That he would have as many descendants as there were stars in the sky. The key to Abraham receiving the miracle of Isaac was that he chose to believe God over the physical circumstances. Always remember, you need to choose God over the world's circumstances. If you choose God and his promise, you will always see answered prayer in your life.

So, what do you do between the time you say, "Amen" when you pray, and see the answered prayer? You do the 3 following things: **1. You stand firm in Faith praising God:** Remember, you receive by faith when you pray (Mark 11: 23-24). When you praise God for the answer before its manifestation, you are putting action to your faith; **2. Stand in Faith praying for others:** Sow a seed of compassion and mercy into the lives of others; faith works by love; **3. Stand firm in Faith by being patient:** You need to press through in faith until you see the answer. Always remember, patience takes faith to the "finish line" of answered prayer! Understand: You have faith and you have God's promises, so stand strong in faith and you will receive the answer!

May God bless you richly,

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