

Expose 57 K21

Prayer Diseases-Unbelief Type 2

We welcome you to word of possibilities today. This is Expose 247 where things happen, here there is transformation, trans-positioning, translation, you know being translated to the kingdom of his dear son. So if you are looking for a change, if something in you is crying out, yearning out for a dynamic shift, there is no better place to come than to come to the place of the Word, where you can grow.

And you know we are in the season of knocking down, and you know we cannot build up without knocking down first. And so we are knocking down every erroneous mindset. And last week we stopped at unbelief, at the junction of unbelief. And then we learnt unbelief type 1.

So am so eager and am sure that our audiences too are eager to know that how many types of unbelief do we have? And then to really go on, on this unbelief and understand the Knock Out series on prayer.

Viewers all over the world, thank you again for joining us today on this Knock Out series. And again we repeat the vision behind this Knock Out series, is Colossians Chapter 2 verse 8 that simply says that **be aware lest any man deceive you or cheat you out of your inheritance in Christ through vain philosophies and the traditions of men.** And we've said before in the past, there is nothing that exposes the confusion of a Christian as much as the prayer life of that Christian does. Or let's put it in a different way, there is nothing that exposes or reveal the spirituality of a Christian as much as prayer life of such a Christians does. That is why we've been focusing in knocking out all those false ideologies in the place of prayer.

And again if you've been following us through the past previous series you will notice that we began to look at Jesus own teaching on prayer. We look at Luke Chapter 18 where Jesus did say there is a missing ingredient in the place of prayer, and that ingredient is that of faith. And then if you notice he said concerning that woman in Luke 18 that was actually begging the judge, Jesus simply said God shall answer speedily. So it means on the part of God, he is poise to answer. In fact God is as much keen to answer because of the respect He has to the name of Jesus in our life beyond our willingness to receive. So Jesus said, nevertheless in Luke 18 shall the son of man find faith on the earth when he comes? So he said the missing key ingredient in the place of prayer is faith.

And that is why Jesus led us through in prayer to the dimensions of faith and we began to look at that. And then again we established the fact that if you are Christian and you are born again, you do have faith. We said it is impossible to be saved without faith. Ephesians Chapter 2 tells us that **for by grace are you saved through faith**. So we simply says people that teach that as a Christian you need to have more faith so that you can receive from God is not scriptural because as a Christian you cannot be saved without faith and we saw this in the scriptures.

We saw where the Apostle Peter said we have received the same like precious faith as him. We saw in Romans Chapter 12 where it simply says that God has dealt with every man the measure of faith. And when we began to look at that, now the question now arise, if it is true that as believer you cannot even be a Christian without faith in God, why is it then that there is a faith issue in the place of prayer?

And that led us to Luke Chapter 8 from verse 22- 25 where Jesus asked the disciples where is your faith? And we said that simply means that, Jesus was saying I know you have faith, I know you have it, but in this situation where I told you that let us go over to the other side, the way you actually react to the storm shows that your faith is hidden somewhere. And we said that as Christians there are things that happen to us that when we come to the place of prayer, we prayed as if we don't have faith.

And we began to investigate why is it that Jesus was asking where their faith is? And that led us to Matthew 17 and that is where we're actually looking at and then if you are just joining us, I've just given a kind of nutshell summary of the things we've gone through in the past few weeks.

And in Matthew Chapter 17 we actually established the fact where Jesus told them about the fact that the reason why they could not cast out the devil, he said is because of their unbelief. And then Jesus began to go further on to tell them and he said this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. That is where we stopped.

And then again, I will say you should join us today as we make progress with this in regard to that.

Now before we go into the types of unbelief. Let me say this quickly, Jesus made a statement in Matthew 17 where he said, **this kind will not go out for by prayer and fasting**. And we actually established something in the last transmission that contrary to what you must have been told that Jesus wasn't talking about this type of devil or this type of demon in that Matthew 17 because we said, if Jesus was referring to this type of demon, it will run contrary to Luke Chapter 9 verse 1, it will run contrary to Matthew Chapter 10 verse 1, it will run contrary to Luke Chapter 10 verse 19. All

those three verses have actually quoted now are all saying one thing that Jesus gave them power over all diseases. He gave them power over all demons, He gave them power over all the powers of the enemy.

So there was nothing exempted that Jesus didn't give them power over. So Jesus told them in Matthew 17 that this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting. We simply concluded it couldn't have been that Jesus was referring to a type of devil. That is not possible because every believer has power over all devils, all diseases and over all powers of the enemy.

And we looked closely at Matthew 17 last episode. Please I will say you should go and listen to that episode we called unbelief type 1. We showed the connection by the scriptures that the type Jesus was referring to when he said this kind will not go out but by prayer and fasting was a kind of unbelief. That is what we actually established. And that means then by the very teaching of Jesus, there are different types of unbelief. And on our last episode, we established unbelief type 1.

And we said unbelief type 1 is the unbelief that comes by ignorance. It means in the kingdom of God, you cannot believe God for what you don't know. And that is why we saw the Apostle Paul that said it himself that he operated in unbelief due to his ignorance. We quoted Paul in the book of Timothy where Paul said so.

And we saw other scriptures in Acts 19 where there were some Christians who could not walk in the dimension of the Holy Ghost. The reason why they could not walk in the dimension of the Holy Ghost, they told Paul we have not even heard there was a Holy Ghost. So we saw the unbelief that is borne out of not knowing what the will of God is. And that is where we stopped in our last episode.

I think we just allow viewers to go and do the fast check and listen to the Spirit as we look into all these episode so we can move on.

Exactly!

So today we are going to carry on from there.

Let's look at Matthew 17. We've dealt with Unbelief Type 1 in our last episode. So today we are looking at a different dimension of Unbelief.

So let's go to Matthew Chapter 17 from verse 21 what we've been reading.

Now again I will read where Jesus did talk about this.

Matthew 17:20

20. And Jesus said unto them, because of your unbelief, for verily I say unto you, if he have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

And we've talked about unbelief type 1.

Let's look at a different type today. And quickly, viewers I want you to join us as we go to Matthew Chapter 14 and let's look at a different dimension of this.

Now before we go there, let's just make this point known. I think if we are simply saying about the disciples that they didn't have faith. I think that is not going to be fair on them and this is the reason. Now the reason is, if you look at this particular scripture critically, this is actually in Matthew 17. If you look at the account that Luke gave of this particular situation, Luke Chapter 9.

Please can you go there quickly?

Luke gave an account of this particular event, the same event. If you look at Luke Chapter 9.

Now please as you look at Luke 9 please let us do something in chronological order.

What does verse 1 says in Luke Chapter 9?

Luke 9:1

1. Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Now it means Luke Chapter 9 verse 1 did say to us that when Jesus called them together, he gave them power over all devils. Take note of that! That is Luke Chapter 9 verse 1. Again look at Luke Chapter 9 verse 39 to 43. Now don't forget Luke Chapter 9 verse 1 says Jesus gave them power over all devils.

Now look at Luke Chapter 9 verse 39 to 43. What does it says?

Luke 9:39-43

39. And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

40. And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not

Now, let's look at that, so it means then verse 1 of Luke 9 tells us that Jesus gave them power over all devils to cast them out. Verse 1! And in verse 39, it says that they could not cast out this particular devil.

And may I say this, we cannot easily just dismiss the disciples by simply saying that they did not have faith. Why did I say that? Because the Bible says Jesus gave them power over all devils.

And if you go to Luke Chapter 10 it tells us they actually went out and they cast out devils, they healed the sick. And Jesus told them don't rejoice because the demons are subject to you but because your names are written down in heaven. So we know that they have faith. We know that they knew they received the power from God.

In fact, if they didn't know they have faith or have power from God, they will not go to Jesus and asked Jesus why could not we cast out the devil? The reason why they asked Jesus the question is because they believed they actually had what it takes to cast out the devil. They were only surprised that the devil couldn't go out when they want to cast him out.

So let's simply say we cannot simply dismiss the disciples by simply saying they didn't have faith. But what we could see in this place, Jesus Christ said to them there is an unbelief in them.

Now something is beginning to arise in context in this Luke Chapter 9 and Matthew 17, it means then, even though the disciples knew they have the power to cast out the devils they were surprised they couldn't cast the devil out and Jesus then said to them that you couldn't do it because of your unbelief.

Now what we are beginning to see then is, there is a type of unbelief that can cohabit with your faith or what you believe in God. Let's say that slowly, **there is an unbelief that can cohabit with what you believe.** It means you believe in God but yet there is an unbelief cohabiting with that belief in God.

Now let's look at where other scriptures actually talk about this, Matthew 14.

Now we are beginning to look at this type of unbelief. Now if you notice, if you contrast this unbelief against the one we did last time, unbelief type 1. In unbelief type 1 as soon as the disciples in Acts 19 were given the Word of God, they instantly received the Holy Ghost. It means as soon as you receive Revelation knowledge, unbelief type 1 borne out of ignorance, jump out of the window. But this seems to be a different category of unbelief. And for this sake of identification, we are going to call this unbelief, unbelief type 2.

Now watch this! It means the disciples knew they have the power, yet Jesus said they had unbelief simultaneously.

Let's look at a different way of understanding this in Matthew Chapter 14.

Read from verse 22 please,

Now let's watch this,

Matthew 14:22

22. And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitude away.

23. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26. And when the disciples saw him walking on the seas, they were troubled, saying, it is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28. And Peter answered him and said,

Now watch this, we've heard the context of this particular event in history. Here was Jesus actually coming to the disciples in the night. Now look at what Peter said to Jesus. Now watch what Peter said to Jesus.

Go on please,

28. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

So Peter was asking the Lord Jesus for a Word. I mean people talk about a Word from the Lord can change your life. Here was Peter trying to follow the principles of faith by simply asking the Lord Jesus for a Word. I mean so this wasn't presumption. This was Peter waiting on the Lord for a Word. He wasn't just assuming, he wasn't presumption. He was waiting on the Lord for a Word. He says give me the Word.

Now watch happened, does the Lord give him a word?

Let's see what happened there?

29. And he said, come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Now the Lord released the Word. Can you see? That is the Word! Don't forget we said in the last episode, Romans Chapter 10 verse 17 tells us **faith comes**, can you see that? By **hearing the Word**. The Lord Jesus Christ released the Word unto Peter. Gave him the word. So Peter wasn't going to do this on presumption, he wasn't going to do this on assumption. He heard the Word. He waited for the Word. Peter actually followed the principle of Romans Chapter 10 verse 17.

The Lord said **come**, and Peter responded.

Now let's see what happened.

29. And he said, come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Can you see that, it means Peter responded to the Word. We have said this many times in the past and let's reiterate this.

Now faith is not the way many people think faith is. Faith is simply response. We simply said God made all things available by grace. Your faith does not make God to do anything for you. In fact we have had a title in the past that says "Faith does not move God". Your faith never moves God, what your faith does is respond to what God provided. That is why the Bible says for by grace are ye saved through faith. It means your faith cannot push God to do for you what God has not already provided. You only respond to the Word. You act on the Word knowing the Word of God is true. So what did Peter doing in this place was follow the exact principle of faith.

The Lord Jesus gave him the Word according to Romans 10:17, he heard the Word and the Bible says he acted and responded to the Word. So Peter was following the basic principles of faith. So please don't tell me Peter wasn't acting in faith. Surely he was! He was responding and acting on what the Word actually says.

Now see what happened. So we've agreed together and we need to agree on that point that Peter at this point was responding by faith.

Now if you please look at this critically, can you actually think, do you think walking on water is a joke? It is not a joke. Here was Peter disregarding the natural evidence, and he was acting on the Word of the Lord.

Now go on please,

30. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried saying, Lord, save me.

31. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Now again we see another evidence, a second testimony to this unbelief type. The reason why this unbelief type 2 is a lot different from type 1 is simply this, people who exhibit unbelief type 2, the reason they do is not because they don't have faith.

I repeat, have you noticed, Jesus said to him why did you doubt? Now that is a big contradictory why would he say that? Because Peter actually had faith. The scriptures tells us he responded to the Word that was given by Jesus. He actually acted on the Word. But Jesus said you doubted. It means then there is type of unbelief that can cohabitate with your belief or responding to the Word of God. They go paripasu. They go together. This is where the issue is.

And you see one thing that is actually evident is, for most Christians in fact, I think this particular transmission today is addressing a very important situation in our lives. For a large number of people, they know what the Word of God says, we know what the scriptures says about things in our life, and in most cases, we have actually tended to act on the Word. We respond to the Word, we actually declare the Word. We speak the Word, but it is very possible according to this scriptures that we've seen of Peter that somebody can be acting on the Word by faith, somebody can be responding to God's Word by faith yet, we have a level of doubt or unbelief cohabitating with the Word as we've seen in Peter's situation.

So if we may ask then what is unbelief type 2? What we are doing at the moment is to place a hold upon this unbelief. Is to identify what it is. Because unless we identify what it is, we will not be able to deal with what it is. So the question you are asking what is unbelief type 2?

And I say this according to the Word, **unbelief type 2 is that unbelief or doubt that cohabitate with your response in faith to God's Word.** Staying together at the same time and is so dangerous because what it does is, it mitigates, it actually nullify, it fight against your response to the Word. So this is not because of ignorance, unlike unbelief type 1. Unbelief type 1 is just due to ignorance. This is not about ignorance. Peter heard the Word, with unbelief type 1 we said it was ignorance. Here Peter knew what the Word was, **come**, the Lord told him. He heard the Word, he knew the Word. But yet there was an unbelief that was still cohabiting with the Word **come** that he was responding to by faith. And that is what we see in this particular place.

I will like to put it to our audience that this unbelief type 2 that we are talking about is more common than we think. Because we have the account of Peter here, we remember the vivid account of this man, I think in the book of Matthew, this same account of this healing, the father and the son, he was saying, I believe help my unbelief. So we have the cohabitation of belief with doubts or staying together. Even among the disciples, we find this thing, the disciples who are ready, let's say that they are more on a higher level of discipleship and training with the Lord. So it is very common. We can see it in a Christian of many years, of long time, who has heard the Word. Who has stayed, dwelt with the Word. So it is really common.

So we really need to pay attention to this unbelief type 2. This might be a common thing in us. It is even much more common than the unbelief type 1. Some people don't have the problem with unbelief type 1 because they've heard the word. They have exposed themselves to the Word. And they are ready to do all the mental work, the spiritual mind work of exposing themselves to have the knowledge. But unbelief type 2 is a common problem. And we need to pay attention.

You see, thank you for making mention of that. You see when we had our last Knock Out series on the issue of Giving. One thing we actually notice is we found out from the responses we had from a good number of Christians on that transmission, we found out a lot of people do actually know as it were that Jesus is our supply, a lot of people actually do know that God supplies our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. What we found out, even though we know this, even though we believe that at the same time, there are some level of unbelief and doubt that are mitigating against that belief that makes us to speak and pray before God like somebody who had no faith, and Jesus is asking that question where is your faith?

So that is what we are talking about, this unbelief type that stays there in us at the same time as we believe the Word of the Lord. And the reason why you should be concerned about this today, we are not just doing a kind of academic exercise. Not that we are doing a kind of Bible exercise, for Bible exercise sake. The reason why this is so important is because according to what Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 17, if this unbelief cohabitates with your belief, what happens is, it has the potency to make your faith of no effect. It has the potency to nullify the significance and the power that is attached to your faith. And one thing you can notice is, this unbelief as we said stays together with faith in us.

So here we have the example of Peter in this Matthew Chapter 14, where the doubt and the unbelief actually stayed with his response to the Word.

Have you see what happened to him, as soon as the unbelief rose up, what did he do? It nullify his faith and simultaneously he began to sink.

Now he's sinking was it because there was lack of faith? It was because of unbelief mitigating against his faith.

Now let's look at a third testimony to this.

You want to say something?

Yes! Before we run off to the third testimony, we just want to remind us that Jesus corroborated this evidence of unbelief cohabitating with doubt. Even when the man reported himself out of his own account, voluntarily gave out the information, I believe, help my unbelief. Jesus did not correct him and say no! that is not happening, that is not the situation because he is with the maker, the one that knows the intent of heart and knows everything, the one that has the knowledge, even that knows beyond him. So he was actually right because there was no correction to it.

And we even see, and I think maybe we are still going to get there, when Jesus was actually talking to Peter, rebuking Peter, he was telling O thou of little faith, why did thou doubt? That is you have faith and doubt again, to buttress the point that it is possible in case some people are thinking No! with this unbelief type 2, we are just trying to put words together, putting sentences together, faith and doubt for ease of classification. We can see here, we have this evidences to show that it is possible to have faith and doubt together at the same time. And the doubt is fighting against the faith. And Jesus actually said you have faith and you have doubt at the same time.

Thank you for mentioning the case of that man in Matthew 17 that brought his demonized son to Jesus.

See, you have to agree with the fact that the man had faith. And this is the reason, this man brought his child all the way, can you see that? We don't know the sentiment he had to fight against, we don't know. You know the Pharisees and the Sadducees they were always trying to fight against people who want to bring their family or bring themselves to Jesus. You know the Pharisees are always fighting people trying to put them to shame for coming to Jesus.

So you have to admit that in Matthew 17, this man must have overcome some barriers, this man must have overcome some limitations, this man must have overcome some restrictions in the environment, in the society to bring his son to the disciples of Jesus. This man had a level of confidence that if I take my son to Jesus or his disciples my son shall be delivered. That is what he was asking, he said please

help us. So you could not actually denied the fact that this man in Matthew 17 had faith. But this man said something, he said help mine unbelief. I've got this unbelief as well, that is actually making my faith of no effect. This is unbelief type 2 the one that stay with him.

Yes to put credence to that evidence that you just mentioned. You see the man had a level of faith like you said to overcome so many barriers. We can see that he went to the disciples and he did not stop there. He pushed forth further when he couldn't get the help from the disciples, I am going to meet the master. He is not going to drop back like that. So we can see the pushing forth by him. So we can see a measure of faith he was exercising. He believed God. He was exercising it. And he was like, he was going to bring Jesus, whatever it is to be able to answer him. And he was trying to tell Jesus, to know that No! Jesus you cannot just put this aside, that I am just one of the person coming to you, I have come to your disciples, so he is really pushing forth his case.

Now you see as we go through this unbelief type 2, the question I want you viewers to ask yourself is this, surely you know if you are a believer, you believe the Word of God. God's word is so precious to you. It means you are a person of faith. You are a person that believes God for the impossible. But could it be that at the same time as you believe the Lord for the impossible, there is unbelief that is making, there is doubt that is making the faith of no effect, that is nullifying the faith, that is canceling the faith like it did with Peter in this Matthew episode as we saw where Peter began to sink even though he had faith? Now that is what we are looking at.

Let's look at the third testimony. We are looking at this testimony to identify, to make it actually clear to us as believer that we can faith in God and yet we can harbour so much unbelief in our soul.

Now let's look at the book of Luke Chapter 8, we've actually looked at this but not in this context in the past.

Now look at this particular case, and see Jesus show us this unbelief type 2 that cohabitate with faith and nullify the effect of faith in our lives.

Luke 8:22

Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

Please take cognizance of that. They received the Word of Jesus. Every time the Word of God is released, people respond in faith. He said faith comes by hearing. So Jesus spoke to them let us go over to the other side. This is the Word of the Lord. This is how we respond by faith to his Word. We listen to what God has to say to us in our spirit and we respond by faith. So Jesus gave the Word, and see the disciples, let's see what they did with the Word.

So what did they did next?

They launched forth. That is it!

They responded to the Words of Jesus. This is faith. Faith cannot be more than this. You cannot have faith more than this. You hear the Word of Jesus, and you respond to the Word. That is faith. So let's say this, these disciples had faith. They believed what Jesus said that they will go over to the other side.

Now let see what the issue is,

23. But as they sailed he fell asleep, and there came down a storm of win on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.

Now they were in jeopardy. Now please they are in jeopardy. You cannot say they didn't have faith. Because they responded to what Jesus said. Just like you and I would respond to the Words of Jesus. For example the Bible talks about the fact that by the stripes of Jesus you were healed. You respond to that by believing that you are healed. The Bible talks about the fact that you are sitted with Christ in the heavenly places, you respond to that by simply knowing that you are far above principalities and powers in your life.

Now you respond to the Words of God by acting on what the Word says. The Bible says in the same way these people acted on the Words of Jesus and they launched forth, but despite the fact that they acted on the Words of Jesus, they had faith, we can see simultaneous something else was encroaching in. That is it!

So what does it says next? Can you go on please?

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

And so now there was a calm, so what did he tell them next?

25 And he said unto them, where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, what manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Again, we see one thing that is important here, the disciples had faith.

Now you see, when we read things like this, and I think for people who give counselling I mean people who counsel other Christians and this is why we need to be careful in the counselling ministry. When we tell people that the reason why this happening to you is that you don't have faith. And when we say that to people, the reason why people are a bit concern about such counselling is because the person you are counselling could actually know that they've actually believed God. Can you see that? They know they believed God. Now for some of them, they've gone to some extent. They've actually done something that actually prove that they believed God.

In fact they overcome some obstacles that they couldn't have overcome unless they believed God. People believed God. People believed the Word. They lay hold on the Word. People declare the Word. They pray the Word. But yet when they do, you then are surprise, that even though we claim we believe God, and we have faith in God, yet we are in jeopardy in the midst of the situation. The Bible tells us is very possible that in the midst of faith, unbelief is rising up at the same time cohabitating with faith.

Here we see that in this Luke Chapter 8 verse 22, 25 because they've heard the Word of Jesus, they responded to the Word of Jesus, but yet there was unbelief and Christ was asking them the question where did your faith go? Where is your faith? Something has knocked out your faith. Now we know what that thing is. We've identify what knocked out their faith. We've put a title on it, and we called it unbelief type 2. That is the very thing that knocked out their faith.

So now we've seen through these three testimonies that even as Christians we've heard the Word, we are responding to the Word but yet unbelief can be growing alongside the faith in God.

Now we are not fully done with this yet, because we need to really show by so many witnesses this instances in the scriptures. Let's look at Matthew...

You have something to say?

Yes I just hope that our viewers are able to see from all these accounts that even though there was a Word of God and they responded to the Word, they launched forth. We saw that they were stocked, because you know, we saw the storm, we saw

too like in that evidence of that man, the account of that father and the son, even when Jesus released the Word, we saw the guy's dramatic reactions against the Word.

So the fact that there was a Word of God does not mitigate against not having storm. And so we really need to correct some people believing that they have God's Word for this. They actually launched out in faith, and it does not remove storm from it. But how you respond, so not having storm or having the presence or absence of storm does not say anything with our response... how much of the faith or doubt we have that makes the difference.

Thank you for mentioning that. It simply put it on the fact that just because Jesus said let's go over to the other side, just because somebody respond to the Word of God does not partly cancel the fact that the person actually encounter some level of storm and disturbances on the journey. That is the reason why as Christians we cannot afford to be in the flesh and begin to judge in the flesh. We have to judge in the spirit.

If we have to know, we have to know the mind of God concerning things and not use circumstances to begin to decode if God actually has his will in what we are doing or not. Because Jesus could simply say to someone, let's go over to the other side, and they could hit a storm. And you couldn't say Oh! Brother or Sister, because they hit a storm, God is not in it. You can't say that, because God was in this. Jesus gave the instruction but yet they hit the storm. But the fact still remains they actually had faith because they responded to what Christ said by launching forth. But now we know unbelief was growing alongside their belief, their faith. And that is what we see there.

Now let's see another testimony to this effect, Matthew 21:21

Now don't forget at the moment what are we trying to do? We are identifying this type of unbelief that cohabitate with faith. We are trying to put a title on it. And we are trying to say, this is where a vast majority of Christians are. Because vast majority of Christians believe God's word. They know what the Word says, but at the same time, there is unbelief nullifying the effects of the Word.

Now let's see Matthew 21:21. Let's listen to this, another testimony to identifying this unbelief that stays and lives with faith.

And if you are wondering why we are putting title on it and we are going to these evidences to show, we are just to let you know because what you cannot identify you cannot really dealt with it. Jesus said himself this kind cannot go out. He was talking about this kind of unbelief. So Christ himself, we are just actually following the pathway of Jesus who said this kind of unbelief cannot go out until you put prayer and fasting. And that is what led us to begin to identify what are the kinds of unbelief in

the scriptures. And we've gone through unbelief type 1, and right now we are looking at unbelief type 2.

So this is not a mindless exercise. We are just pouring over the pages of the scriptures for us so that we can establish it and that we are fully satisfy that we know what we are talking about. So that we can able to proffer and look to the scriptures for solution to this kind of unbelief with faith.

Matthew 21:21

Let's see what that has to say about this unbelief that is so stubborn, that it stays in the same place as faith.

21. Jesus answered and said unto them verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which id done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the seas; it shall be done.

Now watch this! Jesus answered and said if you have faith. Ok!

...if ye have faith, and doubt not,

Now you see, in the past when I used to read Matthew 21:21 and I think most Christians probably will be guilty of this. We tend to think it says if you have faith or doubt not. That is how we read it. If you faith or doubt not, we think what Christ was saying is if you have faith or you don't doubt. Am saying the same thing to you. But that is not what he said, he used the word **and**. So Christ is simply saying you have to do both. Which means, you need to have faith and at the same time, you shouldn't doubt.

Let's put it in a simpler way, you should have faith and don't have unbelief. You would have thought he should have said, you should have faith or don't have unbelief. He didn't say or, he said and. It means have faith, good qualification but also fight your unbelief at the same time. You are going to do both. You cannot just focus on one.

And I think this is where the issue is, for most people that teach about faith. Most people that talk about the whole notion of faith, we always keep focusing about people building up their faith. Nobody talks a lot about how do people fight their unbelief and their doubt. How do people fight it? We don't talk much about this.

But Jesus in Matthew 17 is refocusing our attention to the fact that we need to drive out this kind of unbelief. He said this kind will not go out. So Christ is simply saying

getting more of faith by listening to the Word will not automatically drive out this kind of unbelief, because this kind of unbelief can cohabitate with faith. So simply Jesus said in Matthew 21:21, if you have faith **and** not **or**, **and** also if you do not doubt. Now let's qualifying you for the next thing. Can you see that? That is what he is simply saying there.

I will like to highlight this truth for our audience because in English we talk of **and** when we are joining two different things together. We use **or** when it is either this or this. And so we just want you to highlight it on your mind and go back and check your Bible, Matthew 21:21, what is it in my own Bible which I believe should be in yours. If you have faith and doubt not. You have both. You cannot just say ok I wouldn't bother about that. I will simply believe God, I will lay hold upon the Word. I will let doubt automatically deal with itself. No! With the same activity or with the same attention that you give to building up your faith, the same attention must be given to driving out the doubt.

Let's say that again, **the same focus that you give to building up faith must be the same focus that you give to driving out doubt**, because most people think if I have faith then doubt will deal with itself. Of course you are right if you referring to unbelief type 1 that we dealt with last transmission. But unbelief type 2 you have faith, unbelief type 2 does not automatically deal with itself. You also must doubt not. And again if you stick with us for the next few episodes, we will talk about how this going to happened.

So if you have read this verse 21 as faith or doubt not, so we have removed the **and**, and it is **or** that it is in your mind maybe by speed or anything. We are calling you back to reread this. So that you will not miss out, out of this. It is faith and doubt not. You are going to do both. There are two things there. We cannot just overlook one, we cannot exaggerate one above other and lessen the effect of another because is not either of this, not deal with faith or deal with doubt. You just have to pay attention to those two things and they were join together. So go back and see that it is faith and doubt not.

And you see before we continue, and I think we cannot overemphasize this reality. Most Christians think that if they have faith then they will doubt not. If that is what Jesus meant to say he would have said if you have faith or doubt not. He would have said that. But Christ did not say if you have faith or doubt not. He said if you have faith that is not enough and **you must also not doubt not as well**.

So you see the qualification in the place of prayer must be in both sides not on one. And we've seen example like the one we just finished reading in Matthew where Peter

actually had faith and doubted. Can you see that? He had faith because he responded to the Words of Jesus by walking on water. He had faith but there was and, he doubted and the doubt nullified the faith, the unbelief type 2.

Go on please,

Am reading King James Version,

21. Jesus answered and said unto them verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the seas; it shall be done.

So let's put it this way, because there are times when you read the Bible the full import of what the scriptures is saying might not actually done on you unless you negate what he said. I think I always talk about people negating the scriptures so they can get the fully import of the scriptures.

So let's put it this way, if you have faith and doubt you will say to this mountain and the mountain will refuse to move. Again, or if you don't have faith and you doubt not you will say to this mountain as well the mountain will refuse to give way. So Jesus said is not this or that, it has to be both. It has to be that you have faith and at the same time, you've learnt how to kick out of your life unbelief type 2 before you can say to this mountain and for the mountain to move.

So I think people have always focused on the fact that if you have faith you will speak to this mountain, Jesus didn't say that. Christ Jesus said you need to have faith but also you need to kick out of your life unbelief type 2 then you can speak to this mountain and it will surely move.

And then before we carry on with this, we can look at Mark 11 and I think that will probably be the last testimony to people actually saying that there is this particular strain of unbelief. This particular resistance, I will call it a resistance strain of unbelief that actually has the potency to stay with faith.

Mark 11, look at verse 23 and let's see this as our last testimony to this unbelief type 2.

It reads,

Mark 11:23

For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart but shall

believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Again! Again! Again!! We see another testimony in Mark 11:23 the word **and** coming up again where Jesus said if you have faith, Can you see that? And then he said, if you said to this mountain, and he said, **and** not doubt in your heart but shall believe, so he was telling you have no doubt and believing. That is it. You must have the two. Not doubt and believing. So I say again we are placing so much emphasis on believing God.

Now our mission and our vision today is to establish the fact that there is an unbelief or a doubt that cohabitates with faith. And Jesus actually identify that in Matthew 17. And Christ Jesus said, that was the kind of unbelief that actually made the disciples unable to actually make use of the power that was giving to them in Matthew 10:1, in Luke 9:1 and in Luke 10:19.

So let's say this, before we go on with other verses. It means there is a type of unbelief in our lives, there is a type of unbelief that we do have that even though we believe God, even though we know God's Word is true, even though we are acting on the Word. Even though we are responding to the Word, but yet this unbelief cohabitates with faith and it makes the faith of no effect that made Jesus to start asking in Luke 8:22-25 that where did your faith go to? Something knocked it out. And that thing that knock it out is the type of unbelief that stays with faith and is unbelief type 2.

Now that is what we actually identify with all these scriptures.

Yes, we can see here that we can see even when Jesus was talking to the disciples that the fact of the two might be a resultant effect, you know faith and doubt is like cohabitating just like we talk about type 2 that we are talking today faith and doubt cohabitating. And we saw the resultant effect that he was saying that of little faith.

So if you don't really work on either side, on both side you might have a resultant effect which makes that faith of lower degree. The faith now becomes little, even knocking it out, as if it wasn't there but it was there in the first place, he says where is your faith? It can even knock it out.

So you have to work and not lose sight of both and make sure that you give strength to your faith and you weaken your doubt so that the resultant effect will be of great faith. Because Jesus gave them the summary, their report. He was talking to the disciples, yes I know you have faith, you have doubt, but the resultant effect, the sum of it all is that you have a little faith.

So we just need to pay attention to those things that might distract, that might subtract from our faith in which that doubt. Maybe over the years you just be working on our faith and we are not looking at our doubt, or we are just working on the doubt and not working on the faith. We can see the effect because we are going to get the resultant effect, your faith will be great. Your faith will be small.

If you are thinking this was just like a worn off example, you see Jesus was talking to the disciples, saying you of little faith. And we have seen places where he had commended people of their great faith. So there is a report, there is a result with the outcome of the faith and doubt in your life. It can either be great faith or little faith. Jesus had commended the woman you have a great faith and I have not seen this kind in Israel and he was talking to the disciples now, you have little faith.

Now viewers, you could actually see where we are going on this particular transmission. So if you have been with us for the past few minutes or couple of minutes or tens of minutes you will now notice that we've actually use scriptures upon scriptures to lay hold upon this unbelief type. And I think you can see that yourself as well.

Now, so we now know this unbelief type 2 is the one that stays with faith. Now the question begin to arise in you, and I think that question should be a question that everybody should begin to ask, how do we deal with this?

Now before we actually go into that, and I think this is where, like we said before, this is where the bulk of people are, this is where most people are at the moment, where they actually believe God, they know what the Word of God says, they can quote the scriptures. They can declare the mind of God but yet we find ourselves, we find our faith being actually mitigated against by this unbelief type.

And then the next thing we'll begin to look at now which is the next thing that is so important, we begin to look at **how did this unbelief actually rise up? Where did it really come from?** I mean what is the source of it? If it is so stubborn, if it is a resistant variety of unbelief that even though you are hearing the Word, you are responding to God's Word but is not driving out this unbelief. Where did it come from? I mean how come that Peter responded or acted upon God's Word and at the same time, this unbelief was there? How come in Luke 8:22, 25 they actually responded to Jesus by launching out, how come this unbelief was still there? How come in Mathew 21:21, he's simply saying if you can have faith and then doubt not means the faith is not even enough to drive out the doubt or what is Jesus saying in this scripture?

We are going to look at that now and begin to talk about this unbelief that actually arises where did it come from?

Ok, I think we are all eager to know this.

Where did it come from? What is the origin of unbelief type 2?

Now quickly we are still going to go back again to that one we read in Matthew 14. Now don't forget the first thing we've done so far is to identify this unbelief type 2. And I believe you are so keen to know its source, its origin, where did it come from? We are going to look at Matthew Chapter 14 verse 22 to 33.

And then again can you please read?

And we'll begin to identify the source of this unbelief type 2 that is resistant to your response to the Word of God.

And then don't forget by the time we look at the source of it, we are still going to go ahead to talk about the panacea, the solution to it.

Matthew 14:22

22. And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitude away.

23. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Verse 28

28. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Now look at that, that is faith, he is going to respond to that...

29. And he said, come. And when peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried saying, Lord, save me.

But when he saw the wind boisterous,

Now mark the word! Mark the word!

Now Peter was walking on the water. Peter was doing the impossible because he responded to the words of Jesus. And so you and I we do the impossible, can you see

that? We do the impossible. We made the impossible happen because we respond to what God's Word says. We do things that actually break the barrier, break the limitation of our natural faculty just simply because we respond to what the Word simply says.

Now again, see what happened here. The Bible says when **Peter saw**.

Now that is the word. Mark the word! Mark that word! **When Peter saw the situation.** Or you can put it in this way, when Peter appreciated the situation, when Peter was able to take in into his mentality, into his natural senses, the situation.

And what is that situation? The one that simply says, you know what, even though am acting on the Words of Jesus but at the same time, looking at the natural situation, looking at natural circumstances, how can I be walking on water when there is so much wind and storm? Bible says **he saw**, he appreciated the situation, **Peter took in the circumstances and it was at that point that doubt and unbelief began to grow even though there was faith simultaneously.**

Now you can begin to see that this unbelief, this doubt is the one that appreciate. Is the one that is able to in a way understand the natural laws and how they work. This is unbelief that grows because somebody is able to actually make sense of common sense, if that is the word you want to use. Is the unbelief that works on a fact that your natural sense are working, which is good. You sense of touch, your sense of touch, your sense of taste, your sense of sight, your sense of hearing. **When your natural senses are fully working and they are able to appreciate the circumstance. That is what gives birth to this unbelief type as we can see here.**

I hope our viewers will be able to take it in deeply, where this source, this origin. Because we really need to know the origin of something, if we really want to attack and find a solution to it. And this come by appraisal. That comes by evaluating, and your judgment come into play. You judge it critically and judge the situations and circumstance and so when you start to begin to feed on it and you are using all the things, or your arsenal, your power, what you have learnt in school and what you have read and what people are saying, your expert opinion, you know when they come into this, and when they appraise it and they judge it for you, unbelief grows. That is it!

Hesaw! I mean the saw there in this place, the seeing of Peter is not just seeing. He was able to appreciate. Because atimes when you see things you might even appreciate them. I mean for examples there can be wind and storm all around, you might say well, it doesn't matter. Can you see? But Bible says he saw, Peter said well, now I can see by my senses it doesn't make any sense that somebody can be walking on a boisterous wind. Bible said he saw, he was able to make a full appraisal.

You know what that means? It means then, you and I must understand the fact that when Peter asked the Lord Jesus, bid me to come, he was not able fully appraising the situation. He knew there was water, but he wasn't fully appraising the situation that nobody walks on water. Because human being are denser than water. But the Bible says when he began to, in a way appreciate things and begin to make sense of everything, that is when this unbelief type 2 began to jump and begin to grow.

Just to buttress what you are saying, we just saw that Peter launch forth on the Word without any second thought. No appreciation for the situation. Without any second opinion, people just launched forth on the Word, and when they start begin to evaluate...

And I want to bring the attention of our audience to this, sometimes this evaluation we are talking about, the seeing we are talking about, the judgment of things, the appraisal, the evaluation we are talking about might not actually be by you alone. People might judge you for you. People might give you their opinion. So you are seeing through the opinion of others. Just like we saw in the case, we are taking you back to the episode we had of the father and the son. The people saw that things were going worst. Sometimes even you might be blind to it, is not about what you see, is about what you allow people to see for you. Did you get the thing?

You might have even work yourself up to see right, to judge right in the faith, to judge right spiritually, scripturally but you allow some other people to see for you, borrowing their eyes, and they are not seeing right and they are seeing in the flesh so they are judging the thing, see the thing, can you see all around you what is happening. And with that fueling doubt.

We are really bringing this, putting our hands on this, the origin of this unbelief this doubt so that we can understand and watch it, and watch our life carefully that we do not allow this thing to grow, so we can be able to deal with the doubt and so our faith can grow.

Of course, Jesus told us how to deal with type of unbelief. That is where we are going. In Matthew 17, Jesus told us that **thiskind**, can you see? **Thiskind** does not go out but by... he told us how to deal with that.

So we want to focus on how... we are focusing on where did it come from?

Now again we've see the first testimony to the fact that this unbelief that actually mitigating against faith, this unbelief type 2 is actually borne out of your natural senses working properly. Your sight is working properly, when you are employing your natural senses. Your body is working properly. For example, you are not feeling fine in your body, you have some medical situation and some circumstances in your

body and you go to 1Peter 2:24 and he says that **who himself borne our sins in his body on the tree that we being death to sin should live unto righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.**

I mean you quote the Word and you believe the Word, even you believe the Word and began to declare that is what God's Word says about my life. You believed God. But at the same time, as you were saying that, your body senses, your central nervous system is working properly. So everything about your body says Mr or Mrs you are joking. This is a serious condition in your body. This according to Medical Science, according to Medical analysis you know, in fact some people go to the point of going to the internet and they begin to search when you have this kind of symptom, how does it feel like, what it is and begin to do a lot of analysis and we feed and we see... the Bible say Peter saw, he appreciated the situation, he drank in the whole thing, took it far deeper into his natural senses, and the Bible says that is when he began to sink. It looks like he didn't have faith. He actually did have faith. But that faith was knocked out of the window of an unbelief that was borne out of you employing your natural senses to the detriment of the Word.

And so this about senses, about seeing, I just hope we will be able to understand it in all its full ramification that this senses goes beyond your natural senses. It is about how you judge things, your opinion, test report, analysis, financial analysis, your economic policy and where they tell ok, the bank of England, the governor of the bank of England, what they are saying about the economy, we take you in, what they are saying about the policy.

So you are seeing in the eye of what they news is saying. Employing what you have learnt, what you are putting those things into practice and you are judging the opinion of others. They are seeing with you and you are seeing through the eyes... you know someone was forecasting, you know the forecasting and the weather forecast, and whatsoever they forecast, financial forecast and working through it and seeing through those eyes.

So today we might not be looking at it and using the natural eyes like this, looking around but sometimes you are looking into the account, we are looking into the news, we are hearing and making the judgment from all these outlets. And as you are making those judgments you are believing God's Word. You do have faith, you are responding to the Word, but you know what? It is a clash.

The Bible says this unbelief type 2, that we've identify from the Bible, this doubt what it does is, it clashes with your faith and makes the faith of no effect.

Now see, don't forget we began to look at Matthew 17 where Jesus said this kind doesn't go out but by prayer and fasting, this kind of unbelief.

Now you see, if you look at it, let's look at this situation, **how did we know that the unbelief that they had in Matthew 17 was actually unbelief type 2 and where did it come from? The sources of it.**

And before you move ahead, we can see that even for Peter here, before he was walking on... everything was fine until he started appreciating the situation.

Now listen to this and please don't get us wrong on this, you know Apostle Paul spoke before Agrippa, he said **I speak to you the word of truth and reason.** We are not actually undermining our reasoning faculties, not that we are undermining our abilities to use our senses, God gave us our senses. God gave us to use our senses in this natural world. That is what is use for.

In fact the Bible says when it comes to God, he says God is spirit. Can you see? God is not a mind, and God is not a body. God is spirit, and they that must worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth, John Chapter 4.

What we are simply saying is this, our natural senses were given so that we can deal with men in the natural plane, they are not meant for us to deal with God, because God is spirit, and the part of us that respond to God is our spirit man. Our spirit man has a single language and is the language of faith.

So the point is when we hear the Word of the Lord, and when God speaks to us and we respond to the Word, if we decide to respond again by actually seeing and appreciating the circumstance, the Bible talks about this type of doubt and unbelief will begin to grow. And that is the reason why when most of us come to the place of prayer and we open our mouth to pray we say things that are devoid of faith, not because we don't have faith but we have sunk in so much unbelief by taking in all these things through our senses and appreciating them that they begin to nullify our faith.

Yes, we just want to tell our viewers, we are not undermining expert opinion, test report. We thank God for those people who are using their brain, and they are using all the faculties that the Lord provided for them in this regard. But we know we are calling you to the hands like we are being call forth as we launch into faith, launching into the Word of God, though we understand this thing, but we are not going to look at it. That is the faith.

We have this opinion, we have the expertise opinion of this, we have those test report, but we choose not to look, is a choice of not to look at it. So we are not denying that

this is what they are saying, the experts are saying this, even they have the evidence, they have the statistics, fact and figures to back it up. But we choose not look at it. Not that we are disregarding that there are no storm around. But it depends on what do you want to look at? What do you want to heed? The one that said come, go to the other side or this that you see around. So is a choice of where do you want to place your trust? Where do you want to place your hope?

In fact from what you are saying we can simply highlight the fact that we are not going to take in the situation if that is the word. We are not going to take it in, it means we are not going to drink from it. We are not going to dwell on it if that is the word.

And you see we are going to look at this thing that Abraham did, and don't forget before we do that, one thing that we can see from the scriptures that this unbelief that cohabitates with faith is the one that comes when you begin to sink in into your understanding the situation.

When God gave you the Word, when God gave the Word, He gave the Word knowing the circumstances surrounding our life. When God gives us the Word, he gave us the Word knowing the situation surrounding our life. And He knows that we know the situation, but he is simply saying don't see... you see Bible says when he saw, this saw is not just physical, is the one that actually take in the situation. Now that is what we've seen.

So we are calling you forth to maturity when you know how to deal with every report. You know those report is a report, just like the test report or expert opinion, the analysis and statistics, is just God's report. So how do you place one above the other? So you have all the reports, we are telling you to grow into the maturity to know how to deal with the report. Whose report will you believe in the light of all these? Though we know they are seeing what is in the natural senses, so which one do you place above this? That is what we are saying.

So now, it means then from what we can see from this Matthew 14 that we've actually read, we can this unbelief growing from that.

Now let's talk about this man....

Can you go out and say in the light of what the Doctor says, am still going to believe God? Because we are calling you... is even good to go and get all these expert opinion so that you can know where you are believing God for, because we even saw the healing that Jesus said go and show yourself to the priest. So you go forth inspite of this is it, I got this expert opinion, this is the best surgeon in this case, I got what he

said, this is what it is, so I got the best test that I could get but this is what the Word of the Lord says despite that, that is the point.

You need to come to that maturity to be able say despite that you can go with the two reports, what the Lord says and this. So you can handle those two. Some people cannot even handle those two together, handle what the Lord is saying, God's report and what the opinion of men is.

So you must come to the place of maturity you can get that, and you can walk in the light of God's Word knowing that you have a report and see that as a report too. People don't even understand that it is a report, they don't even see God's Word as a report. Isaiah was saying whose report will you believe? So whose test result will you believe? Well the reason why he said whose is because there are other reports as well. Can you see that? There are other reports surrounding the situation. And that is the point.

So our fight really, our struggle really is not... that is why we simply said the issue of having faith is not even the main problem. Because every Christian does have faith, God has dealt with every man a measure of faith. Our struggle and our fight is unbelief type 2. The doubt we have to deal with by not taking in the situation, by not assimilating and actually considering the circumstances.

And you see before we close today, because I don't think we can go further. Yeah this is fine, that is ok.

We just want to tell our viewers that I hope we've been able to pick one or two things from these and able to see today among every other things, that we are able to establish that there is an unbelief type in which we have classified as type 2 that is growing with faith and doubt as the same time.

And then we were able to show you with a lot of instances where Jesus has said you have faith and you have doubt and he was actually reprimanding and commanding us that this things will be done if you have faith and you do not doubt, telling us that faith and doubt could coexist.

And we could see that we should not lose sight of any of these, that we should be able to work on both, so that the resultant effect of our faith will be great. So that we can have that commendation that our faith and you can produce result, is not just even having that he said you will be able to say to the mountain, we are talking about knock out in the places of prayer. We need results. To be able to say to this mountain go away, because you have allow your faith to grow and you have diminished and work down on your doubt so that the resultant effect is great and is not small, and you can say to the mountain go.

And then we were able to go finally to the origin to know how does it come about so that we can begin to watch out, so that by the time we are watching out, we are seeing to it that doubt you are going, you are going down and faith is coming up. How can we work against what we don't even know how it came about?

So we went to the origin and we were able to see that is about what we see and we were able to establish that what we see is beyond the natural and physical sight.

So we do hope that you are going to sit back on this and watch this things again and do the fast check and the spirit check asking for the witness in your spirit to see if these things were so. And be able to apply your life, to remove yourself from this unbelief type 2 and let it not grow in your life, and working on your faith and doubt, not faith or doubt. You have to work on both at the same time.

So we want to say thank you for stopping by to listen to God's Word today. We do hope you will be able to join us tomorrow 9am UK time to continue on this. And we are looking forward to welcome you into that Word.

So till tomorrow, till we see you 9am UK time we want to say Bye! Grow in grace.

Bye!