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In our past lessons on faith, we have learned that faith is not something we have as much as it is something we do. We have seen that faith does not hope to see the answer in the future, faith believes that we now have the answer. The eyes of faith see the answer as if it had already happened. My son, he adheres my words; tilt your ear to my sayings. Let them not deviate from your eyes; hold them in the middle of the 1,000 hearts. Because they (my words) are life to those who find them, and health for all their bodies. Sayings 4:20-22 Notice that this Scripture says, Let them (my words) not deviate from your eyes. A lot of people fail because they see themselves as a failure. If they're sick, they think of themselves as dying. God's Word says, Jesus himself took our weaknesses and bad-skinned our ailments (Matthew 8:17). If this Word does not deviate before your eyes, you will surely see you without illness and without disease. You'll see yourself. If, however, you do not see yourself as disease-free, then that Word has deviated before your eyes. And even though he wants to achieve health in your life, he cannot because you do not act on His Word. Notice also in verse 22, For they (my words) are life to those who find them and health to their body. The Hebrew word translated health here is also a word for medicine. In other words: My words are a cure for all their body. The first two verses of this passage tell us

instructions for taking this drug. What are those directions? (Attend him or study God's Word and obey this Word, keep them in the midst of your heart.) And what is God's medicine? My words are life to those who find them and a cure for all their bodies. But the drug must be taken in accordance with the instructions in order to work, and one of the directions is: Let them (my words) not deviate from before your eyes. Keep watching what Word says. Too many people pray and pray, but they never see each other with an answer. They just see it getting worse. They constantly look at the wrong thing—symptoms, in conditions, at themselves—and thus walk in unbelief and destroy the effects of their prayer. Get your mind to the answer. He sees himself as received. Constantly confirming, even in the face of contradictory evidence, that God heard your prayer because the Word says so. Then you'll get the results. You have to believe you have it before you take it in. Whatever things you want, when you pray, believe that you receive them and that you will have them (Mark 11:24). Belief comes before receiving. There are those who say, I won't believe anything I don't see. But naturally, we believe in a lot of things we can't see. The whole world became alarmed when the atomic bombs exploded, bid radioactive material into the atmosphere. You can't see it or feel it, but it is still power. Faith contradicts the circumstances ... Because he said, I'll never leave you or leave you. As we boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid of what man will do to me. Are we boldly saying that the Lord is our helper? That's what we should say. Well, everybody pray for me. I feel like the Lord has abandoned me, cried one poor sister. Yet God said, I will never leave you or leave you. Hebrew 1:5. 6 I don't know if I can make it or not, I hope I can. Pray for me that I will be faithful to the end, it is a familiar request in meetings of prayer and testimony. But that's not what God told us to say boldly. Too many people bravely say, I'm whipped, I'm defeated. The devil tied me up. But nowhere in the Bible do we find a place where God said to put it boldly. Paul said, He said I would never leave you, or leave you. As we boldly say, the Lord is my helper. Let's stop saying the wrong thing and start saying the right thing. Say the Lord is your helper. Say the Lord is your healer. Say the Lord has taken your weaknesses and put your illnesses down. Keep talking about the real thing. Keep believing in the real thing. It's just misguided thinking, misguided belief, and misguided talking that whips people. The devil cannot defeat you because Jesus has already defeated the devil because of you. Satan doesn't defeat you, you beat yourself. Or if he does, let him do it. It's the consent of ignorance. God has given us His Word to direct us so that our beliefs are right. And if our thinking is right and our belief is right, then our conversation will be tone. The Lord is my accomplice. The Lord is my strength. Faith says the answer True faith in the Word says that if God says so, then so be it. If he says that by whose stripes you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24), then we are healed. If He says it: My God will supply all your needs according to His wealth in the glory of Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19), then He does. If the Word says, The Lord is the power of my life (Psalm 27:1), then He is. In other words, true faith in God simply speaks of oneself what the Word says. We have what the Word says we have. We are who the Word says we are. If God says we're strong, we are. If he says we're cured, we are. If he says he cares about me, then he does. Seeing then that we have a high priest, passed on to the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, we hold fast to our profession. Hebrews 4:14 Because Jesus is our High Priest and sits on God's right hand in heaven, making intercession for us, we can have answers to our pleas right now. Looking at the Greek word that is the translated profession here, I have learned that it should read: Let us hold fast to say the same things. Jesus is in heaven, representing us on God's throne. He says, I took their place, I died for them as their replacement. Jesus didn't die for himself. He should make amends for not being lost. He died for us. He became our understudy, he took our sins, he bad-skinned our ailments, and he carried our sickness. He died for us, came from the dead for us, and rose high for us. He's up now saying, I did it for them, and we have to hold fast to say the same things down here. Whoever will tell this mountain, be removed and throw yourself into the sea; and he will not doubt his heart, but will believe that those things he says will come true; He'll have whatever he saith. Mark 11:23 It's not just a matter of faith coming out of your heart toward God without you saying anything. He's not going to do that. We don't read that anywhere in the Bible. Faith, which is kept only in your heart, will never bring healing to your body or the filling of the Holy Ghost, or the answer to prayer. But faith in your heart, freed through your lips, will bring results. Text of Remembrance: May (my words) not deviate from your eyes ... (Utters 4:21). Faith in action: But he makes a word, not just listeners James 1:22). Previous lesson – Kenneth Hagin – Faith vs. Hope Next Lesson – Kenneth Hagin – Faith in Action (Part I) No textual content! Guide to The Study of the Bible of Faith Kenneth E HaginHow Faith Comes – Part 1

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If God demands that I have faith when it is impossible for me to have faith, then I have the right to challenge his justice. But if he puts in my hands the themes by which faith can be produced, then the responsibility lies with me whether I have faith or not. Faith comes from listening to Word God told us that without faith it is impossible to satisfy it, but he also said us how to get faith. If we don't have faith, it's not God's fault. Blaming God for our lack of faith is nothing in the world but ignorance. If we lack faith, we're guilty. This also applies to faith for salvation. Faith for salvation also comes by pampering and obeying the Word of God (Rom. Paul said in Ephesians 2:8: 'For by grace are you saved through faith; and not from you: it is God's gift. A weak word that faith comes by listening and listening to god's word, but how can we escape faith to be saved? Romans Chapter 10 tells us. ROMANS 10:8-10,13,14 But what is it? The Word is close to you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the WORD of FAITH, which we preach; 9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe inthine heart that God raised him from the dead, be saved. 10 For with man of hearts believes in correctness; and with mouth confession made to salvation... 13 Whoever will call in the name of the Lord will be saved. 14 Then how will they call him who they did not believe in? AND HOW SHALL BELIEVE IN HIM WHO THEY HAVEN'T HEARD? and how shall hear without a preacher? People are saved by listening to God's Word, because Scripture says: ... the faith of cometh by hearing, and hearing with the word of God (Rom. 10:17). You cannot trust and behave faith without hearing the Word. In acts 10 and 11 we read of Cornelius, who, though devout, had not yet been saved. He hasn't heard the gospel yet, so however he's saved? No, Cornelius wasn't saved until he heard Peter preach. The Angel of the Lord appeared in Cornelius (Acts 10:3). The angel who spoke to Cornelius could not preach the gospel to Cornelius jerangels cannot preach the gospel; God sent men to preach. Remember that Jesus said, Jesus. Go ye to the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). But the angel could tell Cornelius where to go for someone who could preach gospel to him (Acts 11:13). The angel instructed Cornelius to call Peter: 'And now send men to Joppa, and call one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He bows to one Simeon tannery, whose house is by the sea: he will tell you what you should do (Acts 10:5,6). Acts 11:14 reports that the angel said Peter would preach the gospel to Cornelius: 'Whose words I can tell you, whereby you and all your house will be saved. This verse also shows us that people are saved by listening to the word — God's Word: 'Now faith comes through a sleet, and listens to us God (Rom. 10:17). You can't believe it without being in it. A lot of people try to believe without hearing. How comes faith for healing? In the same way - listening to the Word of God's healing. In acts 14, we are told the story of a helpless man who received healing because of what he had heard. ACTS 14:7-107 And there [Paul and Barnabas] PREACHED THE GOSPEL. 8 And there sat a certain man in Lystra, impotent in his feet, as a cripple from his mother's womb, who never walked: 9 The same heard Paul say: who steadfastly observed him, and perceived that he had faith to be healed. 10 He said in a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet. And he jumped up and walked away. The part-time reader of God's Word might say, Isn't it wonderful how Paul healed man? You heard him say that, as did I. But Paul did not heal man. Theman did not heal because Paul was an apostle. Man is not cured by Paul's faith. The man himself had faith to be cured. But notice what must have happened before this man healed: And there they [Paul and Barnabas] PREACH THE GOSPEL (Acts 14:7). Now, Paul did three things: 1. He preached the gospel to man. 2. He felt that man had faith to be healed. 3. He told the man to get up and walk. Man also did three things: 1. He heard Paul preach the gospel. 2. He had faith to be healed. 3. He jumped up and walked away. Man was not healed by some special power that Paul had. The man himself had the infidelity to be cured. Where and how did he get faith to be healed? He got it from what he heard! Remember acts 14:9 says, The same [man] heard Paul speak. Verse 7 says, And there they preached the gospel. If Paul preached what we call the gospel of salvation, how did man gain faith to be healed? Man got faith to be healed because Paul preached what the Bible calls the gospel, which also includes healing. As I got faith to heal more than fifty-five years ago on a bed of illness as a young denomination of boysreading my grandmother's Bible, the more I read the Word, the more I learned. I realized that I had never heard the whole gospel, just part of it. The fullness of the gospel was not in my church. But the more I read the Bible, the more I realized I didn't have to die. The more I read God's Word, the more I realized I could be healed. Of course, the devil was there trying to tell me that healing was done far away. I was taught that God would get better if he wanted to. But to say that God could hear, but that he may not want is an even greater insult than to say he can't get better. They're both lies. I read The Word of Healing. But the devil was right to try to stand up to me. The devil brought into my memory all the doubt and unbelief I had heard. He brought me to my memory everything I was taught on the subject of giggles. Something that helped me immensely was that even though people said that healing done far, far away, I couldn't remember hearing that faith had been done far away. I've never heard that before. As I studied the Word of God, I saw that faith was not done far away. Foreexample, the text in Chapter 14 acts says that the man in Lystra had faith to be healed. And in Mark 5:34, as for the woman with the question of blood, Jesus said, ... The daughter, THY FAITH, made you whole; Go in peace and be your whole plague. Therefore, the Bible makes it clear that faith was not done far away. The man in Lystra had faith to be healed, and as for the woman with the question of blood, it was faith that made her whole. Faith comes by listening and listening to the Word of God. Notice in Mark 5:34 that Jesus did not say that his power or his faith made the woman whole. Jesus said to the woman, ... YOUR FAITH has made you whole. ... (Mark 5:34). When I saw this, I knew that if her faith made her complete, then my faith could make me whole too! And, thank God, yes. My faith entered the power of God and I was read! My paralysis is gone and my heart condition has healed. I've been going for hop, skip and jump ever since, and I've been preaching the truth of the hard work ever since, including healing. Let us look more closely at the way of the man in Lystra who had faith to be healed. How did he get the soul of faith? From what he heard. What did he hear? He heard the Word of God. Is there anything about listening to the gospel that would cause the healing of a lifelong cripple? Decisively, yes. Emphatically, yes! Healing is part of the gospel that Paul preached the pedequis of salvation involving healing. The Bible simply calls it the gospel. How does Dowe know he did it? See Romans 1:16 ROMANS 1:1616 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for this is the power of Godunto SALVATION to anyone who believes; To the Jew first, and also to Greek. The footnote in the Scofield Bible says, The Hebrew and Greek words for the salvation of the idea of deliverance, security, preservation, healing, and sonority. This is God's power of deliverance, security, preservation, healing, and health. Paul preached the full gospel, not just part of it. We also know that healing was part of the gospel that was preached because other descriptions indicate it. ACTS 8:5-85 Then Philip went to the city of Samaria and preached CHRIST [thegospela] to them. 6 And with one agreement people listened to those things that Philipspake, listening and seeing the miracles he did. 7 For the impute spirits, weeping with a loud voice, he emerged from many who were seized with them: and many were taken with paralysis, and these were lame. , were dry-assed. 8 And there was great joy in that city. Notice in verse 7 the miracles that followed the preaching of the Word - the gospel. These healing miracles and deliverances were created as a result of preaching Christ. The New Testament does not know Christ without Christ the Healer. Physical healing - divine healing - part of the gospel. If there is no healing gospel on the day, then none of us has the gospel of salvation to preach because healing is embodied in the Atonement (Isa. He said, Healing is part and part of the gospel. During the time Reverend Nelson was pastor of a church in Detroit, Michigan, in 1921, he was a member of the Church of Thegospel. The doctors said one of his legs would come off on his knee. They said that if by some miracle he didn't have to teleport, at the very least it would be stiff for the rest of his life. But P.C. Nelson said that as he lay in the hospital, the Lord began to speak with purpose. The Lord brought to mind James 5:14 and 15 JAMES 5:14,1514 Are there any sick among you? let him call the elders of the church; and may they wither him, help him with oil in the name of the Lord:15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he committed sins, he will be forgiven. Reverend Nelson said he tried to apologize by telling the Lord they didn't practice in his church. He said the Lord reminded him of a man and that his wife, Rev. Nelson, knew who believed in oil anointment according to this scripture. Lord told Rev. Nelson that you should call them and pray for him. So Reverend Nelson confessed them and they came to pray for him. They were anointed with oil and prayed, and he healed. His leg wasn't supposed to be taken off, and his knee wasn't stiff. God's word is good. The Bible says, .. faith comes by listening to and listening to the word God (Rom. 10:17). Down in Texas a few years ago, a fine denomination minister had a veyoutstanding ministry. Many of the denominational churches will sponsor it at meetings. In his evangelical endeavors, he fell ill. And by his own kind, within a few years, all his money was gone. He had \$10,000 in the bank, and that was a lot of money back then. But in two years, His money was gone. He had to sell his car, his home and most of his books to pay the bills to the doctor. He was everywhere, including the Mayo Clinic to try to work on help, but he was no better; instead, he got worse. He was finally hospitalized in California. The doctor said he was going to die. Theminstier contacted his brother, who lived in California, to borrow some money so he could work at home in Texas where he might die. Their 82-year-old 2-year-old mother lived in Texas and wanted to see his mother before he died. His brother sent him money and went home. The secretary went to live with his mother in an old house in Texas where he grew up. My mother was glad to see him. He told his mother he had to die at home. His dear old mother had a 19-year-old boy who lived there, shewho did business around the place. This 19-year-old boy became the nurse of a sick minister. The boy had to turn around. A man on a bed and dressing him. One day the boy said to him, Why don't you let the Master heal you? The Bible says that if there are sick among you, let them call these church builders and pray for you (James 5:14,15). Here was a minister who supposedly knew the Bible and yet didn't even know those Scriptures were in the Bible. He went to school and studied everything but the Bible! The minister told the boy to get a Bible and find that passage of Scripture, but the boy never listened to how to read. The man asked him how he knew the scripture passage was in the Bible. The boys said the preacher told him it was in the Bible. So, the denominational minister put up the scriptures and read them. The boy told the minister that his preacher had behaved by healing the meeting under a brush and invited the minister to come. It was agreed that the minister would come to the meeting; Someone brought an anold Model T Ford and made a bed in the background for the minister. They drove to the brush arbor as they could, and after the service the preacher came out and drove out the sick preacher with oil and prayed for him. It was about midnight before the minister and the boy returned home. When the minister returned home, he asked his mother to let the boy light a wood stove so she could fry himsome ham and eggs. He ate baby food and soft food because he could tea any solid food. In fact, for two years he had nothing to eat but baby food. The man told his mother he was cured. He told her that the preacher had helped him and prayed for him. The mother later said that while her son was saying it, she thought he had lost his mind. He also wanted his mother to make some old-fashioned countrybiscuits for him to eat. She thought since he was going to die anyway, she was going to die happy, so she did what he wanted and made biscuits and fried hams. He ate that meal and suffered no bad consequences; it was completely torn! This minister then began writing about his healing and sending articles for the publication of welding journals. Calls have begun to arrive to hold revival meetings. Hearranged city meeting for Kansas City. The boy told him that before he went to the meeting, he had to fill himself with the Holy Spirit. The minister said that by then he was willing to believe everything he had told him nineteen to an old boy, so he asked the boy what he should do. The boy explained to him how to receive the baptism of the Spirit of Audace and invited him to another meeting in Arbor. When the call was extended, the minister went to the altar, and he received the Holy Ghost and spoke with other languages. This minister has long since become famous, but his writings were a blessing for us, including the denomination in which he was a member. How did this man get faith for healing? He got it by listening to god's word. Mark 5:25 tells us that there was a woman who He had blood problems for 12 years. The word tells us that Shehad spent all his lives and went to many doctors, but he was no better. But then she heard about Jesus.MARK 5:27,28,3427 WHEN SHE HEARD ABOUT JESUS, came to the press behind, and touchedhis garment.28 She said, If I can touch, but his clothes, I will be whole. 34 And he [Jesus] told her, Daughter, your faith was done; Go in peace, and be your whole plague. Where did this woman get her faith to receive healing? She got faith when she. hadheard Jesus. ... (Mark 5:27). I preached in Dallas in 1953. Then I stayed for an extra three months while the pastor took a leave of absence. In addition to having a daily radio program at different times during the week, I also conducted some special missionary services over the weekend. One Friday night after the services were dropped, one of the ushers came and told me that a man and a woman from Forth Worth had come to see me. The woman was sick and wanted to be subsisted. I met with them, and the man in the relationship that he was going to work in kindmaning and heard my radio program. He said I taught on the radio that what I was getting coaded up to was for everyone. He told his wife about that statement I made, and they tuned into the radio program every day. The man told me that his wife had two serious major surgeries, and she was stepfather to the third. They prayed that if God's will was for her to be given, God would give them faith to believe that she would be healed. They came to me so I could pray for her. I told them it was illiterate to ask God for healing using the words, If it is your will. When you put —if in your prayer you pray for anything God has promised you in His Word, you pray in doubt. Some people think they're humble when they pray like that, but they really don't know each other. In other words, when you pray in faith, do not use if. You will receive an answer to the prayer of faith if you put if in your prayers. But when you pray the prayer of sanctification, the sanctification of your life to the plan of God, then you can use the phrase, If it is your will, because you do not know for sure what the Lord's will is. When you pray the prayer of consecration, you don't change anything. But the prayer of faith is a prayer to change things. If it's a badge of doubt and the word if shouldn't be used in your prayers if you're trying to change the situation. I gave some scriptures on the radio regarding faith, but they did not register the onthis of a man whose wife was ill because he was still not sure it was God's will to cure hiswife. I asked him, If the New Testament said that Jesus took your wife's power and took her illnesses, then it would not be God's will that she have her healing? He agreed that he would. So we turned to Matthew 8:17 MATTHEW 8:1717 That perhaps it will be fulfilled that the prophet Esaias uttered, saying, HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR WEAKNESSES AND OSOILED OUR AILMENTS. This man jumped up and exclaimed that it was God's will that his wife be healed. His wife saw it, too. Then we turned to First Peter 2:24 1 PETER 2:2424 Who had his sins naked in his own body in the tree, that since we were in sin, we should live up to the correctness: BY WHOSE STRIPES YOU HAVE TIRED. Then we turned to the Book of Isaiah.ISAIAH 53:4:54 He must have borne our sorrows and carried our sorrows: nevertheless we valued himstricken, the smitten God, and the afflicted.5 But he was wounded because of our transgressions, he was hurt by our injustices: the punishment of our peace was over him; and with his stripes we are healed. The margin reads: He must have carried our diseases and carried our diseases (Isa.53:4). This couple said all they needed now was faith. They knew it was God's will to heal. They said they knew they had been saved; they went forward in achurch when the call was given and prayed the sinner's prayer. I knew they were saved. I asked them if they had asked the Lord to give them faith to be saved when they collapsed down the aisle to be saved. They said no. The man claimed the pastor claimed they could be saved. The pastor read the Word to the people. In other words, they heard the Word of Salvation. They had faith for salvation that the Bible says, ... faith comes by listening and listening to the word of God (Rom. 10:17). So I told them that they too had faith in her healing, for the same reason they had faith in salvation. They heard the Word this man said he'd have to drop his first prayer because it was pretty good. I agreed with him. You see, as soon as the light comes, faith is there. This couple already had faith because they heard and understood the Word. The woman agreed with us. She said all she had to do now was accept Jesus as herHealer. So I laid my hand on her head and prayed. Then I asked her if she was cured. And she said she certainly did and she knows it because the Word says so. On Sunday night during Mass at the same church, the lobby door opened and there was this same guy again. He asked the vicar if he could say the word at the same time. The pastor gave him permission and the man told the congregation what had happened. He said that when he and his wife came home Friday night, she pulled out herbrac and threw him in the closet, and said, Thank God, I got better. The next day when he got home, he found her bending over the sink washing herhair, something she couldn't do. The woman was completely cured! I also laid hands on my husband and wife, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and a gegan to speak in tongues. Years later, the woman was still cured. How did she get her faith? From listening to the Word! This man also brought his mother to pray who was in a wheelchair with a limp. After we prayed for her, she got out of the chair and left the building that night completely fine. In the gospel of Jesus Christ, there is a provision forever of need, salvation, deliverance, security, preservation, healing, and goodness. Whatever need you have, faith to receive your answer comes from listening to God's Word. As you dare to constantly feed on the Word, you will see yourfaith grow so that he may receive the wonderful promises God has made for His children. As faith comes - Part 2 Now FAITH is the essence of the things we hope for, evidence of things that are notseen. - Hebrews 11:1 You tell us exactly what biblical faith is. Hebrews 11:1 says that faith is evidence of things that have not been seen and that faith is the essence of the things we hope for. In other words, faith is extortion. Moffatt's translation of Hebrews 11:1 reads: 'Now faith means that we are convinced of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see. Another translation reads: 'Faith gives substance to the things we hope for. Human faith against the Faith However Bible, we must understand that there are a number of kinds of faith. For example, everyone has a natural human faith, whether saved or unprepared. But in Hebrews 11:1, God speaks of the biblical faith - the biblical faith. The biblical faith trusts the heart. There is a huge difference between believing with your heart and believing what physical senses can tell you. Biblical faith is the laying of an unprecedented area of hope and bringing it to reality. And biblical faith grows out of God's Word. Another translation of Hebrew 11:1 says, Faith is a work of assurance, the thing you gladly hoped for is finally yours. For example, you hope for the finances you must pay. Faith gives you the certainty that you will have money when you need it because faith is \. proof of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). You're hoping for physical strength to do a job you know you have to do. But faith says, Faith. The Lord is the strength of my life; from whom should I fear? (Psalm 27:1). Faith itself will say everything the Word says, because faith in God is faith in His Word. It would be a wonderful thing if people learned it and acted on it. Then, you see, God's strength itself and any blessing he gave them would be theirs. By claiming God's strength by Faith, I learned what faith was when I grew out of sickness bed. After I washed, I needed a job, but that was during Depression Day and it was hard to get a job. I was in bed for sixteen months and I needed clothes and other things for school. I got a job in the nursery and pulled peach trees. We pulled out these trees, one boy on each side of the tree. We had to pull them for orders that came. I want you to know, it was a job! It was particularly difficult for someone who had been bedfast for so long and who got out of bed for a few months! We'd meet every morning before sunbathing and start working. Every day some of the people who came to me would say, Well, I didn't think you'd make it today. You know, Andso fell out yesterday and had to give up. I didn't believe in trying to push something away from the onsomeone, but I believed in testifying for God, so if they told me these things, it would give me a chance to testify to them about the Lord. I'd say, Well, guys, if it wasn't for the Lord, I wouldn't be here. You see, his strength is mistrength. The Bible says, ... The Lord is the strength of my life... [Ps. 27:11. My lifeless physical as well as spiritual... and the Lord is the strength of my life; Who am I afraid of? If I said that, it would make some of those boys so angry that swearing would. I would just smile and say, Praise the Lord, I will be here tomorrow and every other day because the Lord is my strength. Of course, if I had gone by my feelings, I would never have got out of bed because I felt like I was staying in bed. I have never felt awe in my life; I felt like there was nothing I could do - let alone such hard work! But people stayed with it. I acted on the Word because I knew what faith was. So I would tell the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the devil, myself and the boys to ask me, The Lord is my strength! Then after I prayed and prayed to God for his strength and confessed that I had it, I would never have received any help or strength that I had actually begun to do. You see, it wasn't enough to have faith; I had to act onmy faith. A lot of people here lack faith. They want to get what they believe in God and then they believe they've received it. But it's actually the other way around. You have to believe you have a petition, and then you get it. We'd come to work, and I still wouldn't

have the strength. But every morning when we started on the first tree or sometimes the second tree, I would feel that something could kill me on top of my head and it would pass through my body, through the ends of the mifingers and the ends of my peaks. It was the supernatural power of the Lord, and I would work all day under the power of that strength. Finally, one guy who gained two hundred and fifty pounds said, I'll tell you, when this old two hundred pounds are gone, there won't be one man left in the field. I replied, Why, Alton, God weighs more than two hundred and fifty pounds! When it comes out and stops, I'll still be here. He cursed at me, but at 3:00 that afternoon he fell out! And that was true - I was a theon man on the left. I was the weakest and the meanest, but I was the only man left of the group that started. And to show you how sufficient the Lord's strength is, ooli wanted to hire me permanently. That's how I proved God's Word. Proving God's Word by acting on it can say that you know god's Word is good, but you never will. know that God's Word is good until you have acted upon it and yearned the results of it. This is what is what it is: Faith proves God's Word by acting on it. Faith gives substance to the aunts they hope for. I went to work despite my physical weakness. I acted in God's Word and yearned the results of my faith in God's Word. You see, I was hoping for the physical strength to do a job I knew had to be done. But faith gave substance to what I had hoped for. God's Word says God is the strength of my life. As I acted on God's Word, my faith was the essence of what I had hoped for - the strength to do my job. You see, a lot of people just hope, and that's where they stop. But it's not faith, it's hope, and hope won't matter - only faith will. Faith is the essence of the things we hope for. Hope does not do any substance, but faith gives a sub-attitude to hope. One might say, Well, I hope God heard my prayer. — But if that's all you do hoping, you won't get an answer to your request because it's faith that drives God, not hope. Hope is not what causes God to hear your prayer; it's faith. If you hope, there will be no answer to your prayers. However, your faith can give substance to your hope. In fact, faith will provide answers to toy prayers. Remember, hope says, I will have an answer to my request sometimes. But faith says, I have an answer to my request now! John Wesley said that the devils have given the Church a substitute for a faith that looks and sounds so much like faith, many people cannot see the difference. He called it the mental priseb. Mental priseb vs. Faith HeartsFor example, many people see what God's Word says and mentally agree that God's Word is true. But they just agree with their mind. But a mental arrangement with the Word is not what does the job. It's the heart faith he receives from God. That is why the Bible says, For with heart man believes... (Rom. 10:10). Jesus spoke of believing with his heart in Mark 11:23 MARK 11:232323. whoever will say to this mountain, be removed, and be you you are at sea; and he will not doubt his heart, but will believe [in his heart] that what he says will come true; He'll have any kind of hesait. Notice that the Bible has never said a single word about doubt in the word. You can have a suicide in your head and still have faith in your heart. But believing in your heart will cause you to receive from God. People ask, How can I tell if I have faith in my heart or just mentally believe in my head? You can say a jermalental agreement or a mental priseb says, I know god's Word is true. I know God heals me and answers my prayer [or whatever you need], but an unusual reason I can't get it. I can't understand it! Then why don't I have an answer to mypetition! People who say they are only in mental prisse, not in actual biblical faith or heart faith. Faith - real faith in God says, If God's Word says so, then so be it. The promise of ismina; I have it now! Faith always says, I have it even though I can't see it. Now notice what the text said: "Faith ... is evidence of things that have not been seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Someone said, yes, but what I was praying about, I don't see. It hasn't reached the topass yet. But if you already had it, you wouldn't have to believe it; You'd know that. To get to that place of knowledge, you must take that step of believing without looking, based only on your faith in the integrity of God's Word. Many people want to know it first and then believe it. That is, they want to know from a natural point of view that it happened first. However much, we know that we have judged what the Word tells us is ours because God's Word says it is ours. When we believe in God's Word without seeing anything manifests itself in the natural realm, then what we are trusting God for materializes. Jesus said in Mark 11:24: "Whatever things you want, when you pray, believe that he receives them and that you will have them." Notice that possession comes after belief. Most people want to turn it around and have it first, and then believe it. But in common everyday language, Jesus used to say that you have to believe that you have yourpentence before you get it. I don't know about you, but I could never receive healing for my body believing that I had received my healing - even when every symptom in M was crying to anyone, "You don't have your healing. You're not cured!" I'd just say to my body, The Bible says, "... May God be true, but every man is a liar" [Rom. 3:4]. Now, if you say I haven't healed, you're a liar because God's Word says I am! Then when I act in faith on God's Word instead of acting on what I feel, the results come! Works a hundred times out of 100. But if you're going to sit and sigh and sigh and grab and complain and wait for something to happen to you, you'll never get far in faith - that is, the actual biblical faith. Believe what the Bible says - Not what your senses tell you! If you wait until you find that every symptom is gone and that your fleshcorresponds with your faith and everything is fine before you start believing God, then you are all out of order and out of line with the Word, and you will never get very much in faith. You see, the problem is that so many people are thinking of doubting Thomas, one of Jesus' twelve disciples. Toma said, I will not believe it until I see it and put my finger in the imprint in his hands and stick my hand in the wound on his side (John 20:25). When Jesus appeared to the disciples and TheMa saw Jesus, TheMa said, My Lord and my God (John 20:28). Did Jesus praise Nom for his lack of faith? No, Jesus said, No. For seeing me, you do not believe: blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed— (John 20:29). In the Word, TheMa did not believe in Jesus' resurrection by faith as you and I believe it. Toma believed because he saw Jesus with his physical eyes; relied on completely on his senses. But we believe in Jesus' resurrection because the Word of God says that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. It's a place where many people miss it in the realm of faith without really realizing it. They are, I believe in divine healing because it has healed so-and-so. But it is not the Biblical self! I don't believe in healing because I've seen someone healed. I believe in healings the Word of God says that healing belongs to me (Isa. Matte. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24). I don't believe in speaking in tongues just because some people speak inggues. No, I believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence that he speaks intongues because god's Word teaches him. I still would have believed it even if I'd heard anyone else speak in tongues. I believe what the Bible says, not what I see and hear. My faith is not in what I can see and hear. My faith is based on what God says. You see, when we develop our faith to a place where we believe in what the Word says regardless of circumstances and physical symptoms, then we believe in the right thing, and that's what brings results. Toma said, I won't believe it until I see it. And Jesus said, I'm not going to believe it. Noma, because you saw me, you quickly believed: blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed— (John 20:29). Those who believe what God's Word says, in addition to what they see or feel with their physical senses, are those who are blessed. ROMANS 4:17-2117 (As written, I made you the father of many nations.) before him who believed, even God, who lives dead, and called those things that do not seem to be. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nans, according to what is spoken, so will your seed be. 19 And be weak in faith he felt that his own body was not now dead, when it was hundreds of years old, and it was not yet dead in Sarah's womb: 20 He did not stagger not on God's promise through unbelief; but he was a powerful unbelief, giving glory to God: 21 And fully convinced that, what he promised, he was also able to perform. Notice the difference between Abraham's faith and Thomas' faith. Thomas' faith was just a natural, human faith. He said, I will not believe unless I see and feel. But the Word of God says that Abraham believed in God's Word and did not see his own body. Well, if Abraham didn't take his body into account, that means he didn't take into account physical vision or physical feelings. Then what did he say? The Word of God. He considered God's promise... fully convinced that, what he promised, he was able to perform and! (Rom. 4:2 1). I remember a few years ago, I fought along some of the same lines as people today in the healing area. Even after I got better, I had of the most alarming heart symptoms that have come back to me. I'd fight in the night. I did exactly what Abraham did. I prayed and prayed on God's promises, but I couldn't sleep. Finally, I said to the Lord, Lord, I must have some relief. God said, "I will relax and said, Thank you," and took my mind off the unhealed body and drifted back to sleep. Later that same night I woke up again and had some of the same symptoms. I said, Lord, I'm not considering my own body. Then what will I consider? The Lord said, Consider him, who is your Author and finisher and your high priest (Hebrews 3:1; It's Heb. 12:2). God tells us in His Word exactly what should not be considered, and then tells us what to consider. Or we could say it this way: God tells us in His Word exactly what he is not a tokonsider and then tells us who to consider - the Lord Jesus Christ - the Author and the President of our faith. I immediately opted for Jesus and began to consider him and what he had done for us. The Bible says, "... He took our weaknesses, and our naked ailments— (Matt. 8:17). I began to consider this Scripture and focus my mind and attention on Jesus and the Word, and I stopped considering my body with my symptoms. Then I could have asleep. When I woke up every symptom of hadgone. Too many times, we get our attention focused on the wrong thing. When it comes to subjugation, we consider our own bodies and symptoms that try to attack our bodies. That's what we think and look at, and the more we look at the tesympoms, the worse we get. You hear people say, God hasn't heard my prayer yet, and I'm getting worse. I think I'm going to end up having surgery. I preached in a church where there was a woman who testified every time she could, and at the end of every testimony she would pray for me. I just believe I have cancer. Finally, the pastor got tired of it, and he got up when she walked by and said, That's right, sister! Keep believing it and you'll get it! Jesus said, "... Be it unto you according to your faith— (Matt. 9:29) Sometimes people say, Brother Hagin, pray for me. I believe I have a cold. I will not be well suited to pray for them, because if they believe they have a cold, then they will get it because the Bible says, according to your God, let it be. Keep believing it and you'll get it! You see, I'm trying to make you see what it means to walk by faith, not by vision. So many people consider the wrong thing instead of considering God's promises in His Word. Some people simply get a piece of what I'm saying and go think in a completely indifferent light from what I teach. They think I'm learning that we withhold all symptoms and just go further as if the symptoms aren't even there. They think I'm. Science, but there's a difference like daylight and dark in what I say and what Christian Science advocates learn. As one person said, This is not Christian science; that's Christian meaning. We don't deny the symptoms because they're real. Of course the pain is real; sin is real; And the devil is real. But notice what the Bible said: —Abraham did not consider his body! (Rom. 4:19). Therefore, do not consider your body, but consider Jesus, who is your Highest author and finisher of your faith (12:2). Pay attention and mind to what Jesus has done for you and what He does for you as your high priest. Jesus is doing something for you now. He was rinsed on god's right hand right now making an intercession for you (Hebrews 7:25). HEBREWS 4:1414 Seeing then that we have a high priest, who has been transported to heaven, Jesus the Son of God, we hold fast to our profession [our confession of faith]. We would do Hebrew 4:14 without injustice by reading it in this way: [This is why we have passed our confession, because we have such a great High Priest who has passed to heaven, Jesus the Son of God.] The Greek word that translated —profession| or confession| implies that this verse can be read too, Let us say the same thing quickly. What does that mean? Jesus, our High Priest, represents us on god's throne. And Jesus says, I took their place. I died for them as their replacement. Jesus did not die for himself. He shouldn't have redeemed himself because he wasn't lost. But he should have died for us because we were lost. He's become our understudy. He took sins. He's been oggling our ailments. He carried our diseases. He died for us. He came from the dead for us and climbed high for us. Jesus is on god's right hand, saying, I have done all this for them. Now we must hold fast to our profession—saying the same thing here on earth that the Word says. That's what puts the devil on the run. So focus on the right things - Jesus, our high priest, and His Word - instead of yourself. Continue to view Word as another scripture passage along this same line. In fact, these scriptures helped me rehome when I was on the bed of trouble. I believe these scriptures have helped me as much as they have in my life. PROVERBS 4:20-2220 My son, attends my words; tilt your ears to my sayings. 21 Let them not deviate before your eyes; keep them in the middle of your heart. 22 For they [my words] are life to those who find them, healing to all their bodies. I want to draw your attention especially to one verse. Verse 21 says, "Don't let [my words] deviate from before your eyes. . . . Many people fail because they fail. They're holding the wrong thing in front of their eyes. Understanding it was a turning point in my life because up until the moment I read this Scripture, I always saw myself dead. I could do that, every detail about my death. But after reading this paragraph scripture, I could see myself well, and I started to see myself alive. I started seeing myself not seeing things I'd never done in my life because of heart problems. I knew God had invited me to preach, and I could see myself preaching. So I started getting ready for it. Even when I was in bed, I was looking for a tablet and a pen, and I got my Bible and started preparing sermons. They weren't preachers and I never preached about them except one, but I was still getting ready. The reason many people fail is because they are about to fail; they see they're failing. Now notice again what the Word says: "May [my words] not deviate from the eyes before ..." (Prov. 4:21). If you know god's Word says, "... He himself, [Jesus] has taken powerlessness and stripped our ailments— (Matt. 8:17), then if that Word does not go before your eyes, you are obliged to see yourself without disease and without separation. If the Word does not deviate before your eyes, you will surely see each other well. And if you don't see yourself without illness and disease and you don't see yourself well, then that Word has gone before your eyes. And although God wants make his word good in his life, he can't because you don't act on His Word. It's hard for me to keep track of some people's thinking. To think that God is just giving up doing something for them without them doing what the Word says is just clear-auditory thinking. God will not move in your name unless you cooperate with His Word. See, God cannot move in your name, even if he wanted to, if you do not act on the Word. If he did, he'd look like a liar, and the Bible says God cannot be lying. God gives us instructions right here in Proverbs Chapter 4 for taking His medicine. Sayings 4:22 say, For they [the Words of God] are life to those who find them, and health [or medicine] to all their bodies. The margin of my Bible tells me that this Hebrew word is translated —health| is also a word for medicine. So take God's Word according to his instructions. God's words are a cure for all our bodies. But verses 20 and 21 tell us instructions to take the drug. What is God's medicine? Does God have a cure? Yes, thank God, there is. God's Word is God's medicine. For they [My Words] are life for those who find them, and health [cure] for all their meat. But for the drug to work, it must be taken according to the instructions. SAYINGS 4:2121 May [my words] not deviate from your eyes. Keep them in the middle of your heart. Keep watching what Word says. You see, so many people look at themselves, in conditions, in symptoms. If God's Word assures you that He has heard And answers your prayer, then if that Word does not deviate before your eyes, you stand back to see yourself with what you have prayed for. It's faith in God's Word. When you see yourself with an answer based on God's Word, when you know that your faith is firmly based on the Word of God. You see, the failure to take God's medicine — His word — according to the instructions is what defeats so many people in his prayer life. Notice that all this agrees with what Jesus says in Mark 11:24: "... Whatever you want, when you pray, believe that you are receiving, and that you will have them." You must believe that you have your answer before you get it! One might say, I'm not going to believe anything I don't see. For example, during World War II, when radioactive materials were loose in the teatmosphere due to exploding bombs, the whole world became concerned about what they couldn't see. You can't see or feel radioactivity, but you can certainly feel and feel the result of radioactivity. It's a destructive force. Also, scientists believe in bad things they can't necessarily see, but just as people have become alarmed by the teuna of radioactivity in this world and believed it even though they couldn't see it or feel it, I believe in the Power of God even though I can't see it or feel it. I believe what God says about the Holy Spirit, the great Invisible Power of God, whether I feel saw it or saw it. Besides, I had some of the biggest healings in my meetings when I never felt something. I had some of the most wonderful things when the service seemed dead. So, you see, feelings have nothing to do with the sfaith. God is with me, and His power is always available whether I feel that way or not. I do not base my faith on what I feel; I base my faith on what God said. And he said, "... I will never leave you or leave you— (Hebrews 13:5). HEBREWS 13:66 To put it bravely, the Lord is my helper and I will not be afraid of what man will do to me. Is that what you're saying? Boldly declare: The Lord is my helper! That's what you need to say! Well, someone said, The Lord has abandoned me. You all pray to me. I don't feel like I did once. Your feelings have nothing to do with what the Bible says. I heard people say, I don't know if I can make it or not; I hope I can. All pray for methat I will hold my true to the end. This is not what the Word says we are bravely eclased. So many people boldly proclaim their defeat and failure: I am whipped. I am defeated. [The devil tied me up.] But nowhere in the Bible can you find where he said to boldly say it. The writer of Hebrew said, "... for he [Jesus], he said, I will never leave you, nor leave you. So we can boldly say, Lord is my helper..." (Hebrews 13:5:6). So stop saying the wrong thing and start saying the right thing. Say, The Lord is my Helper. Is it him? Then say it is. Say, The Lord is my healer. Say, Jesus took my weaknesses and bore me with my illnesses! (Matt. 8:17). Isn't it? Then continue to lurk about God's Power. Say the right things and believe the right things. Friends, it's just misguided thinking, misguided belief, and misguided talking that whips. You see, the devil can't beat you because Jesus has already beaten the devil for you. Satan does not defeat you; You defeat yourself. Or if he does, you let him do it. It's the consent of ignorance. God has given us His Word to correct our thinking, so we will not beignorant and so our belief will be right. And if our thinking is right and our belief is right, then our conversation will be tone. Say, The Lord is my helper. The Lord is mistrrength. The actual faith in the Word says, If God says so, then so is it. If God says I have been healed, then I am cured (Isa. If God says he will supply my every need, then He does (Phil. If God says it is the strength of my life, then he (Psalm 27:1). In other words, true faith in the Goddess speaks of itself what the Word says. Thank God, I have what Wordsays have. I am what the Word says I am. If God says I'm strong, I am. If he says I'm healed, I'm. If he says he cares about me, then he does. So I simply rest silently on the Word, for the Word says, For those of us who believed that we were entering a standstill... (Hebrews 4:3). Rest silently on the Word regardless of natural evidence that would satisfy the physical insensitive. True faith is built on the Word! We should meditate in the Word and dig deep and feed on it. Then the Word will become a part of us just as natural food becomes a part of us. In other words, being a natural food to a physical man, god's word is to a spiritual man. So this Word builds on me - the real me, the inner man - confidence and security. Remember, I. faith comes from listening to and listening to the Word of God! (Rom. 10:17). What faith is - Part 1Conscience: faith is the essence of the things we hope for, evidence of things that have not been seen - Hebrew 11:1Moffatt's translation of this verse reads: "Now faith means that we are convinced of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see." One modern translation of Hebrew 11:1 reads: "Faith gives substance ... the things we hope for." The difference between faith and hope What God simply tells us is that faith lies in an invisible realm of hope and brings it to reality. Too many times when it comes to receiving Holy Spirit or healing or answering prayer, many people simply hope to be highly appreciated. Faith is Present Tense But doesn't hope to get the job done; It's a belief. The Bible says, Now faith is ... (Hebrews 11:1). If it's not now, it's not faith. Someone said, Well, I believe that one day I will get the Holy Spirit. It is not faith, it is hope, for hope is always future or points to the future. But faith is now. Faith says, I will receive it right now; I believe I have my plea now that I pray! (Mark 11:24) We must understand this when it comes to I speak along this line because the same principles are true in receiving the Self-Spirit, healing, or answering prayer. The principles of faith are the same in any urea, be it finances, baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing, or any petition. And if you can learn the principles of faith, then it is easy to receive whatever you ask or whatever you want from God that is consistent with His Word. I know from experience over the years in dealing with so many people that when it comes to being possessed to the Holy Ghost and healing, as well as receiving answers to prayer, many simply hope that God will hear them when they pray, or hope to receive an answer. I remember running a meeting in a tent in Waco, Texas, years ago. We started there on Sunday night. I preached the gospel message, and the next night I was preached on faith. The next night we had our first healing services. I always put people in the same line to receive healing or to receive the Holy Ghost. I preached about laying on my hands, and then after I gave the call for the lost, I laid hands on the sick to recede and laid hands on the faithful to receive the Holy Ghost. The first man in line came to receive the Holy Ghost. I said to him, Will you now be filled with the Holy Ghost as I lay my hands on you and pray? [Brother Hagin,] he said, I hope I will. I said, Well, then you will not be. It kind of him off. I thought I'd help him, not him off, so I told him right away, You can't do anything from God through hope. By the faith you're receiving. He said, "But I don't know if I'm going to receive it or not, so I'm not going to say I am." I said, If I offered you a dollar bill, would you say, "I don't know if I can do it or not!" No, certainly not, he said. Well, I said, God offers you a gift that is as easy to receive as receiving the dollar bill that you have been offered. He said, "Yes, but I have been looking mightily for a long time. In fact, I've been looking for thirteen years, and I haven't received it yet. So I don't know if I'm going to take it now." He got pretty upset about it, so I just reached out and hugged him and hit him on the neck. I said, Brother, I'm here to help you. But under terculmstances, I could lay my hands on my head until I wore every hair off the top of my head, and you wouldn't get anything. So I suggest you sit in the front row and listen and watch, and see what's going on. Then you will see the difference between belief and doubt, and between faith and hope. So we prayed for a few people for healing, and then we came to a young woman who wanted to receive the Holy Ghost. I said, Are you a Christian? It's not about being a member of the church, it's a matter of rebirth. [Yes,] he said, I know that, and I was born. I accept your testimony. I said, Do not let the devil answer you from this. Then I asked her, "And now, do you believe in the Holy Ghost?" (After I myself had come out of the same time, I knew that everyone in this denomination did not believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost.) Do you believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of tongue-tongued clearing? I certainly believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of tongues? Tongues? I certainly believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of tongue-reassury? He replied, "It's in the Bible. It's in the Word." Then I asked, Will you receive the Holy Ghost now that I lay my hands on my head and pray? She said, "I surely will." She had her Bible in her hand, and she said, You know, I sat there tonight and followed whatever scripture you gave while you were preaching, and it's all in the Word. And I was certainly loyal. I saw that she was ready because I saw her faith in the operation. So I just reached for my hand to lie on her forehead, and before I even touched her - I barely brushed her fingers on her forehead - she threw up both hands and started speaking with tongues. I told that elderly gentleman who was sitting in the front row, Do you see the indifference between you just hoping to receive the Holy Ghost and really believing that you will be appreciated? [Yes,] he said, I see. On Friday night he came back, and he was the first person in line. [Well, I told him, I see you're back. I've changed my hope of faith. Just put your hands on me, and I will immediately fill up with the Holy Spirit.] I reached out to put it on my hands, and hadbarely touched it, when he raised both hands and began speaking in other languages! Oh, it makes such a difference when you really trust God instead of just hoping to make your plea out of Him - whether it's receiving the Holy Ghost, healing, or any turn to prayer. That man said he'd been asking for the baptism of forthirteenth holy spirit for years, but really he was just hoping to get Holy Ghost. And you just don't receive anything from God with hope. You take from God for God's sake. Hope against faith in the prayer of the treaty! Sit on another occasion at the end of one service, my wife said to me: Brother Hagin, I wish you would agree with me. In your message, you used the inscription in Matthew 18:19 where Jesus said, "... If you two agree that the earth astounds any thing they will seek, it will be done for them by my Father which is a pain in the face." I said, All right, sister. What do you want to agree on with you? She said, "Do I have to tell you?" For sure, I said, I can't agree on something that I don't know what we agree on. [She said, This is a financial necessity.] I said, Okay, how much do you know what I agree on. I see, well, my husband has a job and makes so much money, but emergency has emergency has We need an extra \$100. I just don't know where it's coming from. But I know that Whatever she can help us and show us. [He certainly can!] I told her. Then you want me to get together with you that God will provide an additional \$100 this month. [Yes,] she replied, so it is. I said, All right, let's agree. I'll pray, and you listen while I pray. You agree with what I pray because if we both pray at once, you can go one way and I can go the other. Let's agree. You just agree in your spirit right now. That's what I prayed and reminded the Father that we agree with His Word. [said, We're on the ground, and you said if two of you on earth are going to agree as touchingly that they're going to ask, you're going to do it for us.] I said, [We agree like touching this extra \$100 this woman needs this month. We thank you, Father, for agreeing that it's over. Thank you for that. Amen.] I said, [Is it over, sister?] Immediately (I'm not making fun of her. I'm just stating the facts), she got involved and started crying, and she said, Brother Hagin, I hope so. I hope so. I answered, Well, then, it's not. Because we disagreed. You hope, and I believe. There is no agreement here! That is why some of our prayers are not for us. Of course, it's not God's fault that prayer doesn't work. If our prayers are not two, it is not God's fault because God never failed. If our prayers do not work, it is not Je Jesus' fault, for Jesus never failed. God does not change, and prayer does not change God. It is the same before you pray, when you pray and after you pray. Prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes circumstances, but prayer does not change God. He is always the same, and that means he is always faithful to His Word (Hebrews 10:23; 13:8; Rom. 4:20:21). Dr. Lillian B. Yeomans said something I read years ago and never forgot. It's been a great blessing for me over the years. She said, "If I pray for anything or pray only once for anything, and I do not understand, I start changing. I'm starting to change because if I pray and that prayer is not answered, there will be a change on my part before the answer comes. I know there can be no exchange on God's part, because he never changes. So if there has to be any change, it has to be at my end of the line. So if I pray and don't receive, then I'm starting to change." I've followed that policy over the years and found out it always works one hundred percent of the time. We must understand that we cannot exchange hope for faith and get answers from God. Don't get me wrong. If you keep hope in the right place, it is the most inseparable and wonderful reality for you. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13:13, And now abide by the faith, hope, love [of love], of these three; but the greatest of the thesis of love. Paul did not say that faith and hope do not matter; He said it was the largest of the three confessions. But each of them has a place. For example, you can't replace love and you can't mistake hope for faith. And yet, dealing with thousands of people over the years, I know that most people try to receive healing, the tebapticism of the Holy Ghost, or respond to prayer based on hope instead of faith. I know they're thinking of trusting because of what they tell me. A lot of people say to me, If you take away my hope, I have nothing left. I'm just showing you that you're hoping for a misplaced one; you are trying to make hope to do what only faith can do— And to receive from God. Hope is the future of Tense Heas we have blessed hope for God. The Blessed Hope of the Church is soon The Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the saved dead, the rapture of the saving Saints, the hope of heaven, and the hope of seeing our loved ones and friends. Thank God for that hope. We look forward to that hope, but it's all future time. Jesus is coming again, believe it or not. It comes because the Word says so. The Resurrection will happen whether we have faith in him or not. Whether we believe is in it or not, it's still going to happen. The rapture will happen without us believing it or not. Both loved ones and friends who are Christians, who have died and left this world and gone to heaven, are there no matter what it is we believe about it. And he'll be back with Jesus when he gets back. My faith will not bring Jesus back. In other words, I cannot believe that he will come at a certain time and that my faith will bring him back. If that's true, then Church could trust and could restore Jesus with their beliefs. However, Jesus is coming. But, you see, it's all future time because we don't know when it's going to happen, but we know it's going to happen. And we know it's a blessed hope. And we did not say that this was a purifying hope, for 1 John 3:3 says, And every man who has this hope alone is a purifieth himself, even when he is pure. This blessed hope is the future time. I believe Jesus is coming, but he's coming back whether or not I believe it. Seeking Jesus' return and waiting for that Blessed Hope is a combination of simply believing in what the Word says and hope for what the Word says. It's the future time. But if I say, I believe that one day I will get my healing, it is not a belief at all. It's hope, not faith, and hope won't bring you healing. I've seen good people get sick and yet die saying that. They were wonderful people who are in heaven now, and I wouldn't even speak disrespectfully of them because they were wonderful Christians. They just didn't know what faith was. Someone said, I believe God will heal me. That's hope. Anything that points to the future or looks to the future is hope. This is not faith because jefaitn now: know faith is ... (Hebrews 11:1). Faith says, That's mine. I have it now. [Hopesays, "I'll get it Once."] But as long as you are hopeful, not in faith, whatever you want will never come true - it will never come across. But the moment you start believing and acting like God's Word is like that, your faith will work for you. Changing my hope in Faith it is a lesson I learned on the bed of illness many years ago. I lay on the bed for sixteen long months before I got better. Actually, I've been sick my whole life and I never had a normal childhood. I never ran and played like other children and at fifteen I became completely bedfast. Five doctors, one of whom practiced at the Mayo Clinic, said that as far as medical science knew or had any record of, no one in my condition had ever lived past the age of sixteen. I became completely bedfast just a few months before I was six-teen years old, and I remained bedfast until I was a steady seventeen. I've been through everything everyone does when they're desperate to be cured. Thank God for all the good books today on the subject of faith and healing, but there were not many in those days. If there were, I didn't know about them, and I didn't get them. I was just a denomination boy reading my grandmother's Bible, but thank God, it reads just like my Bible full of gospel because it's the same Bible. When I was trying to get better, I cried and prayed, and said, Dear God, please heal me. I begged Him to heal me and prayed all night for several nights, and almost all night for several other nights. When you are bedfast twenty-four hours a day, you can do a lot of prayer! I prayed many hours a day, day after day, week after week and month after month. I was born again, but I wasn't getting any results as far as getting my healing. I would pray and make sure god heard me and healed me because I kind of had the feeling he had. I don't think I felt it physically, because I didn't feel any different. But I'm just being honest like he heard me. I cannot say that I physically felt that God had heard me; But I'm lurking about some spiritual feeling. If I prayed for healing, I would feel it, that's it; my prayer has been answered. But then I'd feel my heart. It still wasn't good. Then I'd look at my undercuts and they were still paralyzed. My legs were just bones with a little skin stretched - there was no flesh or muscle in my thighs or calves. Then I'd start crying and saying, Lord, I thought you were going to cure me. I felt the same way you did. I just knew, but you didn't. I couldn't understand it, and about a month or so I just wouldn't even look at a Bible. I decided I could give up praying as well as a bad job. Then I'd start leaving. I'd go to the death door, straight down in the rush of death. I kept the head of the bed so I wouldn't leave. You could tell where I was holding on to the bed, until all the varnish was worn off that headboard. I'd fight death with every fiber of my being. Then I'd come back. Word of God again and start reading it again. As a young person I wanted to live so badly, so from a natural point of view I fought it. But I couldn't see where I missed him spiritually. I would try to act on God's word. And I'd get some results and recover from the attack, but I still haven't received my miha. Finally, on the second Tuesday of August 1934, after lying on a bed of serenity for sixteen months, I said to the Lord: Dear Lord Jesus, when you were here on earth you said in Mark 11:24, "... Whatever you want, when you pray, believe that you receive them and that you will have them." You said, When you pray, I prayed. You said, Believe me. I believed. I continued, Dear Lord Jesus, when you would stand here by my bedside in my body and I could pull you out with my physical eyes, and I could extend my physical hand and lay my hands on yours, if you say to me, "Son, the problem with you is that you don't believe," I would have to tell you. "Dear Lord Jesus, you're lying about it! I believe!" (I said it in kindness and sincerity, not in tones of arrogance.) You can't believe beyond real knowledge Now Jesus isn't talking to a person physically, like someone else might be telling the act. He's not here in the flesh, but the Holy Spirit is here. And Jesus said of Holy Spirit, he [the Holy Spirit] will not speak of himself; But whatever he hears, that's what he'll be saying... (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit spoke to my spirit from within: Yes, believe, all right, as far as you know. (A person cannot be trusted from the outside. It just can't be done. It's a place where a lot of people fail. They don't really know what the word says.) The Lord said, Believe, all right, as far as you know. But that last sentence goes with this verse of Scripture, "... and you'll have them." It says, "... believe that you have received, and that you will have them— (Mark 11:24). Believe that you received your petition before you have it! I saw it! It's like someone turned on the light inside me. I saw him. I said, Dear Lord Jesus, I see it, I see it! I have to believe I'm receiving my healing before I get it. I have to believe that I'm receiving healing for my heart while my heart is still not beating properly. I have to believe I'm receiving healing for my paralysis even though I'm still paralyzed from a natural point of view. And if I believe I'm going to take him in, then I'm going to have him. See, I haven't done it yet. First I wanted to get my healing, and then I wanted to believe it. But you don't have to believe it when you get it. Then you know that. Faith is not vision. In other words, once you see whatever you believe in, you no longer need faith to believe in your petition. I saw right away what I was doing. I was hoping all those months would be healing, and hope didn't work. I could never receive an answer to my hope in prayer - only by faith. It meant I had to believe I had mine, before I actually saw it manifest itself. One good thing about it is that you don't have to have a Full Gospel church, a denominational church, or any other that will tell you how to receive from The Pogod. If you will only follow the Word and the Holy Ghost, you will find yourself walking in line with the Word because the Holy Ghost will always guide you according to the Word. See, when I lay on my bed I could move; it was just the lower part of the body that was paralyzed. I could move my hands. Nobody told me to raise my hands, and I can't tell you why I did, but I just did. I raised my hands as I lay flat on my back on that bed. I raised my hands to heaven and said, Heavenly Father, dear Lord Jesus, thank God I have healed! I believe I've been in the way! Finally had it at the right time! It finally helped me. Now faith is the tesubstance of the things we hope for, evidence of things that have not been seen (Hebrews 11:1). Now faith is. If it's not now, it's not faith. The Bible says, Now faith is the present tense. If it's not a representative time, it's not faith. When I said to the Lord, Lord, I believe that I am receiving my healing, then I had the faith that worked for me. But when people say, I believe I will get my healing, it is not faith; this is not the present time. I said, Thank you, dear Lord Jesus, for my healing. I believe my heart is fine; I believe that my paralysis is cured! I thank you for healing my body! A few minutes may seem like a long time, but I believe I must have praised God in that vein for ten minutes. Even though I wasn't looking at my watch, I must have spent ten minutes giving him that my heart was fine and my body had healed! However, almost immediately, Satan challenged me. yes, he'll challenge you on every inch of land you take from him. He's going to try to fight you every step of the way. Right away, the devil said to me, You're a hot thing. You claim to be achristian and now you've gone to lie. Every time the devil would deny there was hell or Lake Fire, but this time the devil said to me, Don't you know that the Bible says that all liars will have their share in a lake that burns with fire and brimstone? I continued, Yes, I know that, Mr. Devil, but I wasn't lying. He said, Yes, you did. You said you were cured, and you weren't. Now feel your heart. I had such a habit of feeling for my heartbeat that I unknowingly reached out to feel it. When I realized what I was doing, I smandered my hand and said, Don't do that. Don't do it. I immediately said, Mr. Devil, I haven't said anything about what an orfelt looks like. I said I believed I was cured. I believe so. I believe I've received a tomy prayer response. And if you say I really don't believe it, you're lying. Besides, you're an aliar anyway, because you said, John 8:44. I said, When Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was on the earth, he said, "... Whatever things you want, when you pray, believe that you receive them and that you will have them" (Mark 11:24). Now Jesus has said it, and what He says is so; I believe that. If I believe, then I'll have it. I trust him right now. Then I said, If you want to argue and rebel about it, go argue with Jesus. I didn't say it anyway. He said that. It stopped the devil from telling me his doubt and infidelity. I returned to praising God, thanking him for his response - thanking him for his healing. I praised him for about ten minutes, when inside me, in my spirit, I heard these words: "Now you believe you are cured. But cured people -- well people -- have nothing to be in your bed at this time of day. They have to be up there. I said, That's right! Yes, Lord, that's right. I'm going to get up. Thank God, I will rise. I see, I was now in faith. I believed and took God at his word. Believing faith is had by faith what you asked god to do. Belief is a step of faith. And to be in faith, you must take the steps of faith because faith requires appropriate action. In my case, I was easy, and I had to get out of bed. It was an action I had to take to act in faith. I didn't look better. I didn't get it better. And I didn't have any feeling from the waist down. If I was going by my feelings, I'd

have to say I didn't get better because I'm still partially paralyzed. But I knew I'd healed no matter how I felt. I pushed myself into a sitting position in bed. Then I pushed my limbs and legs off the bed with my hands, and twisted my body around me to sit on the edge of the bed. My feet fell to the floor like a piece of wood. I knew my feet were down on the floor. I couldn't feel them, but I knew they were on there because I could see them. The devil tried to fight me every inch of the way. Negative thoughts came to mind, as fast as a machine gun fires bullets. The devil said, "You can't walk, and you know you can't. You're not cured, and you know you're not. You're lying about it, and you're going to fall here on the floor, and you're going to lie there." Then the devil kept going, "don't you know, it wasn't 30 days ago that you last fell out of bed, and you had to lie there for 45 minutes until your eldest came, picked you up and put you back to bed. Your grandmother is old, And your mother is sick. I can't lift you. I was only eighty-nine kilos, but I was as tall as I am now. Then the devil, none of the people next door are home, and your oldest brother is back in Oklahoma. You're going to have to lie on the floor by 5:00 p.m., until your grandpa gets home from work, and then he's going to have to put you back to bed." But you know the best way in the world to put the devil in. The place is just completely ignore it. The Bible says, "Nor give way to the devil." I ignored him and acted like he didn't say anything. I grabbed my bed, but my knees weren't working. My limbs wouldn't mix, so with my arms around that placenta, I just hung on to my knees. To the best of my life, I raised one hand a little and said, "Thank God, I'm healed." I wanted to declare in the presence of Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ and angels of heaven, and in the presence of the devil and evil spirits, that God's Word was true. I believe, I'm healed. I believe that! That old room started spinning because, you see, I'd be lying flat on my back for sixteen months. The floor seemed to be where the ceiling was just minutes before, and I could see the drawers moving as that room seemed to be spinning around and around. It's all spinning. I just closed my eyes and held on to that bed. Within minutes, I could see everything had stopped spinning. I opened my eyes and everything was in place. I said him again, "Thank God, according to the Word I have healed. Then for the first time in months, I felt something. My feeling is actually back. It seemed to shing in my head, and it came down over me, like you could take oil or something warm and pour it over someone's head. For example, if you poured a lot of oil on some-one, it would just run over the body of the hole. That feeling, like warm oil pouring on me, fell all over the my body. And when it got to my waistline, the feeling came, as that warm oil came down and beyond the end of my back. Every nerve in my limbs was reactivated, and I felt like two millionaires were pushing me in my limbs. Then I just felt normal. My paralysis is gone. I said, "I'm going to walk now, and I am. And I've been walking ever since! That was the first time I learned what it means to behave with faith and act on my faith. Here's what I'm telling you. Believing that you receive as you have, this is not only true to use faith for your healing, but faith also comes into operation in this way in receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, too, or any other request from God. The truth is that in receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, God gives the believer an initial insight that he is filled with the Spirit - tongues. However, a person must still believe that he or she receives the Holy Ghost by faith before having evidence that he speaks tongues. So the principle of faith is the same: the belief you received before you behaved (Mark 11:24). The principle of faith works in any area of receiving. Seeing the truths of this principle of faith also helped me receive the baptism of the Spirit of audacity later. When I saw what God's Word said on the subject of the Thebaptism of the Holy Ghost, because I knew this principle of faith, I did not stop and say, "I woke up if I had enough faith to get the Holy Ghost?" I have now learned the secret of faith, the principle of faith, and so I have acted upon it. I just said, "I'm going down to the house of a preacher full of the gospel right now, and receive Holy Ghost. I went there and knocked on the preacher's door and said to him, "I came here for the Holy Ghost." He immediately said, "Wait and ask for it in the service tonight." I said, "It will not take me long to receive." If you are an believer, it will not take you long, if you will only reach out and receive this gift of the Holy Ghost that has already been given to every believer (Acts 1:8; 2:38,39). A change of hope in faith to receive the Holy Ghost held a meeting in Pomona, California, in 1950. I learned that he had been on the Holy Spirit for 50 years. In fact, he told me, Brother Hagin, my wife evaluated the baptism of the Holy Ghost in revival fifty years ago here in Los Angeles, an old mission on Azusa Street." He continued: "Some people said that whoever went there got the Holy Ghost, but I went through that whole meeting for years, three services a day. I've been in every one of those services. I searched for Holy Ghost every time, and I didn't receive it. I knew the second time I laid hands on it, in my spirit with the publication of Holy Spirit, exactly what its predicament was. He hoped to receive the Holy Ghost. It's not in faith. But I also saw that I wouldn't be able to get him to accept it. He wouldn't believe it. Sometimes you can tell what's wrong with people, but just because you know what's distracting them doesn't always mean they're willing to exist. They need to understand that and know about themselves. I had a revelation about this man's situation, but I knew I wouldn't be able to get him to throw it away until he saw the truth about it for himself in God's Word. But he came around the day, and I started teaching the Word. I taught about the difference between hope and faith. Finally, the truth dawned on him. (I find it strange that he heard me teach for a week and didn't get it. He had to hear it over and over again. This is why I keep learning certain truths over and over again. People don't get it just because you say it once.) After ten days, this eighty-three-year-old man came to me at the end of one of the morning meetings (I had already taught about faith for the first week, but the second week I was going through the same teaching again). He said, "Brother Hagin, you know, I just suspected him this morning. Now I see why I didn't take it. I never believed it. I was just hoping for 50 years to get the Holy Ghost." I said, "I knew that, brother. I knew him the second time I laid hands on you and prayed. The Holy Spirit discovered it, but I also knew I wouldn't be able to make you see it. I also knew that if you were going to keep going, services, eventually you would see it for yourself." Now, he said, "You're going to need to give me a little more time." "That's fine," I said, "take all the time you need." He said, "You know I've been on this trip for fifty years, and it's going to take me a little while to stop, turn around, and get back in the right direction." I said, "That's fine, brother, just take it all the time, but keep coming into service." "Oh," he said, "We'll be here at every service, day and night." I said, "Okay, keep coming, and when that hope changes to faith, I'll know it, and you'll know it. Then you will receive baptism in the Holy Spirit." About three days into the night from Friday to Saturday after we fired him, this man came to the pastor and me and said, "Brother Hagin, I wonder if my brothers can get you to lay your hands on me. I've changed my hope of faith. I am ready to receive baptism in the Holy Spirit. I'm ready!" I said, "Do you expect to receive?" (Yes.) He said, "Just put your hands on the subject and I will receive immediately." That pastor and I just laid hands on him, and almost immediately his hands were in the air and he spoke in tongues! This man had hoped for 50 years to break out the Holy Ghost! Hope: A good waiter, but poor receiver. Friends, hope is a good waiter, but a bad receiver. Too many times when it comes to prayer, the people say, "Well, I'm hope-and-praying. I pray and hope." Did you hear that? Are you saying that? Correct yourself if you do! Next time you say that, straighten up, and you say, "Stop it! Because it's not faith! You also hear people say, "Well, all we can do is pray and hope." If that's all you do, you're already defeated. I remember a few years ago preaching for a pastor in the state of Texas, and staying in parsonage with him and his wife. I believe the pastor was a worldwide swore to say, "I hope and pray." He would tell me that half a dozen or a dozen times a day. "I hope and pray, or — pray and hope." Which amazed me that he sat in every ministry where I taught about the difference between hope and bogaith, and it just ran away from him like water from duck backs. It was unbelievable! That's why I know you have to keep going over these things, because for example, this man sat there in the service and didn't get it. One day I'm alone with him, and he said, "Brother Hagin, I want you to pray with me about it, please." I said, "Okay, what is that?" He said, "There's a christian businessman here who wants to give me capital in a cabin on a lake, along with acres of land. He only owes \$900 on it and he said I could pay for it monthly, or he'd pay up and I could pay him back without interest. However, his wife objected to Alittle, and he asked me to give him thirty days to shrug it off." This pastor wanted me to pray with him that it would all be with this undertaking. The pastor said, "I just hope and pray that he will succeed." I have already preached meetings for this preacher, and he has not yet gotten the distinction between hope and faith. When he said, "I just hope and pray, I spoke stood up and said, "Well, brother, if that's all you're doing, you're wasting your time." I didn't say this to be smart about it, and I didn't know for a moment there what he wanted to do. We were traveling in his car when I said that. He hit us with his eyes, and for a moment he wanted to take us off the road! Then he said, "You know, that's right!" He added, "Yes, that's right!" Then he said, "I had started saying, 'I'm wasting my time and God is, too.' But I'm not really wasting my time because he didn't even hear me. I'm wasting my time!" To shorten the story, this pastor has changed his hope of faith. And eventually he got an acre and a cabin because he gave up hope and started believing! You see, it's faith that gets the job done! And faith is now. The Bible says, "Now faith is the essence of the things we hope for." (Hebrews 11:1). Hope is a good waiter, but poor. Hope won't do the job, but faith will! By faith, you can receive everything That God has promised you in His Word, whether it is salvation, healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit, or whatever you need from God. What faith is - Part 2 Now faith is the essence of the things we hope for, evidence of things that have not been seen. - Hebrews 11:1 Faith gives substance to the things we hope for. You see, hope doesn't have any substance. But faith gives substance to those things you hope for. In other words, what God's saying here in Hebrew 11:1 is that faith takes on an unprecedented realm of hope and brings it to reality. Faith, we know, grows out of God's word, for Romans 10:17 says, "Now faith comes by listening and hearing the word of God." The second translation of Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is a work of assurance, that the aunt you gladly hope for is finally yours." Our text says that faith. For illustration's sake, you can hope that finances will meet a certain obligation, but faith gives a guarantee that you'll have the money when it flicks. Also, you might hope for the physical strength to do the job or task set before you, but faith says, "Faith. The Lord is the strength of my life; from whom should I fear?" (Psalm 27:1). In other words, faith says the same as God's Word. Unbelief really takes sides against God's Word. The sad thing about it is that there are so many believers who speak of suicide and unbelief, and who take sides against God's word. Then the thesis believers wonder why God's Word does not work for them. God's Word will not work for you if you take sides against it. If you want God's Word to work for you, you have to side with it. But what is faith - the true Bible One of the best ways to find out what something is to find out what isn't. Then when you find out what's not, you can see more clearly what it is. We follow this approach in the chargeless on the subject of faith. Faith is not Hope! First, faith is not hope. We talked about it in our last lesson. Faith is not hope! Nevertheless, when I pray for the people and ask them, "Will you be healed?" or "Will you be filled with Holy Ghost as I lay hands on you and pray?" — many times they say, "I hope so, Brother Hagin." I always answer, "As long as you only hope, you will not receive from God because whom you receive from him by faith, not hope." Others will say, "God, I want to be amazed." To show them that wanting something from God is not enough, I often ask, "Maybe you want a new Cadillac, but that doesn't mean you're going to get it." See, just wanting something from God won't do the job. If you only want from God was all it takes to receive from God, we would all do it. We would receive immediately. But faith that receives from God is not hope or desire. The theological kind of faith that does the work is a biblical kind of faith that trusts God and it opposes what it believes in. You won't take it from God because you hope. Nowhere does God say to "Bible that when we pray, we will receive what we hope for. But God's Word says in Mark 11:24, "The Word of God. What things do you want so much, when you pray, believe that you receive them and that you will have them." Jesus also said, "All things, whatever you will ask in prayer, BELIEVING, you will ask yourself" (Matt. 21:22). Jesus did not say whatever you ask in prayer, hoping to examine oneself. He said, "... whatever you ask in prayer, BELIEVING, you will receive" (Matt. If you want to know if you really trust God or just want to, I can tell you how you know the difference. Hope is always the future time, jehope always looks to the future. For example, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has the blessed hope of Jesus' return. But that's the future. Christ's coming, the resurrection of the saved dead, the therapists of the Saints, is all future time. But if you're looking for healing, it's not in the future that you want to be cured. You want to be cured right now, especially if you're stehurting very badly. If you seek the Holy Ghost, it is not in the future that you want to be filled with the Spirit; it is now. As long as you delay the belief that you are receiving nonsense, the blessing will be in the future and will remain in the future. But now that you want what God has ever promised you in His Word. Faith for Salvation, not the example of Hope For, if that is the salvation that a person wants, it is not in the future that he wants to be. Maybe it's too late. Yes, I have spoken to men in the past days about the salvation of their souls, and many have told me that they hoped to be saved. I say with tears that some of these people are in hell now. They're gone. The world is unprepared because salvation is based only on the hope that it will never be realized. If you talked to someone about salvation and the state of their soul, and he said he hoped to be saved, you would tell them what the Bible says, wouldn't you? You would tell him that salvation is not based on hope, but on faith. This is what the Bible tells us about salvation. EPHESIANS 2:8 "... by grace you are saved through FAITH.... JOHN 6:37 "I ... He who comes to me I will not in any wise reject. ROMANS 10:13 "For who will call for the name of the Lord will be saved. ROMANS 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth, Lord Jesus, and the gravel believe in your heart that God raised from the dead, be saved. 10 For with heart man believes in correctness; and with MOUTH confession is made to salvation. You would tell a person who seeks salvation what the Word says and try to get him to act on the Word right then. Yet when it comes to receiving the fulfillment or baptism of the Holy Ghost, or healing for our body, or answering prayer, we seem to just put over the same stumbling block; people are not always taught faith to be priced out - they are taught hope and it will not do the job. In other words, we hope That God will hear our prayer. We hope to be cured. We hope to appreciate the Holy Ghost. Someone said, "I just believe that sometimes I'll get my petition." That's the hope. That person may call it belief, but it's still hope, because it's distasteful. Notice our text: "NOW faith is ..." (Hebrews 11:1). Or we could read it, — now the faith of IS. It was present tense. Remember, if it's not now, it's not faith. Faith is present tense. Hope is the future time. Even though you say you believe, if you're putting an answer to the future, then you don't believe it, you hope. That's why the Word doesn't work for you. So get your trusting at the right time; get it in the present tense. Some people always believe that God will get bored for them, sometime in the future. But faith believes he did something and is doing something now. Even when it comes to healing, many people say, "Brother Hagin, I don't understand why I didn't receive my healing. I know God promised to heal me." But in fact, God didn't promise to heal you at all. Some people say, "Doesn't God's Word say, '... He took our weaknesses, and he OGOLIO our diseases' [Matt. 8:17]. Isn't that a promise?" No, that's not a promise. It's a factual statement that tells us something that's already happened. Many times we call these inscriptions and others like them promises, but in fact, they are factual statements. They tell us about our provisions in Christ - what Jesus has already provided us. This is a fact. 1 PETER 2:24 "Who has naked himself our sins in his own body in the tree, that since we are in sin, we should live up to rightness: by whose stripes you have been healed. Someone asked, "that Scripture promises me healing?" It tells you that healing belongs to you in Christ. I learned this, as soon as they can get people to stop hoping to be cured and stop seeking healing and start believing they are receiving their healing, they are immediately cured. Faith IS Present Tense! preached years ago in the state of Oklahoma, and in one of my services a woman was brought into service who had not taken a single step in four years. She's an older woman, in her seventies, and the doctors said that she would never walk another step again. Her knees simply worn out and she didn't want to function properly, and they couldn't carry her weight. Sitting down without exercise, she's grown quite large. When it came time for the healing line, they brought this woman forward and sat her on the altar. I came and knelt before her and laid my hands on her knees and carved myself. Then I said to her, "Now, sister, stand up and walk in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." That dear woman has done everything to rise up; but all the time (and I'm not making fun of her) she cried and prayed, "Oh, dear Jesus, please heal me. Lord, I know you're typozied to cure me. You know the burden I've been to my family, and there's nothing I can do for myself. Dear God, please heal my knees; please heal my limbs; please let you walk. Oh, please, please." I said, "Wait a minute, sister. Wait a minute, but instead of listening, she got louder. The second time I said, "Wait a minute, sister. I have an award for you. I can help you." But instead of listening, she just got louder and louder. The third time I said, "wait a minute, sister. Wait a second. I can help you." But instead of listening, she was becoming almost hysterical. Then I just took her by the shoulders and shook her, and I said, "I command you to shut up in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." She stood and looked at me, rather clogged, and the congregation held me back. Did you know the congregation can jump the brakes on you? I don't care who you are, when people brake, there's nothing you can do. For example, people held Back Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth, and he could not do much there in the way of miracles or healing. Bibles like that. MARK 6:5 "And he [Jesus] could do nothing powerful, except lay hands on and heal a little sick people. Notice that he didn't say he wouldn't do any powerful work, he said he couldn't do any powerful work. The Greek reads that Jesus laid hands on several people with minor ailments. Meaningless in words, the only ones healed by God in Nazareth under Jesus' ministry were people who had minor ailments. Why? Mark 6:6 gives us the answer: "And he [Jesus] marveled because of their unbelief. ..." Well, this congregation was holding me back, and before there was anything I could do, I knew that I had was taking the brakes off. If I couldn't take the brakes off, I wouldn't be able to work. If people are just recognize that, what a difference it would make in our services and in our churches. I knew I had to work on the community before I could go back to his wife in a wheelchair and help her. Some people thought I was rude to this woman, or that I was making me feel for her, and some of them spoke up right away and said so. I told them, "Now I want to ask you a question. If someone asks you to point to a specific place, but instead of following your instructions, you saw that they went unmistakably in the wrong direction, wouldn't you try to stop them or flag them and try to correct them? If you knew they didn't know where they were going, wouldn't you try to get them to go in the right direction?" Everyone agreed they would. I said, "Okay, this woman was on the wrong track. She wasn't on the road to healing. She was on the wrong track, and all I did was just try flag down. Now I have her attention." When I explained that most people in the community had taken the brakes off, and I felt a release in spirit so that I could would return and the minister would come back to the woman. I said, "Now, sister, did you know that you had a hard time?" She looked at me, her eyes got big, and she said, "Oh, am I?" (Yes, I said, "You have an hasty one, and I can prove it to you by the Bible." So I got the Bible, opened it to First Peter 2:24, handed it to her, and said, "Would you read this verse aloud, please?" He who has naked himself our sins in his own body in the tree, that we, dead in sins, should live to the correctness: by whose stripes you have been healed." I said, "Read this last clause again." And she read, "I have read it, by whose stripes you are healed." I said, "I want to give you a question. Has 'been' past time, present tense or future time?" She said, "It's spastic tense." Then I said, "If you've been healed by Jesus' stripes then you've been cured, haven't you?" (Yes,) she said, "I am." I said, "Will you do what I tell you to do?" (Well,) she replied, "I will if it's easy." (This is the easiest thing you've ever done in your life. Just raise your hands and look straight to heaven, and start celebrating God because you are healed, present. Praise the Himbecaus that you are cured, you will not be cured; you are healed.) She just looked up, and as a small child, she said, "Dear Lord Jesus, I am so glad to be cured." She has not yet gone a step. She had no proof of healing, but she said, "I'm so glad to be cured. I'm so grateful, dear Lord Jesus. You know how tired I've been sitting around all those for four years. Thank God my knees are fine and my limbs are healed. I am so sincere." Then I said to the congregation, "Let us thank God with her for being healed — not by hinting at healing - but because she is cured." You see, faith is present tense, not futurally tense. You have to find your belief in the present tense for things to work for. Most of those gathered raised their hands and praised God with her for washing herself. Some probably said, "She's Healed. She hasn't walked the step yet." But don't remember what our text said, "I faith is ... EVIDENCE of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). If you're going to wait until you see something before you believe it, it's not faith at all. It's leaning towards the evidence of your senses. After telling the congregation to praise God with this woman, I turned to my wife and said, "Now, sister, stand up and walk in Jesus' name." Immediately this woman leapt from the altar as a 16-year-old and walked and jumped and ran and praised God! We had to find this woman to believe at the right time. The word won't work for you if you get it in the right time. As long as you struggle to receive healing, pre-proof, and believe you'll get it sometime in the future, you're not unfaithful. If it's the future time, it's hope. Faith says, "It's mine. I have it now." Faith is from the heart, not Glava! We need to understand that it is the faith of the heart, not the head. I had an asermon that I preached when I was a young denominational preacher called, "Head Faith Against Heart Faith." I read John Wesley's books and found that he had a better expression for faith in his head than I did. He called it a mental oath. So I adopted his expression. Wesley said, "People mentally agree that the Bible or the Word is true, but they don't believe it from their heart." So when it comes to receiving the Holy Ghost, healing, or any response to prayer, Christians might ask, "What is the difference between a heart faith and a mental consent?" How can I say whether I truly believe from my heart, or do I just mentally agree that God's word is so? If you just mentally agree, you will say that you believe the Bible is true, but you do not believe it to be true for you. You conclude by saying, "I believe the Bible is true, but I don't have my petition, and I don't understand why." But faith says, "It's mine. I have it now." Faith believes in the Word and acts on the Word. People come in a healing line in my meetings for healing or baptism in Holy Ghost, and they say, "Brother Hagin, I know that all these scriptures you have gave are true. But can tell me why they can't be cured?" or "Can you tell me why I can't get Holy Ghost?" I always say, "Yes, I certainly can." They look at me and their eyes look up. I respond, "because you just said you can't." The Bible says, "... from the abundance of the heart of the mouth they say" [Matt. 12:34], and you just walked by telling me why you can't get your answer to prayer - because you said you couldn't." You said it because you believe you can't get an answer, and as long as you say you can't and believe you can't, you can't. But as soon as you start believing that you can receive from God and believe that you are receiving whatever you need, you will get your answer. Free your faith by saying what you believe! I also tell some about healing, "Why don't you just act on the Word? When are you going to start acting like God's Word is true? Faith is action; it seems as if God's Word is true. There is always some way you can act on God's Word even if it is just thanking and praising Him for hearing you. And if you believe God's Word is to be true, you should act as if it were true. Did you know that it doesn't matter how much faith you have, if you don't put your faith into the work, there will be no results? ACTS 14:7-9 "And there [Paul and Barnabas] preached the gospel. 8 And there sat a man on Lystra, impotent in his legs, like a cripple from his mother's ebb, who had never walked: 9 The same heard Paul say: who is watching him steadfastly, and perceived breath has faith to be healed. Now I want you to get a picture. That man in Lystra is sitting there. He did not walk astep, but he has faith to be healed - the Bible says so. Every believer has faith to be healed, but you must act on your faith or turn your faith around for it to work for you. The Bible tells you how to put your faith in action in Mark 11:23 "Mark 11:23 "Because I am indeed telling you, whoever will tell this mountain, 'Beto removed, and be thrown into the sea; and he will not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things he says will come true. He'll have what he wants. You free your faith by saying what you believe in. Faith cannot be drawn from your heart towards God without saying what you believe. Faith simply will not work without any expression or action. Nowhere in the Bible can you find that faith is free from deeds. Faith that is only in your heart will never bring healing to your body or the filling of the Holy Ghost or the answer to prayer. No, faith in your heart won't do that. But faith in your heart unleashed through your lips will! Jesus said, "Jesus, whoever will tell this mountain, be removed, and be cast into these; and he will not doubt his heart, but he will believe that those things that have happened to Saitshall: he will have whatever he saith" (Mark 11:23). Notice this powerless man in acts 14:8. He's crippled and has faith. Paul felt that man had faith. Paul was not experienced by Paul's faith. No, the man himself had faith to be cured. He got faith from what he heard Paul preach. Paul knew that unbelief without action or deeds was dead. Paul also knew that he would have to get a man to act on the faith he had. Acts 14:10 says, "[Paul] Said in a loud voice, 'Stand upright on your feet. And he jumped and walked.' When Paul said, 'Stand upright on your feet, and the man mixed the action with his faith, he jumped and walked. If you want to help someone get better, if you want to help someone receive Holy Ghost, or if you want to help someone get an answer to a prayer, let me tell you what to do. There are two things you have to work on: the belief part and the action part. If you act without faith, nothing will happen - it will not work. If you believe without thinking, nothing will happen - it will not work. However, when faith and action are joined together, then the Word works. Sometimes people say to me, 'Oh, Brother Hagin, you're reassessing people to heal.' Or they say, 'You're just making it easier for people to get the Holy Ghost.' I always say, 'No, I wasn't the one who put healing or receiving the Holy Ghost as a gift, it was God. I wasn't the one making it easy for me, it was my father who made it easy. I didn't do it on the basis of gift and faith, God did.' You know, for God to help us, we must keep our hearts and minds open to His Word. Faith is as easy as God's Word says it is, because God's Word does not perish. What is faith - Part 3 Conscionable faith is the essence of the things we hope for, evidence of things that have not been seen. - Hebrew 11:1 A modern translation reads: "Faith gives a subsea to the things we hope for." We must serelize that it is our faith that gives substance to the things we hope for. If we're going to keep going until we get something before we believe we have it, we're too late and it's gottwork. Your faith gives a sub-stance to the things you want or hope for. We see this truth throughout the Bible, in the Old Testament, as well as in the New Step. In the Old Testament, we have a series of scripture illustrations that give us very clearly the same thought as it is in Hebrew 11:1. For example, when Israel came to the Canan land and came across the city of Jerusalem, God told the Israelites exactly what to do. But to enjoy the victory God had promised, they first had to believe that they had received God's Word and acted upon them. Their action towards the Word was their faith in action. They were supposed to march around the walls of Jerimom one day for six days, and on the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times. Then when the musical instruments sounded, they swerved to shout (Joshua 6:3-5). I want you to notice that israeli children shouted or acted on their faith while the walls were still standing. Anyone can shout when the walls are down; That doesn't take any good. But their faith gave them the essence of God's Word. And when their faith was felt, God's promise became reality and those walls collapsed (Stilla 6:20). Faith is active We need to understand, friends, it's faith. Faith works for God's Word. So many people, however, are waiting for answers to prayer to just come to them. Forexample, when it comes to receiving healing or filling in the Holy Ghost, too often people just wait for something to happen with passive faith instead of active faith. But if you need finances, for example, and you're just waiting for something to come up, nothing will show up except more bills to pay! I met someone in Colorado a few years ago. He didn't work and he had a wife and kids, but he just trusted God something was going to show up. Of course nothing came up because he. faith. He was in that church for a year, and the church took care of them. You see, this man was waiting for something to turn around, but nothing showed up because he needed to get busy and put on action faith. God will help you fulfill your financial obligations, but from a natural point of view, you play a role, and you can't just stay home and expect something to come to you. You can pray and trust God, but then you have to act on your faith by actively looking for work and something will happen. It's the same from a spiritual point. Too many people are waiting for something to come to them. But it won't come to them as long as they're just passively waiting for God to do something for them. No, they must be busy and act on God's Word. The New Testament example of active faith And they want to give you an illustration from the New Testament that shows what faith is. Let us look at the passage of Scripture in Luke 5. First, we have a story in Luke chapter 5 about a man brought to Jesus by four friends (Luke 5:18-25). Jesus was in home learning and they couldn't get in because of the crowd. The man was in bed - he had paralysis - so they took the man to the roof and let him into the room where Jesus was. Scripture says, "And when [Jesus] saw their faith, he said to him, 'Man, your sins are forgiven to you. Arise, and take your couch, and your house' (Luke 5:20,24). Some ask, "Whose faith was it that healed man?" the Bible says, "When Did Jesus see their faith." It is plural. That includes all of them. It wasn't just the four men's faith that brought a man with paralysis, it included the sick man's faith on the bed. The man who was bedfast showed that he had faith because how many bedfast people would let someone take them to the top of the house and let them through the roof. We also know that the man who was in bed had faith because when Jesus said, "Arise, was no better. He was lying there as unided as he was. Instead of trying to get up, he could have said, "Why, Lord, didn't you see him carry me here? There's no way I can get up. First you will have to heal me." But, no, when Jesus said, "Arise, take your bed and walk, the man with paralysis began to do so, and when he did, healing was the result. If he had refused to act on the Word to the Master, he would not have received healing; but because he acted on what Jesus was, he received His healing. Acting on God's Word results. There is a true spiritual lesson here. When we act in God's Word, it is faith. And when we are in faith, we will receive answers to prayer. If we fail to act on God's word, we just wait for something to come to us first before we believe, we will excrete what we need from God. I remember a friend telling me a few years ago about the service in which the woman's angelist ruled in the early days of Pentecost. This woman, bioministering for four people in wheelchairs. All she told them in a very quiet tone was: "Stand up and walk in Jesus' name." and they all stood up and walked except one. The one who was left sitting on the gurney said, "I can't walk." The wife of the evangelist, (The others couldn't walk either, but they did.) A woman in a wheelchair swerves, I know they are; But I can't. I haven't walked in years. I can't walk. The evangelist had to go and leave her to sit there. You see, when these others began to act on the Word spoken to them, the result was coming. When you act on what God's Word says or what Holy Spirit can say to your heart, then the results come, because that is faith. You can't take from God without faith. There was a woman in one of the churches where I pastored who was in the wheelchair. She had arthritis and the doctor had told her a few years before that her body would be stationless and that she would not be able to move. He said she would have to be in bed or stay in a wheelchair and her body would be locked in that position. In other words, her body would be locked in either a prone position or sitting positions. She and her husband never missed mass, whether it was a weekday meeting, an Sunday service or a revival meeting. They've always been there. I could pray for this woman for any other disease and she would always get better, but she never asked Me to pray for her arthritis. It distracted me, because there were several people in the church who had been cured of any serious illness. Some of the people would say of this woman: "It may not be God's will to heal her." But I knew it was God's will because it was His will to heal. That doesn't mean Christians don't go to heaven because they don't heal. It just means they've had their blessing stolen while they're on this earth. One afternoon a small group of churchmen gathered and we went to this woman's house to pray with her. As we prayed, I saw exactly what God would have a teddy bear. I told everyone, "Step away from her," and I went to the opposite side of the room from her (we were in a big room). I said, "Look, and don't touch it. Stay away from her." Then I pointed the finger at her and said, "Now, sister, stand up and walk in the name of Jesus Christ." I witness the facts like everyone else who was represented there that day when invisible power lifted her out of that chair and she's just a satup in the air away from the chair. She could move her arms, and she reached for the Forthat car. When she did, she just went back into it. The moment she did it, I said to the out of place of the Holy Ghost without thinking, "Sister, you don't have a little faith, do you? You don't believe you'll ever be cured of that arthritis, do you?" She spoke immediately and said, "No, Brother Hagin, I don't know. I'm going to die and go to my grave with it. You see, you can't take from. real faith. Do you know what would have happened if she had cooperated with God and his power before her? If she had cooperated, she would have had to walk; Then you'd be cured. The Holy Spirit encourages, but you must answer! This many people think that God's healing powers will only go after them and smear them to do something whether they want to do it or not, or whether they cooperate with His power or not. No, it wouldn't be the Holy Spirit; That would be an evil spirit. Evil spirits use force and try to drive a person away. But the Holy Spirit encourages, encourages, or gently pushes you, and then it is up to you to respond: It's up to you if you don't obey. I was conducting a meeting in a town in Texas, and a woman there wrote that she was toying with to come to the meetings to receive the Holy Ghost. She came, and after receiving two of our services, she came to receive the Holy Ghost. I laid my hands on her and prayed and the Holy Spirit came across her, but she wouldn't answer. I knew exactly what was wrong with her, but sometimes you can't tell people what a swrong is because you know they're not ready to take in from you. I laid my hands on her again and the same thing happened. Still, she didn't answer. I knew she'd need it sometimes to see where her trouble was and she was late, so I just returned the favor to the pastor. After the meeting when I got out of the church and went across the parking lot to a pairing, I noticed this woman sitting in her car. She seemed so disappointed. I asked the Lord to let me help her. The Holy Spirit immediately showed me how to help her. I went to her car and opened the Bible with Acts 2:4 and handed it to her and asked her to read the verse of Scripture aloud. She read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, (began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit said unhide them.) I told her, "Sister, who says that scripture spoke in tongues?" She said, "Well, she says that the Holy Ghost did." So I reread it, and finally at a time of sincerity, she began to understand. So she read slowly, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak. ... (Acts 2:4). Stunned, she said, "Why, they were saying." She took my Bible out of the case and looked at it. She said she thought I might have a different Bible than she did, but it's the same Bible. You know, I said, "I always thought that the holy spirit was a baka." The Lord had already shown me that this was what was interfering with her from receiving. Then I said to her, "Now let's read a few other scriptures so that you can see that it's not just the isolated passage that reads like that." I had her read Acts 10:44-46. ACTS 10:44-46 "While Peter is still burning these words, The Holy Spirit fell on all of them who heard the Word. 45 And those of circumcision believed to be amazed, as did many with Peter, because it is also a gift poured out in the Spirit. 46 For they were heard speaking tongues and magnifying God. ..." Oh, I see that. I said, "These are two witnesses. Let's take three. Turn to works 19:6: in which Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came at them; (THEY tongue spake, and is prophesied.)" She said, "You know, Brother Hagin, that he called me to be a witness in court and my lawyer asked me who worked in tongues. I would say that the Holy Spirit knows. And I'd think I was telling the truth." I asked, "Now I want to ask you a question. When I laid hands on you some time ago, did the Holy Ghost come across you? Has the power of God come upon you?" She replied, "Absolutely." I said, "I want to ask you another question. Did your language want to say something that wasn't English?" (Why,) she said, — that was all I could do to keep it. I said, "You shouldn't stick to it; You should cooperate with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit gives you a speech, you must have faith to act and speak that excuse. You can't stay away from giving in to Holy Ghost. You should give in to him! Some people think they should fight this urge to speak in other languages as much as they can, and finally, they will be outnumbered by the Holy Ghost. This woman did not understand that faith cooperates with God. When she saw that she had to give in and cooperate with the promptings of the Holy Ghost, she immediately began to speak in tongues. Some time ago I spoke to a man who wanted to receive the Holy Ghost for 15 years. While I was visiting him, he said, "You can't tell me anything about tarrying. I know all about seeking God." He knew all about tarrying, but there's a difference between tarrying and receiving! Act on God's word! Another gospel friend of mine said at one of his meetings that one evening he was in church praying, when a man came and shook his hand and said, "You know what? Of course, the Evangelist replied, "No, what?" The man said, "grinning even though he was proud of the fact, I have sought the Holy Ghost in nineteen years." The Evangelist said, "... You have not done anything like this. Jesus said, 'Those who seekah find' [Matt. 7:7]. If you'd asked, you'd have found it by now. All you've done is just hanging around the altar." It seems that everything in the world many people do is just hanging around the altar. It's time to stop hanging around the altar and act on God's word. Faith works according to God's Word. Faith is an act; it is the staking of God at his word. Faith cooperates with God is in a church where a man was burned over his lower body and this left him unable to walk. He just scooted his feet together on the floor. We had healing service, and through the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Lord told me that I had anyone who was wrong with their bodies from their hips, to be empowered in the healing line. About 12 people came forward. This man who burned was first in line. I waited until everyone was down front before I told them what else God told me to tell them. I came to this man and asked, "Can you run away?" He was so surprised that he said, "Oh my God, no! I can't even walk, much less run." Then I said, "Well, Lord told me to tell you to start running." This man didn't even think, or just turned around and started scooting down the aisle as quickly as he could. The third time he came around the

aisle, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and I jumped off the board, grabbed his arm, and ran around that building with him. When we got back to the front, he was walking - not snorting - but walking normally! He's perfectly healed! If I hadn't got him to play cooper-ate with Aholy Ghost, I wouldn't have been able to help him. Faith, you see, works on God's Word, doing everything He says we do in the Word or whatever He can tell us to do by HolySpirit. To show you how much of a miracle that was, let me connect what happened as that man's healing was. The following night, there were two elderly people in the service who were resus adueaning the call to be rescued. They were both white-haired and looked so similar that I thought they were twins. Later I learned that they were brothers; one was seventy-four and the other seventy-two. One of the people in the church told me I'd be interested to hear their testimonies of who came to church that night. These men were the first neighbors to a burned man who had healed the night before. These brothers saw a man working in the yard. They thought he'd gone to his backyard, but within minutes they saw him get up, straight and well, and walk to his house. They rushed to see what had happened. He told them about hishealing and what the Lord had done for him. They both came to Mass and gotshevos, and one of the gentlemen was filled with the Holy Ghost. The miraculous power of God has convinced those neighbors of the reality of Jesus the Savior and heale! In addition to the man who was burned and healed, there were eleven other people in that line. One by one, as they fled, they were cured. When we got to the highest woman, I said, Sister, are you ready to escape? \Oh, Brother Hagin, \ she said, \I can't. I can't. \Other people couldn't run either, but they did. \ I said. \Yes, but I know I can't, she said. I said, All I know is just to tell you what the Master told me.— So after she turned around and walked down the aisle a few steps, I said, Turn around here, sister. \ She turned around. I kept saying, You didn't want to do it, did you? You resented those instructions from the Lord and everything in you stood up against what he said, didn't you? \ Shereplied, \It certainly is. \You're going to sit down I said. \I cannot help you. \ God cannot help those who will not cooperate with him. But I want you to get that fact, my friends. Faith professes substance to the things we hope for. Faith will eventually bring to reality what you hoped for. If you believe, you will actYears before, in a vision concerning my ministry, Jesus gave me the best definition of offaith. He told me about a certain situation if I had trusted His Word, I would have acted on what he told me to do. I immediately realized that I doubted what Hehad had told me by not acting on him. So the best definition of faith is this: IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL ACT. This also applies to God's Word. If we trust God's Word, we'll act like he's strutting around. Faith gives substance to the things we hope for. Because I did not act on what Jesus told me from the Holy Ghost in that first phase of my ministry, I did not have any substance in my ministry. But in the second phase of my ministry, I acted on what Jesus said, and my faith gave him substance. Act on your faith for healing People want healing for their bodies, and I can tell them exactly how to get it. Wefind answer how people can get healed in acts 14.ACTS 14:8-108 And there sat a certain man on Lystra, impotent in his feet, like a mutilated mother's womb, who had never walked:9 He also heard Paul say: who stedfastly observed him and perceived that she had faith to be healed, 10 He said in a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet. And he jumped up and walked away. Paul felt that this impotent man had faith to be healed; Yet the man was still there crippled until he acted according to his faith. The true truth is that every believer has faith to be healed. Someone said, if sick people have faith, they will be healed.\Oh, no, that's wrong, because you cannot find a place in the Bible that says, If you only have faith, you will be healed.— But the moment you begin to act on the faith you have, your faith will act and you will be healed. yes, the devil's going to test you all inches of the way. But if you continue to act in faith, you will be healed. Act according to your faith to receive the Holy Ghost One principle also applies to receiving the Holy Ghost. For example, after DanPentecosta, people were always asked, Have you received the Holy Ghost? (Acts 19:2). They didn't ask, Did God give you the Holy Ghost? As for God, He has already gave you the Holy Ghost. It's up to you to receive it. Receiving is something you do. If you cannot get people to receive and act according to God's Word, there is no way that you, the orething God, can help them. Some say, I wish it was as simple and easy as you make a sound. \ Well, it is! If he is not, then I am a liar, as is Jesus, as well as the BiblicalBeca Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is a gift (Luke 11:13; James 1:17). Bibles, \. and receiving from the Father the promise [gift] of the Holy Ghost. How hard is it to receive a gift? Suppose someone asked me about my Bible, and Isaid, Here he is. \As I handed him the Bible if he fell out of his seat and started hitting the floor and crying and saying, Oh please, Brother Hagin, please, please give the Bible that. \ People would think he was crazy. They'd wonder why in the world he didn't reach out and take it. My brother and sister, spiritual things are as real as material things. God offers you a gift - the Holy Ghost. You don't have to fall down and start banging on the floor and banging, Oh, dear God, please, you know I want the Holy Ghost. \ No, it's an accumulation of deeds and unbelief. God said, Here is the gift of the Holy Ghost. If you're born again, you can receive that gift now. You don't have to wait. You are ready to receive the Holy Ghost now.\Faith comes by listening and listening to the Word of God (Rom. Faith works according to the Word you have heard. You're the ones who need to act onword, so get ready and act now. What is faith - Part 4 Now faith is the essence of the things we hope for, evidence of things that have not been seen.- Hebrew 11:1Moffatt's translation reads: \Now faith means we are convinced of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see. \Another modern translation of the New Testaments, —Faith gives a subsea to the things we hope for.\Oh, if I could simply stay the night for people! But most people want to have the essence of the thing they hope for, so they can see it, feel it or know it from a physical standpoint before they start believing they've received it. But your faith gives substance to that thing you hope for when you believe you've received your petition before you look at it. In other words, the Bible says simply this: Faith takes on the unseeness of hope and brings it into the realm of reality. We know, of course, that faith does not hear the Word of God (Rom. And through these lessons, we have already learned that faith is not hope, and hope is not faith. Faith says, I have a known one. \ Hope says, I will get it sometimes. \ Faith is present tense; hope is the future time. Agreeing mentally with god's word, he doesn't believe with HeartJohn Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, said that many people who are in achurch are not actually saved. They're just mentally subscribed to certain truths. They agreed that some things were true in their minds, but not in their hearts. Wesley spoke of the faith of the head against the heart faith to receive salvation or a new birth; but the same goes for healing, receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, or pineapple to prayer. Many times people who mentally agree with God's Word think that all the timethids really do. I'll show you how you see the difference. Faith says, It's mine. I have it now. \ The mental oath says, I know I should have it, but hopeless reason or else I don't understand. \ Those people who did agreeing with what Word says they don't believe; mentally enlist. They agree that the mentality of the Word is true, but they do not claim God's promises for themselves. Many times people call hope, believing. But hope is not belief and belief is nothing. People who only mentally believe in God's Word can say, I believe I will concern my healing. \ It is not yet faith, it is hope. People call it belief, but it's not a belief; it's hope because it's in the future. I often hear people say, I believe that sometimes I will get the Holy Ghost, or —I believe I will get my healing, \ or —Unfaithful God will heal me sometimes. \ This is not a belief; That's hope. Hope will not work to receive from God. God ne'tsay He will give you the Holy Ghost or heal you for a while or on a future one. God does not say that one single time in His Riječi.Na example, God gave the Holy Ghost to the Church on Spirit Day (Acts 2:1-4). All believers have to do is receive it. And our healing was purchased and paid for by Jesus' stripes and his redempting work on the cross (Isa. Matte. 8:17; 1Peter 2:24). What we as Christians must do is accept or appropriate by faith what Godhas already provided us. Well, someone said, God promised in His Word that he would heal. \ No, there is no place in God's Word where He promised to heal anyone. God says that healing is bought and paid for and already belongs to us. It's up to us to heal that. Toma faith against Abraham's faith Now I want to go a step further and show you the difference between the faith of the head and the faith of the heart. Let us look at John 20:25-29.JOHN 20:25-2925 Other disciples therefore told him, We have seen the Lord. But he[Toma] told them, except that I would see in his hands a nail print,and put my finger in the nail print, and stick my hand in his side, I will not believe it.26 And after eight days again his disciples were inside, and Toma with them:then Jesus came, the door was closed, and he stood in the middle of, and said, Peacebe for you. 27 Then sith it to Thomas, reach so far your finger and behold myhands; and reach out your hand so far, and push it to my side: and be unfaithful, but believing.28 And Tom answered and said unhealing to him, My Lord and my God.29 Jesus tells him, Tom, because you have seen me, you are hastbelieved: blessed are you to those who have not seen and yet believed. ROMANS 4:17-2117 (As written, I made you the father of many nations,) before him who believed, even God, who lives dead, and called those things that do not seem to be.18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nanas, according to what is spoken, so will your seed be.19 And be weak in faith He didn't think his body was dead now, when it was 100 years old, neither. the deadness of Sarah's womb:20 He staggered not on God's promise through unbelief; but he was a powerful unbelief, giving glory to God;21 And fully convinced that, what he promised, he was also able toperform. Can you see any difference between Abraham's faith and Thomas' faith? Decisively, yes! Toma said, I won't believe it unless I see a nail print and see a rite on his side\ (John 20:25). Jesus said, Jesus. for you have seen me, you are hastbelieved: blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed— (v.29). Then look at Abraham who... calleth those things that are not as if they are \ (Rom. 4:17). What faith is the biblical faith? Of course, Abraham's faith is, because our text in Hebrew 11:1 says, Now faith is the essence of the things we hope for, evidence that is not seen.\Abraham is mentioned in Hebrew Chapter 11 as having faith that satisfied God (Hebrews 11:8-12). Abraham's faith was based on... fully convinced that what [God] promised, he could have done— (Rom. Abraham trusted God and trusted God's promise. Promise.

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