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DECLARED AND DELIVERED
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• **FAITH-FILLED PERSISTENT PRAYER IS THE KEY TO BREAKTHROUGH IN ANY AND IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE**

• **WE PRESS THROUGH & PRAY UNTIL WE SEE GOD MOVE IN OUR SITUATION**
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*2 INGREDIENTS OF ANSWERED PRAYER: FAITH AND FERVENCY*

- **WE MUST HAVE FAITH** -- IT’S THE KEY TO ACCESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
- **WE ARE TO PRAY WITH FERVENCY**
- **FERVENCY IS A DEGREE OF BOTH INTENSITY AND PERSISTENCE**
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- (James 5:16b NKJV) ... “THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.”

- **FERVENT >>> URGENT >>> EARNEST**
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• JESUS TAUGHT US TO KEEP KNOCKING UNTIL THE DOOR OPENS

• POWERFUL BREAKTHROUGHS OCCUR FOR THOSE WHO DON'T GIVE UP!
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• WE MUST OFFER PRAYERS OF HEART-FELT -- 
  EFFORT – ENERGY – INTENSITY!
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2017 IS A NEW YEAR >>> A TIME FOR A NEW BREAKTHROUGH

• 2017 THE WORD IS “MORE”

• THESE ARE TIMES WHEN WE NEED TO BE PERSISTENT -- WHERE WE SAY: “GOD I’M NOT STOPPING UNTIL I KNOW I HAVE A BREAKTHROUGH.”

• THESE ARE TIMES >>> TO GET BOLD >>> TO GET FERVENT >>> TO GET EXPRESSIVE IN OUR PRAYERS
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• **DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE DIFFERENT POSTURES AND INTENSITY LEVELS IN OUR PRAYERS**

• **WHEN YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH >>> IT DOESN’T MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE THINKS**
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• WE NEED TO BE FERVENT >>> ASKING CONTINUALLY >>>>>> UNTIL WE GET THROUGH!
(Hebrews 11:1 NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
WHAT IS FAITH?

• "FAITH" COMES FROM THE GREEK ‘PISTIS’ = ‘BELIEF’ OR ‘CONFIDENCE.’

• "WE MUST HAVE TRUE AND SINCERE FAITH THAT GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS, THAT HE HAS THE ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS NEEDED AND THAT HE WILL DO WHAT HE KNOWS IS BEST IN THE SITUATION.”

THE FIRE BIBLE
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• The starting point of growing faith is the understanding that: Nothing is too difficult for God

• (Mat 17:20 NIV) ... I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
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TO ACCESS GOD’S MOVE IN OUR LIVES—IT TAKES FAITH

- (HEB 11:6 NIV) AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD, BECAUSE ANYONE WHO COMES TO HIM MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM.
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• EVERY BLESSING OF THE LORD IN SCRIPTURE COMES BY FAITH

• "FAITH IS BELIEVING IN SOMETHING THAT IS NOT SEEN AS THOUGH IT IS ALREADY A REALITY - AND THEN SPEAKING IT AND EXPECTING IT UNTIL IT MANIFESTS ITSELF." -- MYLES MUNROE
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- Faith grows as we press into God & His presence.
- In Acts 4 -- Ordinary men spent time with Jesus and saw their faith grow.
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- Faith grows as we get into His Word
- (Rom 10:17 NIV) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.
- His Word is alive -- it is active -- it is for today
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• TRUE FAITH MOVES IN THE DIRECTION OF THE BATTLE

• DAVID DIDN’T STOP RUNNING UNTIL THE BATTLE WAS OVER
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• You can’t untie your faith from what you do -- what you are -- what you say.

• Biblical faith is not simply positive thinking – Biblical faith is of the heart, not the mind.

• Biblical faith is positive knowing!
HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV) (1) NOW FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE.

FAITH SAYS -- THE PROMISE FROM GOD IS YOURS -- YOU CAN BUILD ON IT AND DEVELOP IT -- IT IS ASSURED -- A REALITY THAT'S ALREADY THERE!

CONNECTED TO GOD WE SEE THAT NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR HIM
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WHY IS FAITH SO IMPORTANT?

• **IF WE DON’T BELIEVE GOD WILL ANSWER OUR PRAYER** -- **WE WILL NOT PRAY WITH ANY KIND OF CONSISTENCY AND DILIGENCE** & **WE WILL NOT PERSEVERE.**

• **IT IS FAITH THAT RELEASES GOD’S POWER**
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• **UNBELIEF CAN CAUSE US TO NOT RECEIVE** WHAT WE HAVE ASKED FOR EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF GOD’S WILL
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YOU ARE OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH:

• YOUR FAITH LINKS YOU TO GOD’S PROMISES --
  FAITH BECOMES YOUR TITLE DEED --
  YOU OWN THE PROMISES FROM GOD -- THEY ARE YOURS!
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• **FAITH IS BASED ON TRUTH** which **SATAN DISREGARDS AND DEGRADES**

• **SATAN IS A DECEIVER** *making things that are bad seem good*

• *(2 Cor 11:14 NIV)* ... **SATAN HIMSELF MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.**
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• EVERYTHING ABOUT SATAN IS FALSE:
  - FALSE TEACHERS
  - FALSE PROPHETS
  - FALSE CHRIST’S
  - FALSE APOSTLES
  - FALSE BROTHERS & SISTERS

• SATAN IS THE FALSE LIGHT—JESUS IS THE TRUE LIGHT!
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- THE DEVIL IS THE RULER OF THIS WORLD FOR A LITTLE WHILE...

- JESUS IS THE ONLY RULER OVER ALL CREATION -- AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER
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*(1 John 3:8 NIV)* HE WHO DOES WHAT IS SINFUL IS OF THE DEVIL, BECAUSE THE DEVIL HAS BEEN SINNING FROM THE BEGINNING. THE REASON THE SON OF GOD APPEARED WAS TO DESTROY THE DEVIL'S WORK
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• (PHIL 2:10-11 NIV) (10) THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, (11) AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.
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• (REV 19:16 NIV) ON HIS ROBE AND ON HIS THIGH HE HAS THIS NAME WRITTEN: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

• (JOHN 16:11 NIV) AND IN REGARD TO JUDGMENT, BECAUSE THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD NOW STANDS CONDEMNED.
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• **YOUR FAITH IN GOD IS NOT IN VAIN**
• **OUR FAITH IS GOING TO END IN SIGHT**
• **WE CAN LIVE IN VICTORY TODAY -- BY FAITH GOD MEETS EVERY PROBLEM WITH A PROMISE**
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• **(2 TH 3:3 NIV)** BUT THE LORD IS FAITHFUL, AND HE WILL STRENGTHEN AND PROTECT YOU FROM THE EVIL ONE.

• **THE LORD IS FAITHFUL** --HE WILL PROTECT US -- AND HE HAS GIVEN US AUTHORITY EVEN OVER THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS
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- **THE DEVIL IS OUR ENEMY** – **JESUS IS OUR FRIEND**
- **THE DEVIL IS AGAINST US** – **ADVERSARY** **JESUS IS FOR US** – **OUR ADVOCATE**
- **WHILE SATAN TRIES TO DENY US** **JESUS DEFENDS AND DELIVERS US**
- **THE DEVIL IS A DESTROYER OF LIFE** – **JESUS IS A GIVER OF LIFE**
- **THE DEVIL IS THE EVIL ONE** **JESUS IS THE HOLY & RIGHTEOUS ONE**
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• THE DEVIL IS THE FATHER OF LIES  JESUS IS THE TRUTH

• THE DEVIL ATTACKS THE SHEEP  JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

• THE DEVIL IS THE FALSE LIGHT  JESUS IS THE TRUE LIGHT

• THE DEVIL IS THE RULER OF THIS WORLD  HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED

• JESUS IS KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS  HE REIGNS FOREVER
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• **THERE IS A REASON FOR EXCITEMENT AND JOY** -- WE HAVE THE PROMISE OF VICTORY

• **YOUR FAITH WILL SEAL YOUR DESTINY**

• *(1 John 4:4 NIV)* YOU, DEAR CHILDREN, ARE FROM GOD AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM, BECAUSE THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.
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• **GOD’S FINAL PLAN DEALS WITH THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS**

• **JESUS SPEAKS OF AN ETERNAL FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS.**

• **SATAN WILL BE VANQUISHED IN THE END --ETERNAL FIRE IS WAITING FOR HIM -- HE WILL BE DEFEATED BY A SINGLE WORD**

• **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL OVERTHROW HIM BY THE SPLENDOR OF HIS COMING**
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• JESUS *HAS* THE ANSWER – JESUS *IS* THE ANSWER

• HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

• HE *ANSWERS* THE *FERVENT FAITH-FILLED* PRAYERS OF BELIEVERS
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL:

• **BRING US NEAR TO GOD** (HEB 7:25)

• **OPEN THE WAY TO A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE** (LK 11:13; AC 1:14)
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL:

• HELP US **OVERCOME SATAN** (DA 10:12-13; EPH 6:12-13, 18)

• **CLARIFY GOD’S PURPOSES** FOR US (PS 32:6-8; PR 3:5-6)
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL

• Bring others who are spiritually lost into a relationship with Christ (James 5:20)

• Bring us the wisdom, revelation and knowledge of Christ (Eph 1:16-17)
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL:

• BRING US HEALING (JAMES 5:16)

• BRING US RESCUE FROM TROUBLE (PS 34:4-7; PHP 1:19)
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• When we Pray with fervency and faith we can see God bring great breakthroughs to our lives.
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- As we combine God’s Word and promises with our faith – and we connect that to God – we receive the reward of our faith -- God’s move in our lives
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- **GOD IS THE SAME** YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER
- **HE STILL ANSWERS** FERVENT & FAITH FILLED PRAYERS
- **WHEN WE PRAY WITH** FERVENCY AND FAITH... WE CAN SEE GOD BRING GREAT BREAKTHROUGHS TO OUR LIVES!