

AT THY WORD

Look forth for a word from God before moving

CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

“faith is found where the word from God is present; faith is created when the word of God is released.”

Luke 5:1-7

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. KJV

The Lord will not ask you to do something that you have no ability for, he will not ask you to do something that you have not been given the capacity to do; he will rather instruct you based on what ability he knows you possess because he formed you with all that is in you. Therefore, when next the Lord is commanding you to do anything understand that it is because he knows you more than you think you know yourself; he

knows and he is very sure of what he has kept in you. He told Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jer. 1:5

So even though you have messed up in the past and still thinking you might never again be useful to him even after your confession and repentance from all evil ways, that he is asking you to take an action by releasing a word to you should help you come to understand how much he has forgiven and forgotten your past. God does not dwell in the past. He dwells on the present and in the future. He does not change with time.

He formed you in the womb; he has all the knowledge about you that you may never know about yourself. Asking you to do anything would only be because he has already put within you the ability and it is time for him to activate that ability, and to use it wherever he may choose for his own glory. The Psalmist put it this way, O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! Ps. 139:1-6 NLT

But God does not depend on one's natural abilities to help him, although he kept them there. He is very careful about applying his divine energy inside man's natural strength, because man may take his glory for it. His divine power works in a man whom he has transformed by the power of his word. Such a man always shows and testifies to God's active work in him, which makes him become willing and able to do all that the Holy Spirit prompts him to do. This brings God glory (Philip. 2:13). He told the Israelites as they returned from Egypt, "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Deut. 8:18 NKJV, by implication establishing his covenant to their fathers

would glorify him, so they must remember that it is him who is at work in them and who is continually empowering them to get wealth. God is a jealous God. He alone deserves all the glories both in Heaven and on Earth.

When God wants to help a man succeed by divine hand he sends his word to the person (like an instruction). When the word of the Lord comes to a man his word always prompts the individual to do a thing that the natural man sees as uncommon and unnatural. And even when God wanted to send deliverance and salvation unto all men, he simply sent forth his word from heaven (Psalm 107:20).

The bible records that in the beginning God created the world using the instrumentality of his word (Gen. 1, 2). John, the beloved further explained that the Word existed with God from the beginning and was the architect of all God's creation. God fashioned the earth through it, and there is nothing that was made which was not through the word of God. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep waters. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And then God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness (Gen 1:2). Light came because God called it forth using his word. From then on every other thing was commanded into existence by God. He used his word to do so. That means nothing actually came into existence until God began to give his word. So if the world now exists because the word of God was sent out into the world, then only by the word would God continue to sustain the world. Is no surprise that, after the fall of man in Genesis 3, God promised a redemption through the seed of the woman. In the New Testament Jesus Christ was born by the woman. About Jesus, John testified, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we

beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth - John 1:1-5, 14. Again, he who was the Word in the mouth of God was made visible as flesh and blood. He was given the power to deliver humanity from the corruption that entered the soul of man and the entire world in Genesis 3. That is to say, God made the world through his word, sin corrupted it. Then he sent his word, this time not as spoken word, since flesh and blood had to be helped, he (God) instead of speaking like he did at first chose to transform the word into a human being. Jesus became the word of God which became a human being. He came that way in order to possess the same body (flesh and blood) of the people he came to save, but since the word of God is as perfect, holy and pure as God, Jesus was also perfect, holy and pure, so he could really be the help man needed. So God created the world by speaking his word, but he redeemed the world by sending his word in form of flesh and blood, so as to deliver beings who are flesh and blood, but fallen from the proper spiritual standard.

This is the reason why God can only relate with man through the instrumentality of his word. Therefore every man should look out for a word daily upon every step he takes in life, and God's divine support is guaranteed. Our sustenance is now strictly by the word of God. We can put faith in God only through his word (Rom. 10:17).

Animals and plants do not need any other word to sustain them, the word which God gave for their sustenance when he formed them has remained; it will keep them alive until the ends of time. But human beings broke their agreement with God's word and needed another word of covenant with God, for their sustenance, therefore God sent forth Jesus Christ.

Jesus himself in Luke 4:4 agrees with what the Father told the Israelites en voyage Canaan, "that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV

It is the destiny of human beings now to be born of the word of God and thereby live also. Peter said, "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring

word of God. For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:23-25 NIV. Believers who move at the instance of the word of God break through what seems like impossibility to other men. They are unlimited in whatsoever they do. They are unstoppable, and they scoff at mountains.

Chapter summary

Therefore everyone who has been born again by faith in Christ Jesus has been born by the word of God, and by that word alone must such a person live on earth. Live your life always expecting God to speak to you and lead you by the things he says to you. Expect him to speak to you through the scriptures, through other believers, through dreams and visions, through circumstances, through audible voice, through the peace/rest you receive in your heart over a matter you have prayed about, and also through other means. But filter everything using his word. He cannot be the one speaking to you through any chosen medium when the things heard or seen have no base, root or trace in the Holy Scriptures. Judge every spirit. Every imagination of your heart that is not traceable to the will of God for you in the scriptures is only trying to raise itself against the knowledge of the word of God in your life. It must be cast down as soon as it is noticed and made to obey the Lord's word.

THE NATURE OF THE WORD OF GOD

The word of God is not of earthly origin, it is heavenly and therefore completely spiritual because it is from God. And since it is from God its effect is manifested above other things in heaven or on earth. When it enters into any situation it causes a kind of spiritual effect that eventually creates way for God's perfect will to be done.

8 "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD.

9 "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,

So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,

11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. Isa 55:8-11

From verse one of the same chapter, one could find that it is an invitation to come over to the Lord and get what is needed.

"Is anyone thirsty?
Come and drink—
even if you have no money!
Come, take your choice of wine or milk—
it's all free!

2 Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength?
Why pay for food that does you no good?
Listen to me, and you will eat what is good.
You will enjoy the finest food. Isa 55:1-2 NLT

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink...

The word of God is for the thirsty people, it possesses the power to quench every form of thirst. When any issue in life must be altered, the word of God is the instrument that carries that out seamlessly. If anyone desires to be satisfied with ideas and instruction to move on in life, the person needs the word from God. No man who receives God's instruction and obeys it remains in the same position, the word always moves one into the better place that God is pleased with. When a man is thirsty for water, he knows. He is expected to come right to where water is in order to drink. Until your need of the word of God becomes a matter of pursuit to you, you will never get satisfied with it. If you do not seek direction for life through the word of God, you cannot be where he prepares for you. If you are anywhere else other than the place he plans to have you, you are definitely in the wrong place. This explains why many Christians have wasted the resources that come into their hands without seeing the expected feedback. When things are not going on well with you in life, family and ministry the way you expect, just humble yourself, then come and drink from the Lord's presence. There is no man who sincerely asks God for accurate direction in life and he refuses to make the right path known. But for God to satisfy a man with the direction that is necessary for the person's life, the individual ought to come to him and seek him for his word. There are times when he gives directions

even when there might be organized request for it. This is simply because of his determination to see us get it right in all things. nevertheless, the ultimate thing is the hunger and humility that brings an individual before the Lord to ask him for the best pathway (Psalm 32:8).

Water at normal temperature satisfies the thirsty soul; it brings a man's body temperature rest and suiting relief from every dryness and heat of the day or night. In the same way does the word of the Lord to any man's soul. When the word is received at the right time, it is a good news to the spirit and soul of any man. It helps to cool down every form of heat that comes up with life's pursuits. In an attempt to become someone important to be reckoned with in life, a lot of trials and troubles may be encountered. It is the word of God which comes that brings the needed rest to the soul at such times. A man like Jacob had to receive a word (shown by the change of his name) in a painful way before he could really enter into his rest. God really wanted to help him through life's journey, to spare him of passing through the heat associated with the hard journey of life of natural men, but Jacob missed that encounter that have made him a prosperous man earlier than God could have planned for him. When he ran from the house to get to Laban, he stopped somewhere to rest for the night and had a dream in which he saw the gates of heaven opened, and angels ascending and descending above his head. When he got up he just made a mess of the whole thing. He simplified the divine visitation and it never did him any good except that the dream made him anoint a stone that he called the house of God (where he would return to after about twenty years of struggles). The man had to go through the rigors natural to natural people. Divine help would have located him had he called upon God to take over his journey from thenceforth, instead he got up and asked God to provide him food. It was food that was his own problem not the destiny that he was to fulfill for God. Well, he got the food, at least he left Laban's house with four women and about twelve kids and many cattle. But when it was time for him to return to the place he had anointed some twenty years earlier, God encountered him a second time to bring him change. He fought so hard to get a single word from God despite the torments he had gone through at Laban's house. In his struggle with God Jacob got a name - Israel. It was the beginning of entering into God's divine support specifically designed for him. he got the word that turned him into the man God wanted him to become, but he lost his hip. He had to lose an alignment in his physical body for the rest of his life, a simple mark to show remind him of that encounter. He could have received the help much earlier, but he asked God for food and raiment and the likes only, destiny was not a matter to him. But when he realized that there was really nothing else in life worth living for but that which God would say, he again turned to God for a word, thanks to God for the mercy shown unto him.

...even if you have no money...

Isaiah said, even though you have no money just come. You do not need to pay God to get a word from him over the situations of your life which you present to him.

THE WORD OF GOD IS BY NATURE DESIGNED TO PREVAIL

Acts 19:20

So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

The word of God designed to prevail wherever it comes. Just as light enters darkness to drive it away no matter thick it is, so also the word of God. If God releases his word and directs it into any life, situation, event or circumstance it is meant to transform and bring about permanent change there. If he sends his word it is always for a major purpose. And until the word accomplishes its purpose it does not to God; his word must always be an agent that has accomplished. The word is designed to prevail in effect in your life, in your home, in your ministry and in your job/business.

The only way any believer will do works of ministry that receives God's approval is when all that the labour is composed of centered upon the word of and of course the life of Jesus Christ. Any act carried in life that have no root into the word and will of God can neither please God nor receive his approval.

WHY GOD USES HIS WORD

GOD'S WORD IS IMPERATIVE

NOTHING ELSE BUT THE WORD OF GOD

MIRACLE HAPPEN AT HIS WORD: Whatever he tell you to do, do it

Jesus turned water into wine

PETER WALKED ON WATER AT HIS WORD

Matt 14:25-32

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. **26** And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous,* he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Many miracles, signs and wonders happened through Jesus when he used the word. Even Jesus had to use the word of God to command demons out of the people so they can receive their freedom.

The scripture above is one of the most unique responses to the word of Jesus when he spoke it and what happened when the recipient moved at his word. Jesus came to his disciples walking on the water and they became scared when they saw the strange sight. He told them not to be afraid, because he was the one, then Peter full of faith requested to be bided to come to Jesus on the waters in the same way. Jesus agreed. Then peter went out of the boat and simply saw himself walking on the water towards Jesus in the midst of the raging storms. Peter walked for a while towards him successfully because Jesus gave him the word to come. He had never seen such a thing in his life, but it happened to him, he walked on water like a super human simply because Jesus commanded him to come. But then he saw the storms and raging closer and fear gripped him, removing his eyes from looking at the direction of Jesus where he was, peter began to sink and cried to the Lord to be helped.

Peter did not walk on the water as Jesus did because of his much religious seriousness. He did not experience that supernatural event because he was a great giver. It was not because he had fasted or has been fasting and praying to be empowered enough to walk in such a supernatural path seamlessly. And it was not also because he wanted to be part of those who can testify that they walked in power, and like in our days be moved to start up a new denomination because of the revelation of God's power that they have seen. Peter walked on the water to meet Jesus because Jesus himself asked him to come, and he came in obedience. Peter requested of the Master to be asked to come on the water because he really wanted to be sure it was the Lord, so he put his life on line for the others at least to have an answer for their fears. If he had jumped out of the boat to meet the Lord he could have sank instantly. If he or any of them had jumped out to swim away from the image which they believed to be a ghost, the person could also had been lost. But Peter understood that Jesus, when he speaks, they is life and power in his words because his words are from God and final concerning any matter.

Although Peter always had faith in Jesus, but until his word went forth out of his mouth to Peter, the possibility of walking on a raging sea was not there. That means, Peter had a good will but Jesus had to affirm with his words that the matter in the heart of Peter was his will, and just then the possibility was created. We do not put faith in what is not in the will of God for our lives, families and ministries. Faith comes by hearing of the word which Christ speaks. His words are Spirit and they give life because they are alive. When he releases his word into anything it is because his will is there, and he wants it to come to pass. So he speaks what he hears the Father speak. Miracles are created when Jesus speaks. Supernatural events occur to the glory of God when his word is released to a man who has faith.

In your life, family, business and ministry and in all that concerns you, when you receive a word from the heart and the mouth of the Master, either through the scriptures directly and you put your faith there, or it came through a dream, vision or spoken word and peace of heart, just move in that line. The miracle will be created because you act in the faith created by the word of God received or heard.

BY THE WORD THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS PERFORMED MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS

THY WORD IS A LAMP AND A LIGHT