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- Faith Moves Ahead Based On A Different Understanding Of What Is And Isn’t Real And True

- There’s More Going On Than What You Can See – Often Times God Is Working Under The Surface In Tangible Ways That We Cannot See
READ: 2 Kings 6:8-23

There is a level of life, truth, and power, we cannot always immediately see or even understand – it is life in the spiritual realm.

We get too focused on specific natural realms and our levels in them -- when we shouldn't.
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NATURAL REALMS INCLUDE:

- Political
- Educational
- Governmental
- Economic Realm
- Entertainment
- Media

In All Of These Realms There Is No Problem That God Cannot Solve
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OUR GREATEST NEEDS ARE:

- Righteousness
- Truth
- Honesty

By Which We Can Silence And Rebuke The Works Of Evil

Sadly We Have Allowed The Holy To Be Profaned And The Profane To Be Elevated
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○ All Of The Natural Realms Filled With Problems Have Solutions In Christ By Faith!

○ Faith Is Our Victory -- Lord Open Our Eyes
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- The Church Must Go To A Higher Faith Level
- We Occupy Ourselves With Kingdom Things Until He Comes
God Wants Us To Make An Impact On Our World -- One Of Those Realms Is The Area Of Life Itself

When We Live Out Our Lives According To His Values And His Plans -- Life Is An Extreme Value
By Faith We Occupy With Kingdom Values And Kingdom Significance Until He Comes

An Example: Our Stand On Abortion

A Living Life Is Snuffed Out In An Abortion
That Abortion Is Still Going On -- Is A Faith Problem

The Mark Of True Faith Is Obedience

If This Nation Would Obey God Abortion Would Not Exist
Abortion Must Be Stopped -- But How? By Faith

By Faith All Things Are Possible

The Impossible With Man -- Is Possible With God

Lord Help Us To Have Faith -- To Let Our Voices Be Heard
In Acts 7-- Stephen was preaching to the people of Israel.

The real problems came when they lost their faith and stopped obeying God.
 Acts 7:51-53 (NIV)  (51)  "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! (52)  Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him-- (53)  you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."

Stephen: “Your Problem Is A Major Faith Problem”
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- Circumcision = Excess Flesh Cut Away
- Rebellion Comes When Hearts Are Uncircumcised
- Resisting The Holy Spirit’s Conviction = A Flesh Problem
- In The Flesh We Will Always At Some Point Resist Him
In Exodus -- God Tells Us Of His Unchanging Nature And About The Ways That He Deals With People

Exodus 34:5-7 (NIV) (5) Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. (6) And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, (7) maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."
God is Specific: To Obtain Permanent Status In The Land Of Promise -- There Are Certain Things We Must Do & Certain Things We Cannot Do

We Must Decide:

- Do We Really Believe This?
- What Will We Do With This Truth? This is Faith Living
- Will We Believe God At His Word & Live According To His Plan?
3 Hebrew Children Determined That They Would Not Bow To The Idols Of Culture -- Worship Goes To God Alone

We Need To Develop The Faith Of Those Young Men And Say To Our Culture “We Are Not Going To Bow”
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○ Esther Was Put In A Place Of Influence -- Her Voice Helped Keep The Jewish People From Being Destroyed

○ As The Church In America The Lord God Has Placed Us Where He Wants Us (Influence) (Voice)

○ We Must Stand Up In Order To Quash The Enemy’s Fury
The True Hope For America Is Found In Jesus!

We Don’t Need More Government We Need More Of God

It Is Time Now To Turn Back To God

We Need Revival!
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- We Need Our Faith Levels Lifted
- We Need Our Faith To Be Growing In Christ!
- These Times Call For Decisions From God’s People
- “As For Me And My House, We Will Serve The Lord”
Psalm 81:10 (NKJV) I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
God Wants To Reorder The Priorities And Plans Of His People

He Wants To Fill Their Entire Being And Person With His Presence
The Lord Wants To Raise Up Some Agents Of Change Who Will See Atmospheres And Attitudes Changed

- In His Presence
- By His Power
- For His Glory
Agents Of Change -- Wait On The Lord & Let Him Birth His Plan. They Step Out In Faith To See It Accomplished For His Glory

They Become Agents Of Positive Change
We Pray:

- “Holy Spirit Breathe On Me”
- “I Want More… So Much More”
- “Where I Am Stationary… Help Me To Start Walking”
- “Where I Am Walking Help Me Start Running…”
- “Where I Am Running… Transport Me At Light Speed.”
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- We Must Have More Lord >>>
  - More Power >>> More Faith >>> More Love >>>
  - More Life >>> More Of Your Spirit >>>
  - Overflow >>> Fill Us >>> Fill Us Now We Pray!