

# ...Owning and Celebrating our Identity in Christ and Encouraging Others to do the Same!

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## Faith Works by Love

Hello, Friends!

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

Last month I shared the Word that God gave me for this year: 2020 is the Year of Perfect Vision. Praise God for the revelation! Let's put our eyes on this Word again:

I will bring [you] the blind by a way that [you] know not; I will lead [you] in paths that [you] have not known. I will make darkness into light before [you] and make uneven places into a plain. These things I have determined to do [for you]; and I will not leave [you] forsaken (Isaiah 42:16 AMPC, modifications mine).

**God is saying,** "I am going to bring you (the blind) by a way that you know not. You are not blind because you refuse to see. No, you are blind because you are going to unfamiliar places – walking unknown paths - and there are things you have not yet learned to see and recognize. But I am going to show them to you, and you will have <u>PERFECT VISION</u>.

So <u>do not fear</u>. I am going to lead you in paths that you have not known. Indeed, it is I Who have brought you to these paths.

So when you look and find yourself in unfamiliar places, do not fear. Do not fret. I am going to make the darkness into light before you. I am going to shine the light of My revelation on things that you do not know so that you will know what you did not know before. I have determined in My sovereignty to do this for you. I have determined to do this of My Own free will because I love you. Not because of anything that you have done or have not done. Simply because I love you and I want to do this for you. Will you receive? Will you learn of Me?

There are new places I want to take you. Let go of your dependence on what you know. The knowledge you have is good and there is a place for it. But if you place your dependence on it, you will hinder yourself from going where I am trying to take you. Place all of your reliance on Me. Do not fear, for I will not – WILL NOT – forsake you.

If you received this Word, do not be surprised if things became more *UNclear* they have been for you in a while. On the contrary, be encouraged! Mark 4:17 tells us that affliction and persecution arise for the Word's sake. The question is, will you hold onto the Word and endure? Or will you get offended and fall away? If your vision seems to have become more blurry or obscure than it was before you received this Word, know that you are on the right track. The enemy is trying to make you forfeit the Word. He knows that if you allow this Word to come to pass in your life, that you become a bigger threat to him and his kingdom of darkness.





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Don't let him win. **STAND ON THE WORD. MEDITATE on this Word day and night.** Then you will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; your leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever you do shall prosper. You will make your way prosperous and you will have good success (see Ps. 1:2-3, Joshua 1:8).

Understand that the Word has enough power in Itself to bring Itself to pass. But there is something we must do if we want it to come to pass *for us*. We must mix our faith with His Word.

I hear someone say, "Katherine, I've had faith for a long time, but I still have not seen God's Word to me come to pass. Why is that?"

Allow me to fill in a faith gap:

Do you remember in Matthew 17 when a man brought his son to Jesus, explaining that he had taken him to the disciples, but the they couldn't cure him (see vv. 14-16)? Jesus cast the demon out of the man's son and the child was cured. When they were in private, Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Why could we not cast[the demon] out?" Jesus answered, "because of your unbelief... Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (see vv. 18-21).

(When Jesus said, "this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting," He was not referring to the demon that He cast out of the boy. He was referring to the unbelief that hindered the disciples from being able to cast it out. I do not have room to teach this in this letter, but I encourage you to study it out and to ask Holy Spirit to reveal to you the truth of this scripture.<sup>1</sup>)

The disciples could very well have asked, "Why could we not receive this promise? You said that we would cast out devils in Your name (see Mark 16:17)."

We could ask the same thing. When we've prayed, but still have not received. When we've quoted scripture, but still have not received. When we've acted on the Word,<sup>2</sup> but still have not received. When we've fasted, but still have not received....

Why could we not receive this [Word/promise]?

"Because of your unbelief. This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

When we fast, we are not fasting to get God to move, but to get our flesh to move out of the way.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Scriptures to assist with this study: The disciples could not cast the demon out of the man's son (Matt. 17:14-21). Yet Jesus had already given them authority (Mark 16:17) and they had already experienced victory casting out demons (Luke 10:1, 17-20). Therefore, Jesus was not saying in Matt. 17 that the demon would only come out through prayer and fasting. He was saying that the unbelief that hindered them from casting out the demon in this instance would only come out through prayer and fasting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Faith without works (i.e., corresponding actions) is dead (see James 2:17). Just because we may act on the Word, it doesn't mean that we did a corresponding action. This is why it is important to follow Mary's instruction in John 2:5 – "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."



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Flesh harbors fear.

Fear manifests itself as worry, doubt, unbelief, shame, unworthiness, inadequacy, insignificance, [fill in the blank] ... Fear is everything that faith is not.

Unbelief is a manifestation of fear - fear that God doesn't love you. Fear that God won't do what He said He would do. Fear that you are not worthy enough. Fear that you will fail. Fear that [fill in the blank] ... This [unbelief] goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

The only thing to get rid of fear is the love of God. I John 4:18 tells us, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment...." And guess what! The only thing faith works by is love. Faith works by the thing that casts out the fear. I submit to you that if you're doing all you know to do, but still have not received (or are not receiving) your promise, you may not have a faith issue. You may have a love issue. Not an issue of how much you love God, but of how much you receive God's love for you.

I would like to encourage you: if you have been believing God for something and have not seen manifestation yet, meditate on the love of God. Meditate on His love for you. It is only by walking and operating in the revelation of God's love for you that you are able to mix your faith with His Word, for *faith worketh by love* (Gal. 5:6). (Or, we could say, faith works by *your revelation and reception* God's love for you.) If you are not operating in the revelation of the love of God, or at least tapping into the love of God for you, you cannot mix our faith with the Word. Why? Because \_\_\_\_\_ works by \_\_\_\_\_!

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Let's look at it:

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.

Why is it impossible to please God without faith? Because faith is the mechanism by which we receive from God, and it pleases Him when we receive from Him. It is His good pleasure to give us the Kingdom (Luke 12:32). If He has given us His Son, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things (see Romans 8:32)? It is by faith that we come to Him. It is our faith that causes us **not** to expect to leave empty-handed. It is our faith that engages Him as our Rewarder and receives the Word that He has spoken to us.

Let's visit Hebrews 11:6 again, but this time in a different light (Light Be!):

But without faith (that works by revelation of God's love for us), it is impossible to please Him. For they that come to Him (Who is the same as His Word)<sup>3</sup> must believe that He IS (love) and that He (Love) is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Who is the same as His Word).

3	God	and	His	Word	are	one.



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Meditate on God's love for you. Let the revelation of His love for you rest in your heart. If you do this, you'll be primed and ready to go. Your faith will be running on all cylinders. You will be poised to receive all that God has for you. Why? Because \_\_ \_ \_ works by \_\_ \_ \_ !

### Amen! Gíve God praíse!!!

If you receive this Word, I would like to encourage you to sow on it. Sowing in this context is a spiritual principle where one plants their finances in the Kingdom of God to receive a harvest of what they are believing for.

When sowing a financial seed into a ministry or church, etc., you are not just making a charitable donation. Sowing a financial seed is what one does when one receives the Word that was delivered. It is an action step that both *demonstrates your faith* in the Word that was delivered and *activates the operation* of that Word in your life. Sowing on the word is a *corresponding action* of your faith. It is NOT a form of buying a blessing. NEITHER is it a selfish motive of giving to get. Rather, it is a spiritual law – the law of sowing and reaping.

Look with me at Galatians 6:7: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (emphasis added). Just as we cannot change the natural law of gravity, we cannot change the spiritual law of sowing and reaping. The next verse (v 8) says: For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

John 6:63 tells us that God's Word is Spirit and It is life. Therefore, the Word that you are responding to is Spirit. When you sow your financial seed, you are sowing to the Spirit, and of the Spirit, you shall reap life everlasting.

What is life everlasting?

Jesus explained in John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent." So, when we sow to the Spirit, we reap life everlasting, which consists of an intimate knowledge of God – the Father and Originator of revelation Who wants to reveal every aspect of Himself to us (see James 1:17) – and His Son, Jesus, Who is the Word (John 1:1, 14) and the express Image of His Person (Heb. 1:3). Hallelujah!!!

As you prepare to sow your next seed (sowing outlets are listed at the end of this letter), sow it in faith as demonstration that you believe you receive a harvest of this Word in your life. Be blessed knowing that I am praying for you and speaking <u>PERFECT VISION</u> to you, in Jesus' Name.

#### Just remember:

If you have received a Word from the Lord and things seem to be going contrary to that Word, or if you have been believing God for something for a while and it has not manifested yet – be



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encouraged! God is faithful. He will do what He said He will do. Simply mix your faith with the Word. Flush out all doubt and unbelief by meditating on His love for you, for FAITH WORKS BY LOVE.

I declare Light Be! to you.

My prayer for you is that you walk in the revelation of this light that is revealing the inner workings of God's Word to you, positioning you to operate in the Word efficiently, accurately, and precisely to bring His heavenly vision for you to pass in your life. I pray that you receive a deeper revelation of God's love for you than you have ever had before and that you mix your faith with every Word that God has spoken over your life.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Lovin' you with the Love of the Lord,

Katherine

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