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Dealing With Hopeless Situations

This is Expose 247, we feel privilege to be serving you this morning and we are grateful to God for what the Lord is doing using this platform and so we are praying and God helping us by his grace that we want to be that good and faithful servant the one that always give the meat in due season.

So this morning, I just want to invite you to table and saying the food is serve, so come for the meat in due season. We are not just talking about snacks, honey, refreshment or appetizer, we are talking about meat, that is strong meat of the Word. And we are talking about the meat in due season. We are talking about the Word for now, the present church.

So this morning come with your big appetite, come and eat with your friends and family, eat for yourself, eat for the children in your loins, eat for your generation. Like you already know we are in the Knock Out season, in which where we are knocking down and pulling down and bashing every school of thoughts that run contrary to the Word of God, that run contrary to the stream of grace. And we are not just doing that for the fun of it, we just want to knock out so that we can build up according to the pattern, and we are talking about the pattern of prayer, we are talking about the pattern of beliefs.

For the past few weeks, we've been running through the stream of prayer. We've been talking about Word based... do you want to remind all those topics on prayer or all the episodes we've done on prayer so they can understand where we are coming from?

Viewers thank you for joining us again, as you notice and as she as actually stated we've been knocking out all those wrong ideologies and misconception in the place of prayer that take us out of our inheritance in Christ Jesus. We've gone through some few topics in the past few weeks, we've gone through topics like "hypocrites love to pray," we've gone through topics like "Can this be your friend?" The missing ingredient, "Don't pray like this", all those are topics we've gone through. We've also gone through the aspects of talking about unbelief type 1 and unbelief type 2.

Now the focus of all these topics and teachings are to expose to us, those traditions of men that we seem to have imbibe or adopted in the place of prayer. And those things are not harmless as we might have thought they are, they are not actually harmless,

what they do is they actually damage and they actually attack the centrality of Christ in our Christian journey.

And like we said in the past, we say again today that prayer is one of those things in the life of a Christian that exposes the true state of our spiritual lives. And that is why is a battleground for traditions of men, is a battleground for misconceptions and false ideologies. And that is the reason why we are on this Knock Out series on prayer, knocking out all those wrong ideologies.

Yes, yesterday we've been on unbelief type 1. Unbelief type 1 that is borne out of ignorance, we're done with that. And yesterday we went to unbelief type 2 where we have the faith and doubt cohabitating. So you will do well to go back and fall back on all these episodes, so that you can grab what we are saying in full context because there is no way we could summarize and let you get all those. So you really need to sit back and listen. And you might need to listen and listen again so that you can get the...

Now viewers let's just carry on today, right yesterday where we stopped was this. We actually didn't just label or identify unbelief type 2. That was the first thing we did, but we went beyond that.

We went through so many scriptures on our last transmission and we identified from different part of the scriptures, the Bible says out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let every matter be established. We used more than three witnesses to establish what is unbelief type 2?

And we made a distinction between type 2 and type 1. And the major distinction we came up with is, this unbelief type 2, the kind that Jesus referred to in Matthew 17 about the kind of unbelief, is the unbelief that stays together in the place of faith. It is not threatened by faith. Faith doesn't even kick it out. Unbelief type 1 is kick out by faith, but unbelief type 2 stays in the place of faith and what it does is, it nullifies, it cancels, it fights our faith and make the faith of no effect.

And we showed in the scripture how to identify this unbelief type 2, how do you know is operating in your spiritual walk with God? We did that yesterday. And where we stopped yesterday was at this point. We began to then look at it, what is the source of this unbelief type 2? If it is so resistance, if it is so adamant that is staying in the same place, in the same heart as belief, as faith, it is in the same location as faith, what is the source of this unbelief type 2? This unbelief that cohabitate with faith.

We began to look at that and that's where we started from yesterday. We began to look at the place in Matthew 14, the episode of Peter who actually heard the Word of

Jesus. We concluded that Peter operated in faith because Peter responded to what Jesus said, because Jesus said come, he said bid me to come and Christ said come and Peter did.

So we saw that yesterday and we began to look at what was the reason that Peter began to operate in this unbelief that stayed in the same mind, the same heart as the faith that Peter had. And that's where we stopped yesterday.

Now so we are moving on today to begin to expose the source of this unbelief type 2. Now the reason why we are so keen on exposing the source is because, we are not just interested in identifying what it is, we have to talk about where it comes from, because unless we know where this unbelief comes from, we cannot deal with this unbelief type 2.

And if we don't deal with this unbelief type 2, what Jesus Christ said in Matthew 17 will happen to us, where he simply says even though I have given you the power, even though you have the power over all devils, you have the power in the place of prayer to make things to happen, but yet you can be praying and things will not be happening not because you don't have faith but because there is an unbelief type that is in your life that is nullifying your faith. So this is the reason, don't forget we are going to identify what it is, we are talking about where does it come from? What actually gives birth to it? What actually sponsors this unbelief in our lives? And we are going to look more into that today.

Now join with me quickly as we begin to go to the book of Mark Chapter 9.

Now Mark Chapter 9 was what we actually looked at last episode, where Jesus began to actually make us to understand about this unbelief type 2. So quickly I want you to join us as we begin to....

Now before we do that, can you please look at Matthew 17?

You know we have this same story in Matthew 17 and in Mark Chapter 9 as well.

So we are going to look at those two verses today.

Mark Chapter 9, then we come to Matthew 17 very soon.

Please read from verse 19.

19. He answered him, and saith, o faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me

Now so did Jesus asked them to bring the boy to him. Now don't forget the boy was the one that was in trouble and they brought the boy to Jesus just like you will go to Jesus, just like you will take your prayers to Jesus, just like you will pray in the name of Jesus.

Of course the Bible doesn't actually tell us to pray to Jesus. Jesus said **in that day you will not ask me anything, but you will ask the Father in my name.** So when you go to the Father in the name of Jesus, I want you to picture yourself in this particular point in the scriptures. So they brought the boy to Jesus.

Now, see what happens.

Look at the next verse which is verse 20,

20. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground and wallowed foaming.

Now when the boy saw Jesus, straightway the spirit tares him, he fell to the ground and he began to wallow foaming.

Now listen to this, this is serious now. This is serious! They brought the boy to Jesus. They brought this boy to the King of glory. They brought this boy to the King of kings, the Lord of the Ocean, the Master of the Waves, the one who rains in heaven and the earth. The one who created everything. The one who have power over all devils. The one who have power over all demons. They brought this boy to Jesus, and you know what happened? Straightway the boy began to manifest and began to show forth the symptoms of his disease. This is amazing!

Now you see, the reason why Jesus told the disciples because of your unbelief that is why this particular demon couldn't go out is simply because, even when they brought the boy to Jesus, the circumstances of the boy, the situations of the boy actually ran contrary to the fact that Jesus was the one dealing with the boy.

Now, I will say it again slowly, when they brought the boy to Jesus, you would have expected that straightway the demon should just drive out of the boy, the boy should be completely well. But when they brought the boy to Jesus, the boy began to exhibit the similar kind of symptoms that the father has been experiencing at home. Now the question I want to ask you is what is the difference of bringing the boy to Jesus, if the symptoms the boy is showing before Jesus is similar to what the father has been experiencing with the boy at home?

Now may I say this, which is something that you need to understand. The reason why Jesus was able to deal with this boy and cast out the devil out of this boy wasn't because Jesus was operating in the power that was higher than the disciples. I beg to differ from that, because the Bible simply says he gave them power over all devils.

Jesus did not say Peter, James and John or Matthew, Luke, all these disciples, I will give you 60% of my power, I will give you 70% of my power. The power that Jesus gave to the disciples according to Luke Chapter 9 verse 1, according to Matthew 10:1, according to Luke 10:19 was the power over all devils.

And this apply to you as a Christian if you are listening to this today. Ephesians Chapter 1 verse 16 to 20 tells us that the power that works in you as a Christian is the same mighty working power. He didn't say is 60% of the power. The Bible says in Ephesian 1, you can go and read it. He said the power that works in us, is the same mighty working power. Now mark the word, the same mighty working power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that works in you.

Now what does that mean? It means then in the same category, these disciples have operating in them, the power of Christ Jesus. So what is the difference between the experience of the disciples and the experience of Jesus? Christ Jesus told us he said it was because of their unbelief.

Jesus went through the same tension they went through. The difference between them and Jesus was that, Jesus looked at the circumstance of a boy that came to him, the boy fell down, the boy began to wallow and began to foam in the mouth, and Jesus wasn't saying Oh, from what I read in the journals of Medical Science, or from what I checked on the internet, on google, they said that if a boy begins to wallow and foam in the mouth, it means is an acute case of this or that.

Now Jesus just looked at the boy, the boy came to Jesus and the boy exhibited the symptom and Jesus acted like he wasn't even seeing the symptom. Now that is the problem!

We said yesterday we began to establish. Unbelief type 2 is the unbelief that comes into your heart, that grows into your mind because you are accessing and taking into consideration the natural circumstances and that thing is building unbelief in your heart.

So we see Jesus, they brought the boy to him, and the boy did all the things he could do, there was a display of the symptom, and we didn't see Jesus saying, Oh, I thought this demon was going to go out, what is going to happen now? Jesus just continue to act in the process of getting this devil out of the boy.

So what we see was, they didn't have more faith than Christ would have had. But what they had was more unbelief than Christ actually had. That is what we see here. They brought the boy to Jesus, and the boy exhibited the very same symptoms he would have exhibited before his father at home.

Now let's see what Jesus did, let's see whether Jesus said well, it means this is not actually working.

Let's see what Jesus responded to what he saw. Don't forget they brought the boy to Jesus.

Now look at the next verse, verse 21,

- 21. And he asked the father, how long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, of a child.
- 22. And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

Now look quickly to verse 24.

Look at verse 24,

24. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

Now, we said that yesterday that the father was simply saying I have belief, but there is still also unbelief.

Now we know the reason why the father has unbelief, now is getting clear now from the scriptures. He had unbelief because the father was seeing the boy wallowing every day at home. The father was seeing the boy... in fact the father said the thing put the boy into the water and put him into the fire.

Now, here was the father who was seeing this happening every time. And this is an indication of a natural circumstance of the condition the boy had, and the father was taken it in into his mentality every day at home. And based on that, he must have done some research and some analysis that tells him that when somebody has this condition, it's incurable or nothing happens.

So the father is simply saying I believe that you can do it, but at the same time by what I can see, by what am experiencing right before me every day, I don't see a way out of the situation. So we know where the unbelief came from. Is because of what he was seeing everyday happening to his boy.

Now look at the next thing, don't forget one thing please viewers, what the father saw or what the father was seeing every day, Christ also saw even when the boy came to him. Let's repeat this again, what the father was seeing every day at home with his boy, Christ Jesus saw exactly the same thing because the boy repeated the whole symptom before Jesus.

Now the question is why would Jesus not respond the same way the father has been responding all this while at home? Now he has less unbelief. Can you see that?

May we say this, which is very deep, and which is what you have to understand instead of people being concern about building up more faith, we should be much more concern about kicking out the unbelief. Now Jesus saw exactly what the father has been seeing.

Now look at the next verse, and verse 25

25. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Now again, he gave the command, the instruction of the Master, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, he gave the instruction,

Now look at verse 25, and he says,

thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Now, this is important for those of us who believe in the power of prayer. For those of us who believe in the power of giving instruction in the place of prayer. For those that believe in the authority of the believer, you need to hear this. If you believe in the authority of the believer, you need to listen to this, this morning. If you believe in exercising your dominion in Christ in the place of prayer, this is very critical for you.

Now, listen to what he said. Jesus gave the instruction to the devil. He told the devil to come out of the boy and he instructed the devil, don't go back into him, ok let's see what happen, that is faith. What Jesus exercise was faith.

Now, let's see what happened next.

Now what next is, he said,

26. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, he is dead.

Oh my God! After the authority of Jesus was exhibited, the boy seemly, people said he was dead. Now what do you do? What do you do if you exercise your authority in the place of prayer because you have faith? Don't forget we are here today because of prayer. We are talking about prayer today, now what do you do after you gave the instruction in the place of prayer, you declare the word and the demon left, and what actually happen naturally speaking was worse than the situation you are trying to deal

with. What do you sink in into your understanding? What do you take in in the circumstance?

I repeat to you, what Jesus had that was different from the disciples was not faith. Again we said that before, the disciples had faith. In fact if you go to Luke Chapter 10, the disciples told Jesus that the demon were subject to us in your name. We exercise faith in your name, they have no problem. It is not a faith problem. This is not a faith problem. This is not a faith problem of faith. This is a problem of unbelief, because Jesus gave the instruction to the devil, the devil left, that was faith. But at the same time, the boy was like he was dead and Jesus did not consider the situation. So the difference between Jesus and all the disciples was because he wasn't having unbelief. He wasn't operating in unbelief. That is the difference.

And what makes the difference between you and any other person of faith, have you noticed that we said in the past transmission, we said Apostle Peter said something, he said you have received the like precious faith as us. Now anytime I read that, I don't know whether that scares you or not. Peter said you have received the same, the like precious faith like the Apostles.

Now if that is the case, then why is it, that the result that Peter was having in his generation, Peter, the Bible says the shadow of Peter was healing the sick. Now that is amazing, and he is the same like precious faith like you.

Well let's think about it, the Bible talks about Peter as well that on the day of Pentecost Peter preached a sermon and over three thousand people were saved, were added to the body of Christ. Well he had the same faith like you, not similar, not very close, not maybe very close faith. The Bible said like precious faith.

Now it will mean then, the problem we have in today's generation in the place of prayer of seeing great result is not because we have a faith inferior to Apostle Peter, because that will run contrary to what Peter said, when he wrote to the Christian that we have the same precious faith. The reason why will be definitely, we have more unbelief that they did. And that is what he said.

So Jesus gave an instruction to the devil to leave, and naturally speaking, the circumstances of the boy grew worse because people said he was dead. And it seems like Jesus wasn't responding or taken it in the natural circumstance. So what Jesus had less compared to the disciples was that he had less or no unbelief.

And that is what we have come to talk about today.

May I quickly link this up for our viewers, because yesterday we were able to establish that there is a measure of faith and doubt that is most people are in this category where they struggle with faith. Their own struggle is unbelief type 2, the one that has the faith and doubt together.

And today we were able to remind us about what Peter has said that we have the same measure of faith, that we've received the same like precious faith. So in that case, if we have settled, let's look at it mathematically that we have to factors here, two independent variables here. We are talking about faith and doubt in which most of people are in that category. And so if we have settled the fact that we have received the same faith, does not say we have the same doubt, like precious doubt. We have the same faith, not the same like precious doubt. So since we have the same like precious faith and we find out that, Oh that one we have is so constant. So constant because he said like, so we are really bringing two equations together like simultaneous equation, I just want to go the way of Mathematics.

So we have two factors here, we are talking about faith and doubt. And then we are even settled now with the body of evidences from the scriptures that we have the same faith, we have instances that say we have received the same measure of faith, even our coming into the kingdom is about faith. So we already know, and then we have that the same proportion of faith, he said the same power that brought Jesus out from the grave is at work in us. This faith, so we have these evidences to tell us that we have the same constant, the same faith, and the same measure, the same proportion. So we have solve that part. So that one is constant. So the one that is varying, that is varying for me, and varying for Apostle Peter is the other part which is the doubt, which is in varying degree. I hope we could see this logic.

So Christians, listen to this, believers who pray a lot, intercessors, those who lay hold on God in the place of prayer. We don't have a faith problem. We have an unbelief problem. This is not a faith problem. It is an unbelief problem. What made Jesus cast out the devil in Mark Chapter 9, why the disciples couldn't? Jesus gave them the reason, you know when they asked Jesus, why could we not do it? That is the question. Why could we not cast out the devil? Jesus had the perfect opportunity to have said, Oh, you couldn't cast out the devil because you don't have enough faith. Oh, you could have build up enough faith. Jesus told them straightway, he said, well is an unbelief problem. He said because of your unbelief. Can you see that?

So we simply said, Christians, those who are born again, those who are born of the spirit. Ephesian tells you **for by grace are you saved through faith.** You can't even be a Christian without faith anyway. You have faith, the faith of God in you. Galatians

2:20 the Apostle Paul said, the life I live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the son of God. You are not using your faith. It is the faith of Christ that is in your spirit. The problem we have is an unbelief problem, the type 2 problem. Because we see Jesus, what made him different from the disciples, Jesus simply was not even taken in, he was not even considering the natural circumstance.

How can they bring a boy who was possessed with the devil to you, and as soon as the boy saw you, I thought you have authority, (am talking about Jesus now), I thought you are so powerful that you could actually tell the seas, tell the ocean to keep quiet and yet the boy who had the devil was brought to Jesus and the boy went through the same type of symptom, no difference? How does that show that he has power?

But Jesus didn't even seem to be taken in the situation. He went ahead and actually, at that point that's where many people would have cut off. They said, well, if it is true that Christ is in me, if it is true that Jesus is in me, how come when the boy saw me, the boy display the same type of symptom he would have displayed at home? What is the difference? That is the point many would have cut off and say well, it's not working, but Jesus went the next step. Can you see that? He went the next step and said, he commanded the devil to leave the boy.

And when Christ did that, command the devil to leave the boy, again he grew worse because the boy fell down and people concluded that he was dead. And Jesus did not even stop again.

Now this is so crazy. This is spiritually crazy. Here was Christ, who was not even... is he not even taken in the situation? Is he not doing enough psycho-analysis of the condition? I mean Christ seems not to be bothered about the natural circumstances surrounding his instruction in dealing with this boy, and that is how we must operate as well.

We have a fight against unbelief. We have a battle against unbelief. That is what is nullifying our faith in the place of prayer.

Yes, I want to bring our viewers back to what we shared yesterday to tell you the importance of sight, what we see. Because we saw Peter there, he was actually... he saw, and when he saw... talking about the incident when he was asked to walk on water, when he got the word and he launched forth. You know is about sight. The moment he start looking and he saw.

And in this instances today, we saw the boy when he was brought to Jesus and even there was a command too. You can see there was a command in the case of Peter that says **comeforth**. He got that word. And so we saw Jesus too giving the command by

his word, exercising that authority and dominion and say, come out of him and enter no more. But we see even after the word, just as we said yesterday that, that you had the Word of God does not rule out storm. So we saw yesterday that there were storms.

And today too, we saw as he said the word, it was a storm in a different dimensions. So we are not saying there won't be storm with this. And you see, is about the sight. So Peter was looking at the storm and we see the people they were looking, is about how do you use your eyes? Your eyes of faith. How do you use it? How do you use your eyes? The people were looking, and what they could see was like this guy is dead, is as good as dead.

So are you employing your eye in that same way considering? And you are judging things just like Abraham was able to judge things, I think he got a Medical report about Sarah, he was like is good for nothing, but he judge the one that said as faithful. So is about judgment. You have to employ your eyes, your eyes of faith to judge right. Because you cannot brush aside this sight, what you are seeing, because the people saw this guy as dead. And Peter saw the thing, the storm as he's going to perish. That is our eyes of faith. We really need to put it to good use, at least buying the eyesalve to see things as it is because we really need to judge with our eyes.

Now, thank you for actually giving us that insight in that regard.

Now, let's says this as we continue, begin to look at how Jesus refuse to operate in unbelief. Can you see? Jesus contended with it and dealt with it. It was unbelief. So Christ was telling the disciples, unbelief is your problem.

And if you look at it, as soon as he came in this place, look at verse 26

26. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, he is dead.

That is what many people said, I mean... look at verse 27,

27. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

I want you to picture yourself in this situation. If the boy was left as for dead, what will you do? Jesus said well, let's lift up the boy, is not dead, he just took him up. So the point we are trying to make is, our contention as it were is not about building up faith. Our contention will be to deal with this unbelief.

Now, don't forget you have to stick with us on this transmission because we've not even began to talk about the way out that Christ gave us on how to deal with it. We're not even there yet. We are just trying to talk about where did it come from? What

predisposes unbelief? Becssue of course, our destination as we go into the future series is to get to the point of having to kick it out, this unbelief type, this kind. But at the moment we are trying to figure out, where did it come from? What feeds this unbelief? What builds this unbelief up?

Now, we see again in the case of Christ that there were so many instances, there were so many... in fact there were three instances where Christ could have actually taken in the situation, could have actually in a way give a perfect analysis of the condition. There were instances where Christ himself could have actually fallen for the unbelief. And we've seen these instances of the natural circumstance. It seems the more Christ was getting close to the boy, the more Christ was giving instruction, the natural circumstances were saying otherwise.

And so it means then, what feeds unbelief type 2 is an appraisal, you doing a very good analysis of the natural circumstances. And it sounds so strange that Christ refuse to bulge at the natural circumstances. Now this is where is so strange. It is very strange. And so Christ told the disciples that the reason why you couldn't cast out the devil was because you were just taken in the situation as it were naturally.

And now before we continue something, I want to say this. Even though is not writing categorically in this Mark Chapter 9, is pretty obvious then that you could think and say that could it be that the disciples of Jesus had this similar encounter before Christ came down from the mount of transfiguration? Could it be? Could it be that actually Peter, James and John or any of the disciples actually try to actually called the demon, you demon come out of him. How did I know that? Because they told Jesus why could we not cast him out? And they've been doing it before? That statement! Watch that statement! Why could we not cast out the devil? tells you there was an attempt. Can you see that?

I mean you couldn't tell someone why could I not do something? if you stay far off and you didn't even come close to try it. That question wouldn't make any sense. That is the question that doesn't make any sense. For you to tell somebody why could I not do that? That question indicate you have attempted and it wasn't working.

So we can simply say then even though it was not written in the scripture there in Mark Chapter 9, that the question of the disciples indicate they actually attempted to get the demon out. So that means then we can then conclude that when the disciples gave the instruction to the demon, as soon as they gave the demon the instruction, the boy showed symptoms that were worst before the father brought him like it did with Christ. And as soon as they saw that, they said well, you know what, this is not working. We are going to wait for Jesus to come. And when Christ Jesus came and

gave the instruction to the demon, there was no difference in how the demon has been reacting compare to what was happening before Jesus came. So what was different was the fact that Jesus refused to operate in unbelief.

That was the difference. And if you and I will have great power in the place of prayer. What will make a difference is not the volume of faith that we have. What will make the difference is the volume of your unbelief.

Yes, I just want to tell you that we are not calling you to deny all the symptoms, because we saw here, we are not to deny what the prevailing circumstances says. Because as long as we on this side of eternity, all these our natural senses are going to take in. We are going to use it to judge and look at things, but how do you process what you saw. Because Jesus in this case, he was talking about, the father was telling the symptom that happened at home, Jesus did not even denied it and it even happened like that.

And for Peter there was actually stocked, and it was not make over. So as long as we have this natural circumstances, and we are in this part of eternity, with our eyes, we'll begin to see things, and we will see them, we will see storms, we'll see the symptoms but how do we process what we saw.

Because Jesus was in the same boat, and we are talking about when he was in the same boat with them, he was in the same boat and there was storm when they were there, he too saw storm using the physical eye, but how do we process this things, because with our natural eyes, all these senses, they are the gateway for how we see things, and visualize all these things, how we see reports, how we see analysis, how we see statistics and how we hear. So we use it to judge and see.

The other people were using those eyes, their eyes and their senses to judge the situation... but how do we process out of what we see. And we saw that Jesus process it differently from the way the Apostles, when they met with the man earlier. Jesus process the same symptom differently. And so we are calling you to process differently, you know to judge differently what you are seeing with your natural senses, what you are seeing with your natural intellect. You have to process it and process it differently.

Thank you for that. Like I said, what we actually began at the moment, like we said we are not even there yet, at the point of dealing with this type of unbelief.

Obviously the goal of this particular live ministration is to say how can this kind of unbelief go out? We are not even there yet. We are just talking about what feeds this unbelief? What supply the energy of this unbelief? Unless you know what supplies it,

we can't even drive it. So you need to stick with us, you need to stick to us. We are going to kick it out. We need to kick out that thing that is nullifying our faith.

And you see before we go on, we need to make an application of this particular issue to the light of most of us in the place of prayer. And it's a very sad thing to say that most prayer houses today, most people that goes to prayer meeting today, that is why we have knock out series, is a very sad thing that the kind of prayer points, and the way prayers are being led they actually feed this unbelief. This is counterproductive. This is very dangerous.

For example if somebody tells you that you know what, you believe that Christ was raised from the dead, you believe that the power of God in you is greater than he that is in the world according to book of 1John 4:5, you believe the fact that you are sitted with Christ in the heavenly places, and they asked you question do you see nightmares in the dream? In the dream somebody chasing you in the dream, or they tell you ok what did you notice, somebody was feeding you in the dream? Or they will tell you look at your circumstance in your family, and the way they say all these things, what they are trying to do is to feed your unbelief. Now that is the point. It's a bit strange that people come to the place of prayer, and in other to instigate you to pray, now most people say well, one of the reason they say all these things is to propel you to prayer so that you can shout on top of your lung.

Listen! When people begin to make reference to natural circumstances, when people begin to make reference to situations around you in a bid to drive you to pray, what they might be doing inadvertently is building up unbelief that will mitigate against your faith.

So here we see Jesus Christ coming to deal with the situation. For example, in some prayer places, if Christ gave the instruction to the devil to come out of the boy and the boy fell down as dead, somebody will say you know what, if he is dead, can you see? Because the boy is dead, it shows that you need to cry more, you need to shout more, that is why the boy is dead, this is a worst case, this is a long standing history, this is a situation that has gone overboard. And you cannot pray like you were praying before, you need to give more volume to your prayer. What did Jesus Christ do? Jesus knew that when he gave the instruction it was done, and he looked at the natural circumstance, the natural circumstance cannot nullify the efficacy of the Word.

So what am simply trying to tell us today is see, in the place of prayer some kind of prayers and some of prayers the way they are being led, might be indirectly building unbelief in the hearts of people. And that is why you need to know this.

So in other words, we are just telling you to run out of any prayer movement, any prayer house, or any prayer gathering where they take your eyes off the finished work of Christ and they are letting you to look into yourself and circumstances, looking into your helplessness, looking into your situation. And some will be digging back into your history, your father history, your generation history, but they don't go to what our inheritances in Christ, they cannot trace our inheritance, all the wealth that he has transferred through Abraham that came to us through Christ. You know, but they won't help you to trace that. They just go into your natural lineage, and go to your forefathers, anything that propels you to look into yourself, or to look at your surroundings, any prayer point all in the acts of saying they are praying, you need to run out of it. Anything that does not exalt, that does not lift your eyes up to see what the Christ has done, and does not lift you to see where you are sitted, you know.

You need to see, not somebody helping you to see into your helplessness situation and bringing out emotions or cry or anything or crying or any physical method out. But it must be able to see you, all the prayer points must be able to gear you to see so that you can lift up. We have instances in the scripture that says Abraham look up, it must be looking up. You have to be looking up to where you are sitted, you have to be looking up to what is finished, you have to be looking up to where you are.

So every prayer points that does not lift up, there is no elevation of your sight. You need to run out because, no! is actually damaging, making the situation worse for you. It grows your unbelief. That is the point. It grows your unbelief and then that nullify your faith. That is what we are trying to say...

Let's imagine Jesus was in our modern day context, in terms of this story in Mark Chapter 9. If you bring Jesus to some of the prayer movement that we have now, I mean they say well you gave instruction, they will tell you they brought the boy to Jesus, and what happened is the boy began to show the symptoms, somebody will say to Jesus, oh, Jesus you know what, it means this your case is a very serious one. You will need to scream, or you will need seven days green and yellow fasting, this is a very critical matter. See they brought the boy to you and the boy still did not even... the problem didn't get solve. Your case is a very serious case, I mean, they would have said things like that.

But you see Jesus was all about giving instruction, exercising his authority and he wasn't focusing on the natural circumstances. So this is what we've seen about Christ. So what make Christ different from the disciples again we reiterate is not faith, it was

unbelief that made the difference. It was not the faith. It was the unbelief. The degree of unbelief in the other was what made the difference.

And then we've established, so we can go on to the next verse quickly that the disciples attempted to cast out the devil. They did! They actually tried. So when they did, we can simply say they saw the boy displayed the same kind of symptom, and then they said you know what, they said if this kind of symptom is showing, it means that the demon is still there, or if this kind of symptom is actually manifesting.... That is why they told...Watch the word.

Now I think the Lord give me an inspiration now they say why could we not cast him out?

Look at it critically, why would the disciples say why could we not cast him out? It means they must have been saying why could we not cast him out? because by the time they gave the instruction to the boy, now you will not see this in Mark 14, but they attempted. By the time they must have given instruction to the boy, they looked at the circumstance and say well, the demon is not out yet, ok, and they simply say ok because of that Jesus, why could we not cast him out?

So what we are inviting you to, is to come to the understanding that there are things we look at, there are things we consider, there are things we focus on, natural circumstances and situations that feeds this unbelief type 2.

Do you want to say something?

Yes, we are just telling you to take this home, because we are not just talking theory. So you need to run out in the week and apply this. And so when you look at situations and you gave the Word of the Lord in faith, so you are not going to judge and process by what you see around. You are not going to judge by what, maybe the thing is there, just because you see the foaming,

So you need to take your eyes off the foaming, though you are looking at the foaming, you are going to judge and process it with your eyes of faith what is happening? Because with your eyes of faith as long as you gave the Word, the eyes of faith will tell you that you have the power over all. As long as you gave it, it is gone. The demon is gone, no matter what the foaming is, no matter what is brewing.

So you just have to judge and go out this week from today's henceforth to begin to judge and process things differently. You are going to employ your senses, all these natural senses on this side of eternity, you are going to employ it differently from

others around you. You will not allow the judgment of others, the opinions of others above what you have known physically yourself.

So you need to really work on your own sight to see things.

Thank you for saying that, and then that actually boils down to the fact that we begin to look at what Christ himself actually did in this case.

Now, we are still going to find out, that is why you have to stick with us. We are not going to rush this, because we trust the Holy Ghost is actually ministering to us to reveal this to you. Now you need to stick with us, because Jesus gave a way out of this type of unbelief.

I don't know if this is even applicable on this line, but I will just want to say this as it was coming to my mind about judgment of things. Some people they are really, they are even trying to judge things right, they are trying to employ their eyes of faith to judge things, but is because of the people, the opinion of people around them who cannot see like they do see, sometimes it really weakens them, you know.

You really have to work on what you see, and work on those people around you. So is better for you, you are seeing the same thing. You either be in the same boat with somebody that is going to see things the same, you are better off that way than you have people that are telling you that is dead, is good for dead. So if you have the multitude of that driving out your own voice of faith.

We can see some instances though we are not talking about today, when Jesus wanted to heal that twelve year old dead guy, he shut out some people. Thank you for saying that... you really need to shut out some people out. Why was he trying to shut them out? He already know what they were saying... yes! because he didn't want to grow his unbelief.

See Christ took decisive steps to deal with unbelief even in him himself. He took them out because he didn't want them to actually grow his unbelief.

Because those people were already telling Jesus himself, don't bother yourself, he is already dead. Already they are providing information, and if Jesus himself the God of glory could do that, to fight his own unbelief, to shut out...

So we are calling you to shut out. I wish maybe if this man, maybe it would have help this man all those people that were saying is good for them, giving commentary on the situation, those that are good in analysis for him, if they were not there, maybe it would have help his faith a bit more. So this morning, you are going to help yourself and do yourself a word of good by shutting out so that you can allow your faith to grow. Anybody that fuels, any channel that fuels unbelief, anything that grows... some people it might be some news media, some outlet they know that that person, all what he disseminates is scare mongering, all he does is about fear. Anything that feeds your fear, it might be some things you do, or some people around you. You really need to shut them out, because you really need to *pimp* your hand. The reason we are talking about this is to identify faith and doubt and know where the problem is.

Now today we have been able to move. Yesterday we were talking is faith and doubt. Today we have able to narrow it down to tell you that faith is constant to dealt with. You already have the same faith, it is about the doubt.

Now that you know that it is doubt, you really need to do actively work on this. Just like we have open you up to the sources where it come from, you have to look inward, look into your house too, look into yourself and begin to look at that origin, the source, those people that feed fear, those people that introduces, that pump doubt into you, you really need to shut them out. You need to stop their voice, because you want your own voice of faith to grow. You don't want it to drown your voice of faith. You need to shut people out, you need to shut out the outlet.

And in addition and those prayer points that build your doubts as well like we said, is not about what you see, the prayer points, there are prayers you pray that actually builds your unbelief. Let's say that because that is also important... anyone that magnifies the situation, that actually put a lot of premium on your circumstance, and they tell you can you see why your life is not going fine? Can you look at your family, can you look at your background? Can you see why you are not making any headway because of this and that? When people say such things, and even though you know that in Christ that you are sitted far above principalities and power, you know that, theoretically speaking you know that, but yet people then make references to things around you and to tell you they want to drive you to pray and you see! those things are feeding your unbelief.

We are talking about ministers that has all the things, their own program is everything about situations, and giving you stories and stories, (they build your unbelief, that is what they do) stories of things that are happening and how bad things are, and all what they have seen. They are not telling you redemption story, they are not telling you what the Lord has done, that is not feeding your faith. You really need to run out. You can't afford to stay there. You can't afford to stay under that gathering. You can't

afford to have that kind of fellowship or companionship. You need to run out and shut them out. Shut the door against their faith so that your faith will grow. It builds it!

And you see, as we begin to go on then, now there is something you did talk about, I think John Chapter 5 verse 44.

John Chapter 5 verse 44, that is in consonance with what you are talking about, in regarding to the fact that atimes when people stays around the wrong people it builds unbelief.

And you see that is the reason why when Jesus came down from the mount of transfiguration and as soon as they told Jesus, the father said they could not cast the devil out of my son. And as soon as the father told Jesus, the very first statement Jesus Christ made, he said Oh, faithless and perverse generation. He wasn't even addressing the disciples, he was talking about their generation. You know, the world in which they were living at that time. And he said, the world, your generation is so filled with unbelief. Is rubbing on you, that is what Christ was saying. Is your generation is filled with unbelief.

Now look at John Chapter 5 verse 44 please?

See what he says there,

44. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

He said he is simply saying if all you are concern about is what people says, because receiving honour means you are much more concern about what people think about you or what they say about you. Jesus said if you are in that category, how can you deal with unbelief? if you are in that kind of situation. Just to buttress what you are talking about. He said how can you believe? How can you when opinion of people does matter in natural circumstances around you?

So here was Jesus, they even told Jesus the boy is dead. I mean the boy is dead, forget it! Is all gone. You gave an instruction, Jesus you exercise your authority in the place of command, you told the demon to come out of the boy in Mark Chapter 9, and the boy fell down like he was dead, and they told Jesus forget it.. See opinions of people. They told Jesus. And the Bible says in John 5:44 how can you believe, if you keep being control by the opinion of men, how can you believe? How can you deal with unbelief if that is what you do?

And for the story of Jairus daughter, they told Jesus too.

We are going to go there very soon.

So let's go quickly, in fact that is what actually we are going into

And even the Psalmist, I remember a part in the scripture where King David was talking about its mine generation. I dwell among these. That is the problem. Yes! Generational problem. Generational problem in the sense of who I dwell with, where you stay around, who you stay around with, you are influence by those. You can be fuelling unbelief. You might feel like you are in a gathering of the saints but you are staying among unbelieving believers. Prayer that fuels unbelief. So you are staying around unbelieving believers. You know you are not doing yourself any good by this. That is it.

Now quickly let's go because our mission again is to expose the sources of this unbelief. This unbelief that cohabitate with faith. It is a resistant type of unbelief, stays in the same place as faith. And we are exposing the source of it, what feeds it.

Let's go to Mark Chapter 5 verse 21,

Let's see the second testimony to the sources of this unbelief that feeds it and we look at the case of Jairus.

Mark 9:21

- 21. And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.
- 22. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet.
- 23. And besought him greatly, saying, my little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live

Now I don't think you can have faith more that. I don't think you can have faith more than that. I don't think you can have faith...

I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live

Ok, so Jairus believe if Jesus laid his hands upon his daughter... Jairus had not doubt that the daughter shall be healed, and the daughter was at the point of death.

So here was a man full of faith not a single dot or speck of unbelief. He said she shall live. That is it. And he made that declaration.

And before you go, you know some people still come to the places of prayer, and say God answer yes, no, maybe but we see Jairus does not have that, that is going to be No or maybe for him. Thank you for saying that. He is so sure that he is going to be healed. It's Yes, all the time is yes.

You know it was yes and amen. We don't understand why people... all the promises of God in him are yea and amen.

People say things that when you pray to God, God says yes or no or wait. I don't know where they got that from. I have no idea where people got that from. All his promises are yeah and amen. All the promises of God in him are yea and amen. If you are not receiving it means, you are not asking according to his will or you are not even know what his will is. And that is what he says..

And by this time, the testator is not even dead by this time. And you see this people, Jairus is so very astonishing. The astonishing faith he has. He already knows that is not maybe, is not under any probability, is not that is going to get better and better or maybe sometime, or there is an going to be an improvement, a marginal improvement or something. He said she is going to live, that the situation changes, she is going to make the resurrection alive. It is not going to be No, is not going to be maybe. He was so sure of it even before he comes to the place of prayer.

Some people come to the places of prayer, they don't really know the outcome. They are leaving it. They are leaving it to whatever happens. Well, maybe it can happen, maybe it will be my time or turn today, but this man was so sure of it even when the testator has not died, the New Covenant is not already established. But he was able to walk... so how much more we that we have the evidence to even look at what Jairus did now in the New Covenant to even see what... and then we see all the established promises of God, then he knows it is yes and yes and can only be yes and amen and nothing. There is no No, and there is no maybe.

He said if you lay hands upon my daughter, she shall live, and that is a daughter that is at the point of death. Not that he was just like I think...

The man said I pray you, so it means you know like this actually kind of reinforces what Jesus Christ emphasized in Luke 18, when he said what is missing in the place of prayer is not the willingness of God to answer, he said God shall answer speedily, he said but when the son of man shall come, shall he find faith on the earth?

He said our concern should be the faith fight. Not about the fact that God will answer or not, he will answer speedily.

We see, here was a man who believed. So you couldn't deny the fact that Jairus had faith. He said she shall live.

Now let's see this journey, the journey of a man that had faith, complete faith in what Christ will do.

Let's go to verse 35.

35. While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, they daughter is dead: why troublest thou the master any further?

While he yet spake,

That is Jesus speaking to the woman with the issue of blood, Christ Jesus was speaking to somebody here with the issue of blood.

35. While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, they daughter is dead: why troublest thou the master any further?

They came from Jairus house. They came from his hour, they have a news for him.

Ok, let's put it this way, in simple terms. If you have been following us, we've established the fact that Mark chapter 9, in Mathew 17 and in Luke Chapter 8 and Matthew 14 in all these chapters, we've established the fact that these unbelief type 2 grows by what you see in the natural. Can you see that? It grows!

Now again, we actually made a lot of references to your sense of sight, your perception. But again we are seeing a different sense now, a different sense is coming, sense of hearing. Can you see that? Because Jairus didn't even go home to know what was happening.

So we are not majorly talking about what you see now, we are talking about even what you listen to, what you hear, that is the point.

Another sense is coming to this, the second sense. What you listen to it. So they gave him the news!

Now let's see, they told him, your daughter is dead. So naturally speaking the circumstance has gone worst. I thought you said you are on a journey of laying hold on Jesus. You are trying to lay hold on Christ, and as you laying hold on Christ. This sound similar to Mark Chapter 9. You are trying to lay hold on Christ, Christ came to the boy, the boy fell down, things became worst. So you are trying to lay hold of Christ, but is getting worse naturally speaking.

Before you go further, I just want to remind our viewers to know that this was the situation before was at the point of death. So that was the situation when he was holding on to Christ, and believing the Lord for the healing was at the point of death. Sometimes some people have faith for a certain thing, for this kind of diseases, I have faith for it, but when it goes to this, you know they don't have faith for such.

So we really don't know the faith of Jairus here, maybe at the point of death he still have the faith for the healing. But now when she is actually dead, when he heard that death, we really don't know what his faith is. But I want to even bring out was that he said, these people... watch out for your companion. They said don't trouble him further. They were actually intimidated by his faith before when he was saying when I get Jesus to lay hands on my daughter she is going to be healed. You see them, they probably heard Jairus saying that and they were saying don't trouble him further. Why trouble him further? They know he was actually making a pressure on Jesus to draw the healing for his daughter, they said don't trouble him further. We are going to stop you in believing.

So you need to really watch out people that really want to say we want to stop this your progress of your journey of faith. They are ready to bring in and interject and bring you reasons why you should not continue further. Those who felt intimidated by your word of confessions. People that feel like Ok, don't push the Master further. Just leave him alone. They are not ready to access the grace for themselves, or for their own situation. But they are ready to come in your way, no matter what you are saying, your bold declaration and confession, they are coming to say No, you are taking this word of confession, word of faith too much, don't take it further and they are bringing news, news that things have change now, would you want to change your word of confession now? because now you have a different result that is even corroborating this. These are their second opinion, an expert opinion again, would you now want to change? They already know you are seeing some things. So you really need to watch out for people that are not seeing what you are saying.

Again that comes to the issue of this unbelieving thing coming from our generation. Can you see that?

Now let's see what Jesus has to say unto Jarius.

Now you need to listen to what Christ has to say to Jairus. If you pray and you believe God in the place of prayer. If you are laying hold of Christ in the place of prayer. And you are expecting great result in the place of prayer. If you gather in prayer meetings with brethren and you begin to pray and begin to actually lay hold upon the promises of God, the covenant of Christ Jesus. You need to listen to this, because at one point

or the other you will find out that you are praying and believing God and your natural circumstances is running contrary or probably getting worse.

See what Christ has to say not just to Jairus but to you as you are listening to this.

See what he says,

Now verse 36,

36. As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, be not afraid, only believe.

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken,

Again see that is it! The sense of hearing now. We've seen unbelief through the sense of sight. Now unbelief is coming again through the sense of hearing.

As soon as Jesus heard what they said.

Now for Jesus anyway, he has become a master in dealing with unbelief. Like we said, follow us we are going to there very soon.

Now see what he told Jairus

he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, be not afraid, only believe.

He said to Jairus.

be not afraid, only believe.

Ok, he should have said Jairus, more faith! more faith! more faith! Now you need to build up more faith now. You need to build up more faith now.

No! No! Jesus said Jairus you have faith. I mean it will be completely wrong for Christ to tell Jairus, don't give up on your faith or build up more faith, because Jesus knew he had faith. Because we read in verse 21 where Jarius came to Jesus and said I know my daughter will be healed.

So Jairus had no faith problem. But what Christ told him is, **onlybelieve**. Don't add something to this belief. Don't add something to it. Because with that they said, your sense of hearing is going to add something to your belief. Can we stick with the belief that you have? Don't mix it. Only...He only use the word only when ... only means one. Stick with it. The reason why Christ said only believe is simply because with what you heard, something will build up now and that is unbelief type 2. The unbelief type 2 is about to come into Jairus, and Jesus Christ said block it, block it. So he didn't say build up your faith.

That is what we said, most of the word of faith teachings' that we do have, they spend a lot of energy and time teaching people how to build up their faith. And is time for the body of Christ to understand that, we have come to tell you, is time to teach people how to kick out unbelief type 2.

So what Christ told Jairus is to simply say only believe. Why only believe? Because something else is going to come and sit down with your belief. With what they are saying to you, something else is going to come and form a partnership with your belief. And don't allow it. That is unbelief type 2.

How is it going to come? Is going to come through what you heard, what they said. That is why we established with the second testimony how this unbelief type 2 encroaches in into our heart and nullify our faith.

There is another light that is coming from this verse. We saw the people talking to Jairus about the situation and they are fuelling and feeding him the unbelief and they want unbelief to take shape in his heart so that it will neutralize the faith he already had.

But we now see when Jesus want to respond to that circumstance, he did not address those people back. You know those people are talking to Jairus, instead of I was just thinking maybe Jesus will stop their mouth and know that these people you know they are the problem, we are telling you that some people are problem, that they could be problem in your journey of faith and how you shut them out. Jesus does not actually addressed those, he had to address Jairus and said you don't take in those information. You shut out those information. Don't respond. Assume as if you did not hear this. Just behave as if you have not heard this.

And that is why some people will be thinking now they have those companions with them and they feel like ok, Jesus help me talk to all these, those people that are not helping my walk of faith and take them away. Just like Jairus will say Jesus can you help me talk to those people that are giving me those information to stop and stop their mouth? It is not his business. So it is your own business not to listen.

So you are going to do yourself a word of good by not listening and take the responsibility of not listening to what people are going to say, because people will continue to say, people will begin to say anything, people will begin to say things that will fuel doubt in your life. You are going to be reading, you are going to be hearing people with opinions and you cannot do anything about that.

You will not be able to stop everybody's mouth. You are the one that you are going to shut yourself from hearing. We can see the approach and I want us to take it to our

daily life to be able to know that you are going to hear multiple voices saying things that are contrary, that will be nullifying the effect of the work of grace, and work of faith in your life, but you cannot stop their mouth like we can see.. Jairus was not able to stop their mouth, even Jesus was not stopping their mouth, but you are the one that can shut yourself off from hearing those things.

I don't think we can go further.

We will not go beyond that place today.

You see, I just want our viewers, if you check this particular situation in Mark chapter 5 that we just read, if you look at it from the Message Translation. It is quite interesting, because he did says, he says

Jesus said to Jairus, don't listen to them, don't focus on what they are saying.

That is it.

So Jesus didn't say Jairus block your ears or something. No! He didn't say that, because Jairus was a natural man, he had the sense of hearing, he had the sense of sight. He was simply saying don't focus on what they said.

So what we are talking about is not about the fact that you wouldn't hear what they said. Is about what are you focusing on? I mean what are you in a way focusing on, that is it. So unbelief type 2 we've seen that it also come from our hearing.

So as we are going to draw the curtain on this episode today hoping that you will join us, there is a lot to get to... is a long haul. Is a long haul on this prayer season.

So we are going to send you back home and send you to your work, send you to your life to tell you that pay no focus, pay no mind to those voices that are drowning faith, anything that is fueling faith and unbelief and doubt in your life, in your situations.

As you take hold on God's word, as you know that you have faith, as you receive faith from the Lord as long as you are in the kingdom you have the faith, you are going to drown out all those voices, don't allow others things to come in. Only believe. Don't allow other things to come in. Pay them no attention. Take charge of your life by paying no attention to those people, if it possible for you to run out of those places, pay them no attention. So employ your sense of sight and hearing well. Engage it spiritually. Engage it productively,

So till we see you next week Saturday 7pm UK time and Sunday 9am UK time.

We want to say pay no mind to any negative voices.

So stay blessed.

Bye!!!