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When Confession Is Not Enough

This is very good Saturday evening and a very good time to start looking at the issues of rebirth, recreation, renewal, redemption. Men over the years have virtually followed and tried to find reasons and experience all these issues that I've mentioned. But the book of 1 Peter Chapter 1 verse 18 to 22 was talking about how some people got there redemption using the incorruptible seed which is the Word of God. They did not use gold, they did not use silver. So we are calling you today to that place of the Word, so you can get to that incorruptible seed which is the Word of God that lives and abide for ever more.

This is Expose 247 so thanks for joining in. And as you know we are on the Knock Out Series on prayer, we are hoping that by the grace of God, we are going to crush down every human thoughts, every philosophies. And so today we are believing the Lord for recalibration, for a realignment to come into his will for us even in the place of prayer.

For some past few weeks, we've been on this prayer and I don't know how many we still have to go to get it. But we are going to enjoin you to go to all these series to really know what we've been talking about. And so today we will continue hoping that we will all be blessed by the end of the episode. So stay tuned!

Will you want to do a quick recap?

Viewers all over the world, thank you again for joining us on this Knock Out Series. And specifically we've been on Knock Out Series on prayer. And as we always say on this particular transmission. The vision that we do have is to actually expose those things that actually making the Word of God of no effect in our lives.

And Jesus told the Pharisee, he said by your traditions you made God's Word of no effect. And we simply see that one of the things about our Christian life that is so critical is the thing of prayer. Jesus said men ought always to pray and not to faint in Luke 18. So that is the point.

And we've seen Jesus in Luke Chapter 18 emphasized that what is missing in the place of prayer in most cases is the issue of faith. And then we actually have been looking at the issue of faith. And we established from the scriptures that every Christian if you are born again, you do actually have faith. Faith is not your problem because if you don't have faith that means you are not born again. Because we saw

that in Ephesians Chapter 2 that says for by grace are you saved through faith. And then we know that faith is not the problem of a Christian.

And we've established by the Word that the major problem that we do have is the issue of unbelief. And we've looked at this over the past few weeks. We actually encouraged our viewers to actually look at all these series we've done. And for the past three or four episodes we've been focusing on the issue of unbelief. And we've established by the scriptures that what nullifies out faith, what actually mitigate against our faith, what makes our faith none effective is **unbelief**.

And the call of God to us in the place of prayer is not to build up more faith but to actually push out unbelief that is mitigating against our faith. So I think most Christians seem to be concerned about how do I build up my faith? We are not call to build up our faith because faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word. Once you hear God's Word, faith comes automatically. But the problem is unbelief.

And we've established, if you are just joining us today, that actually there is a type of unbelief that hangs around with faith. Because like people have often thought before either you have faith or you have unbelief, you can't have both at the same time.

Well, I will encourage you viewers to actually look at our past three or four episodes, where we actually established by the integrity of the scriptures that actually faith and unbelief can hang around in the same life. And the unbelief can begin to mitigate against the faith. And this is how far we've actually gone.

And you see, the very last thing we actually talk about in the last transmission was actually Mark Chapter 5, when we looked at the case of Jairus. You know Jairus actually had his daughter who was on the sick bed, about to die. And they simply sent for Jesus, and Jesus said something to Jairus. He said only believe. And you see what we've been focusing on is, if unbelief is that critical, what are the sources? How does it come? I mean where does unbelief come from? Those are the things we've been looking at.

And so far we've established two main sources of unbelief. We used Matthew Chapter 17, Mark Chapter 9. And we established from there that unbelief first come from what we see. Unbelief comes from what we see, what we perceive in our sense of sight. That is one way. And we looked at scriptures that actually prove that. And we went from there, and went to the point of what we listen to, what we hear. That also actually builds up unbelief.

Now the reason why you might be wondering why are we looking at all the sources of unbelief. This is the reason. Because Jesus told the disciples in Matthew Chapter 17

and in Mark Chapter 9, he told them how to deal with this kind of unbelief. He said this kind will not go out except...he told them what it is. But we cannot deal with something that we cannot actually lay hold upon where it actually came from.

And that is why we've been looking at the sources of this unbelief that we actually called unbelief type 2. And the reason we've called it unbelief type 2 is because is the unbelief type that hangs around with faith. And that is it. That is how far we've actually gone.

And in our last transmission we have this kind of unbelief, talking about the origin and the sources, so you will do well to fall back on all these episodes. We have a lots on prayer. We have close to eight or nine or ten on prayers now. You really need to sit down.... And if you believe the missing ingredient in the place of prayer is faith, you want to listen to all those previous episode. And that is how far we actually come so far.

Now today we will actually carry on from there. Again, we actually not finish investigating the sources of this unbelief. So far we've look at the sense of sight and sense of hearing. And we are going to look at this other sources.

Now, that is we are actually going to focus on today and see what the Word has to say. But please, I think there is something that actually want us to have a look at in this scripture before we actually go into this other sources of unbelief. And because the reason we want to look at that is so that viewers can actually see how critical, how significant this issue is that in a place of prayer, our effectiveness hangs on what we actually listen to, on what we actually talking about today.

Now quickly I want us to look at the book of Luke Chapter 17 which is where we are going to kick off from today. Luke Chapter 17, don't forget we are still investigating the sources of unbelief. But we are taking a bit of a digression before we come back to the next source of unbelief.

If you look at Luke Chapter 17, look at verse 5 and see what it has to say there.

Luke 17:5

5. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Now, the reason why the Apostles said that to Jesus, if you read from Luke Chapter 17 from verse 1, you can get the backdrop of what they said. Jesus was talking about the capacity that they do have in terms of forgiveness.

You know, when we talk about things about faith. Most people end up thinking we are talking about how to receive from God, how to get a better house, how to get more, how to ask God to give you money, how to ask God to give you spouse, how to ask God to give you a blessing. Most people think we are talking about getting things from God.

And if you think so, well, that is just a parochial way of looking at this things we are talking about. This is a bigger picture. Because even if you want to be able to forgive others. If you want to have the capacity to express the life of God in the place of prayer and beyond the place of prayer, well, this matter is also critical. So this is not limited to just asking and receiving things from God. This is about you being able to exercise the grace of God in every aspect of life.

The reason I said that is this, in Luke Chapter 17.

Can you read from verse 1 please? This has nothing to do with receiving something from God in terms of tangible things. Watch what he says.

What did he says there?

Luke 17:1

1. Then said he unto the disciples, it is impossible but that offences will come, but woe unto him, through whom they come.

2. It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

So we see this discourse of Jesus was about the issue of people, how we respond to offence in our life. Well, I think nobody is inhumane from this, in terms of responding to offence. Jesus said it has to come. You can't pray offence away. You cannot pray away being offended. Jesus said it will surely come to you. If it has not come to you, just wait for it, it's coming very soon.

If you are working in the kingdom, if you are working in kingdom grace and power, offence will come to you. In fact the Apostle Paul said something, he said **they that must live godly in Christ Jesus must surely suffer persecution. In fact there was a place he said with so much tribulation we must enter the kingdom,** is going to come.

Now, watch what Jesus said, he said if you are going to respond correctly see what is going to happen.

What did he says then please?

Look at verse 3,

3. Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent forgive him.

Jesus is simply saying offence is surely going to come, that is not a problem. But let's talk about how you respond to what is coming. So it means you shouldn't be too much bother about controlling offence coming to your life. It's how do you respond.

See what he says you need to respond.

Go on please?

Verse 4, it reads...

4. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

So Jesus is simply saying, offence will surely come but let's talk about you making use of the grace of God in your life to respond to what is coming. Now see what he says you need, what is the next thing?

Now watch this,

Luke 17:5

5. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Have you noticed Jesus didn't say anything about the grace of God that is needed for them to exercise this thing? See what the disciples responded to Jesus concerning this particular statement. What did he say next please?

And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Can you see that Jesus said nothing about faith? Jesus made no mention of faith but if you've been with us on this particular transmission in the past few series, we've established the fact that faith is not that kind of, you know something so strange to understand.

In the Word of God, **faith is you simply responding to the grace of God that you have received.** That is why Ephesians 2 says for by grace are ye saved through faith. God already made everything available by grace. Your faith does not move God. Your faith does not propel God. Your faith does not make God to make something happen in your life. All faith is asking you to do is respond!

So what the disciples were saying in this place is, if we are going to respond in such a way to our brother if he offends us, that means you will need to give us more faith. We need more capacity so that we can respond accurately. So it means what the disciples were saying is, if we are going to respond in every situation in the right way, if somebody offends us and we will have the capacity to respond in a kingdom way, it means we are going to need faith, more faith!

In fact, they didn't say they didn't have faith. Can you see? They didn't dispute the fact that they did not have faith. They only said increase our faith. And that is why we simply say, this is what we simply talk about, people know that they...Bible says without faith it is impossible to please God. We talk about this things. And without faith we cannot even receive from God in the place of prayer. So automatically, our mind begin to think that then I need more faith, if I am going to exercise more grace. But see what Jesus Christ said to them.

Now, watch this! The Apostle Peter was asking increase our faith then, it's your responsibility. If we don't exercise this thing correctly with our brother, if we don't respond accurately to our brother who is offending us it means you've not given us more faith.

And you see, if you are there, and you are thinking well, God has not given us enough faith to do what he asking us to do.

Now, see what Jesus said to them. They asked Jesus to impact to them more faith. Now, see what Christ has to say. This is the fulcrum of what we are talking about.

What did Christ say then?

6. And the Lord said, if ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Amazing! The Lord is saying well, your problem is not more faith. And that is why we've been talking for the past few episodes. That the problem of a Christian is not more faith. Because if you are a Christian, the Bible says you have the same like precious faith as the Apostles, 2Peter Chapter 1 verse 3. Apostles Peter said that **you have the received the same like precious faith as us**. And we talked about Romans Chapter 12 that simply says that **God has given to every man the measure of faith**.

Now if you do English, if you do what we call article in English. We have the 'the' and we have the 'a' article. The 'the' article in English is a definite article. The 'a' is indefinite. He didn't say well, we have been given a measure of faith. If he says a

measure of faith, it means your faith and mine faith at new birth will be different. But he said the, God has given the measure of faith. It's the measure that you have, that Apostle Paul had, that Apostle Peter had, is not a faith problem. So there is no point asking for God to increase your faith. That is not a problem. How did I know that? Because in Luke 17:5 Jesus responded stop talking about increase our faith, even if you faith was as a mustard seed, he said you don't need more faith, if it is as a mustard seed is going to work.

So what is the problem? Can you see that?

Now, the problem is what we've been talking about unbelief type 2. The problem is not the size of faith. You might be thinking, you might be wondering, are there not places in the scripture where Jesus commended somebody who had great faith? Are there not places in the scripture where Jesus said to that woman in Matthew Chapter 15, that woman of Syrophenician when Jesus Christ said woman, I have not found such a great faith in Israel? Yes! We are going to talk about that. You might be wondering are there places where Jesus told them Oh ye of little faith?

Now, we are going to talk about that very soon. Like I said we need to talk about this thing before we go to the source of unbelief. What Christ was simply telling the disciples in this place is, instead of you talking about increasing your faith, if your faith was even as a mustard seed, it's going to work. So your problem is not the size of your faith. Your problem is something in you working against even the faith that you actually have.

So he's simply saying here, forget about increase. If it was a mustard seed, it was still going to work anyway. So the problem is not the size, the problem is, there is still something there that is actually mitigating against even the one that you actually had. And that is what he's simply saying here.

So Christ response in this place was saying, let's forget about size, even if it was a mustard seed is going to work. So that is one thing to show you why it is so significant that you need to listen to what we are talking about. We are not actually focusing on increase our faith like they prayed for. **We are focusing on what is that thing that is taking the life out of our faith?** And that is what Jesus was going to talk about in this Luke 17:5.

Yeah, what is mind blowing and surprising for me is to find out in this Luke Chapter 17 is there, that you even need faith for forgiveness. That is the point! Because we have folks in the kingdom who feel like, anything about faith and belief system turns off them, they get irritated. Because they have attached faith to just receiving,

receiving. And so because they have chosen to live a minimalist lifestyle, they feel I don't need it. And they will be talking again against faith, and they feel like maybe some other people are doing and they actually remove themselves from it and they feel they can do without faith, they can do without belief system. So they are fine, they are at home with every other aspects, with every other doctrine.

But now is going to open your eyes widely to Luke Chapter 17 and from verse 1, we see even to exercise forgiveness, and funny enough, he was talking about offence will come. There is nothing you can do about it, even go and hide in a mountain, if you shut yourself up, offence will come. So definitely offence is coming. And so if offence is coming, then you need faith to respond, because even the disciples just exclaim and say, Oh for this, our response is faith, faith! Faith!! And Jesus did not say is not about faith.

Jesus was correcting the size. The size! He was not debating that it isn't faith that you need to deal with offence. But he's talking about the size. So faith is just... is so important. You can't push it behind. You can't push it behind, you need it in everything, even beyond acquisition, you need it to exercise forgiveness. Forgiveness! Even to live...in fact the Bible says the just shall live by faith.

We can simply say, if a Christian is not exercising faith, we have to doubt their capacity to live the Christian life. He said the Just shall live by his faith! That is what the Bible says in the book of Hebrews.

So what we are simply saying and what we have actually established so far, is nothing about you saying Lord increase and give me more faith. It is all about the fact that if is just a little faith, it was going to work anyway as Christ said. So it means, if it is not working for the disciples, Jesus was actually hinting at something that was responsible. It's not the size of the faith that is the problem.

And that is why is hinting on us today, if you are not even paying much attention to what we've been doing for the past three or four episodes on beliefs and faith. You really need to pay attention now. You can see that you cannot really push faith aside. You need faith even in prayer, just like we already know that one before. To even exercise forgiveness, you really need faith. You really need to pay much attention as we discuss this thing.

Again, we are going to look at something else quickly. Matthew Chapter 17 please, and we see this, like I said what we are trying to do is just to sensitize you to how critical it is that we understand the sources of unbelief, that is why we are trying to sensitize you with these scriptures.

Look at Matthew Chapter 17, and we can see verse 20.

Let me give the background of Mathew Chapter 17. And if you've been with us in the past few episodes, you will notice that we've look at Mark Chapter 9 and Matthew 17 of this particular event in history of this man who brought his son to Jesus Christ. So if you get the backdrop of this particular situation, Matthew 17 is just the point where Jesus actually scolded the disciples for actually not being able to cast out the devil and Jesus Christ told them is an unbelief problem. That is what Jesus says. Is not a faith problem.

So Jesus never said anything about you need more faith in Mathew 17. He said is an unbelief. They asked him, why could we not cast out the devil? Is unbelief. And may we say this then, it means for you and I, every single time we are incapacitated in the place of prayer, every single time we could not seem to make a great change by prayer, every single time mountains are not moving as they should. It means then we have a culprit, we have somebody we can blame. And that person we've come to tell you is this unbelief, this kind of unbelief is the one responsible.

And we can see Jesus, so this Mathew 17 is the background... I have given you the background of what actually happened. So see what Jesus actually had to say to this disciples in the closet about this demon casting out issue.

So what he says in Matthew 17:20.

Can you just read verse 19 and 20 please?

Matthew 17:19, 20

19. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

Again, they said why could we not cast him out? And see what Jesus said in verse 20.

Now watch this! What is in verse 20? What does it says please?

20. And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye 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.

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief:

Now he said is because of unbelief. Can you see?

Jesus did not say Oh you need more faith. Because why could we not cast out the devil? Well, you need more faith, No! He said because of your unbelief. That is why. Your faith is not the problem, your unbelief is the problem.

Go on please?

for verily I say unto you, If ye 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.

Again, we see what is in Luke 17:5 being actually reiterated again in this Matthew Chapter 17 verse 20. Jesus Christ said to them is your unbelief.

Now, can you see why I did say the other time that Luke 17:5, that Christ was hinting at something in Luke 17:5, when the disciples said increase our faith. Christ said No! if it was a grain of mustard seed, it was going to work. The problem is not the size, there is something killing. There is something destroying it, there is something making it ineffective.

So we can see now this Matthew 17:20 actually now highlighted it clearly, because Jesus Christ said it's because of your unbelief. Then he said, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed. So he's simply saying even if your faith was a grain of mustard seed, it would have work, but your unbelief did the undoing of the faith am talking about. Can you see that?

Now this Matthew 17 combine both of them in the same context and said you couldn't do it because of your unbelief. But even if your faith was a grain of mustard seed... so let's paraphrase what Christ was simply saying, **if your faith was as a grain of mustard seed and there was no unbelief, it would have been fine.** That is what Christ is saying in Matthew 17:20. It would have been fine. It would have been fine. But the unbelief is the culprit.

So we've actually show you, now if you then get to the place of prayer. Jesus told us in Luke 18, the missing ingredient in the place of prayer is faith... **shall the son of man find faith when he comes on the earth.** But even though if you are child of God, if you are kingdom kid, if you are a kingdom daughter, or a kingdom son, you do have the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. But what Christ is saying is, there is something that even makes the grain of mustard seed faith not to work. He said your unbelief.

And that is why you will do well to begin to look with us at those very sources of unbelief. We've established two of them, we are going to the third one today, it is

very critical. We are not just messing around with time, we are highlighting something that is so significant in the kingdom, if you believe that without faith it is impossible to please God.

So we encourage you to follow us as we go to the source of where this unbelief is because we really need to expose it. And where some of them is hidden, that is why Expose is bringing the light of God's Word into the world.

And you see there is something that actually comes to mind, and I think our viewers want to listen to this. I will talk about this man call Smith Wigglesworth. You see, if you heard about Smith Wigglesworth, and I believe quite a number of Christians who read Christian books a lot might have heard about Smith Wigglesworth. You see, we often talk about that Wigglesworth was a great man of faith because if you read most of his testimonies, the ones he wrote about himself and about his biographies and things that people wrote about him. We have a lots of testimonies that demonstrated that Wigglesworth was a man who saw great signs and wonders in his ministry. A man of great faith!

In fact in God's general, he was given the appellation, the man of faith. Now, that is Wigglesworth for you. But you know in reality, if you actually check out, there was a time he gave a testimony and I will share that testimony with you. And from that testimony, you will find that Wigglesworth, even instead of we saying he was a man of great faith. We will actually have to say, he was a man of very less unbelief. And I give you this testimony.

You see, there was a time they brought a woman to the crusade that he was actually holding. And as he actually wanted to pray for the sick and those who were healed. Those who were under the power of darkness and devil. And they brought this woman to Wigglesworth and she actually had a big tumor. And you see, Wigglesworth told them that they should bring her on because she couldn't even stand.

And when they brought this woman to Wigglesworth, and two people held her, and as soon as Wigglesworth told them, let her go, release the woman. Don't forget I said, she couldn't walk, he said released her, let her go, and they said we are not going to release this woman, because she is going to just fall down to the ground because she is unable to walk. And Wigglesworth said let her go. And as soon as they released the woman, she fell down on the floor and fell on the tumor because she had a protruding tumor in her stomach. And when that actually happened, people just went moaning. They just went a bit, there was this sense in the crowd where people just felt a bit down and we thought he was a man of God who had authority.

And as soon as she fell on the tumor, Wigglesworth told them, pick her up again the second time. And they picked her up again, and he said let her go. And they said we can't let her go because she is going to wound herself. We are not even sure if something will happen. And Wigglesworth said let her go. And they released the woman again, and you will think because the man of God was praying and declaring over the woman, that she was going to be healed of that tumor.

And immediately she fell down again and fell back on the tumor again. And Wigglesworth said pick her up again, and they picked her, and he said let her go. And they said No! we won't let her go. And he said leave her let her go. And the third time when they let the woman to let her go, what happened was the tumor just fell out of her body right there on the stage. Now this was Wigglesworth's own testimony. You can look for the book about his faith.

What I notice there, what does that tell you and I about unbelief? It tells you definitely then, you can conclude the reason why Wigglesworth saw great things in his ministry will not really be because he had a great faith than you and I, it will be that he had so much less unbelief. A man that refused to respond to what he was seeing in the natural. Just like Christ refused to respond.

If you were there in the last episode, we said something, we said Jesus as he was giving instruction to the devil. Jesus gave an instruction, the boy fell down like he was dead. And Christ picked him up. What we are simply saying is this, unbelief is the problem.

So Wigglesworth saw great things in his ministry, not necessarily because he was a man whose faith was higher than yours or mine. But he was a man whose unbelief was so much low that his faith was so effective. And that is what we are talking about.

Was he not the same man that we have the account, we read of him, that there was a time when he was asking the lame person and invalid to walk. The person refused to walk. He now said run! That is the point. The next account was run. The next instruction he give. Somebody that could not even walk. Wigglesworth was a man of very low unbelief.

So now what we are trying to tell the body of Christ today, we don't have a faith problem. We have an unbelief problem. And that is why we are on this transmission showing us by the Word how to kill and how to destroy this unbelief type 2.

Don't forget we are not even there yet. Jesus gave a panacea. Jesus gave the way out of this unbelief type 2. We are not there yet, we are still looking at the sources, the things that feeds this unbelief. That is what we are still looking at quickly.

As we go there, we are going to look at the next unbelief source. Like we said we've looked at the sight, we've looked at the hearing.

Now, let's talk about the next source of how this unbelief actually feeds and grows in us.

Let's quickly look at Romans Chapter 4. We are going to actually dissect and investigate this unbelief source. This third one.

Romans Chapter 4, we are going to look from verse 16. We are going to look at the classical case of a man of faith called Abraham, don't forget the Bible says he is our father. For all those who are born of God, he said Abraham's faith is our type of faith. He is called our father in the faith.

So we are going to look at this, the third source of unbelief.

Romans Chapter 4, can you read from verse 16 please?

Don't forget viewers all over the world, we are trying to beam the searchlight on the sources of unbelief. We actually mentioned two sources. Please listen to our previous episode. This is the third one we are looking at.

Romans 4: 16

16. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.

So you want to listen to your father. The Bible says if you are born of the spirit, if you are born of the Word, Abraham is your father. The type of faith you have is Abraham's type of faith. In fact the Bible says he is the father of us all. Now you want to listen to how your father made it. Your father in the spirit, your father in faith.

Now watch this! Let's see what he had to deal with. Go on please?

Verse 17,

17. (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

See what God told Abraham, the Bible says it is written I have made thee a father of many nations. And he says Abraham had to believe what God said. How is that difference from you and I today? There is no difference.

I mean, today God will say to you in 2Corinthians 5:17 that **if anybody is in Christ, he is a new creature**, all that tell us now is to tell us what he made us. The Bible says all we need for life and godliness he had given to us. The Bible says his divine power has given us all things that has to do with life and godliness through our knowledge of him who has called us to glory and virtue.

Now simply put, God just told Abraham what he made him. Just the same way God is telling you what he made you in Christ Jesus and that is the point. So we were made in Christ Jesus, the power, the glory, the grace of God is at work in us. So there is no difference in Abraham's experience and our experience.

So things that have been settled in Christ it is finished. God is actually written them down for us to read and have faith. So Bible says concerning Abraham, I have made you the father of many nations, Bible says in whom he believed.

Now, the reason am actually trying to correlate our faith with Abraham's faith is so that you can see the similarity. How does faith come for us? The Bible says in Romans Chapter 10 verse 17, **therefore faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word.**

So Abraham too, God just said I have made you the father of many nations, and he heard what God said and Bible says in whom he believed. He just believed what God said. It means at this point we are par with Abraham. We are par with him.

Go on please?

even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Well, he is simply saying the God that spoke to him is the God that quickens the dead, make the dead to come back to live. Don't forget again Ephesians Chapter 2 tells you and I, he says you that you are once dead in sins had he quicken in your sins and trespasses. God also made him to come alive. So please again, we are par with Abraham at this point. So there is no difference now.

Let's go on please?

even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

You see that is a very old English. What is simply saying is this God who calls things that are not obvious as though they were obvious. It means he is not saying those things don't exist, they exist, but they are not just obvious to the senses. So God

speaks to things that are not obvious as though they were obvious. Now that is what he tells us, and that is the kind of God that Abraham believed in. And you and I know that is the God we believed in as well. And at this point again, we are at par with Abraham.

Go on please?

Now watch this verse 18,

18. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall they seed be.

Now we have things coming in now. Now who against what? I thought if Abraham believed what God said, that is the end of story, I mean what are we talking about again? That is the point!

So many people think once I believe God, I believed the Word of God, I prayed in the place of prayer, and then I will received what am asking God for. The Bible simply says whatever you ask for in the place of prayer, believing you shall receive. And people talk about this things in church, they said yeah, I believed God in the place of prayer. Am going to lay hold upon what God said and I will receive.

Have you wondered, why is still then that people prayed and they claimed to have faith and things are not happening in the place of prayer? Here is the answer from the scriptures.

Now watch this!

Now Go on...

Verse 18.

He says apart from the fact that Abraham believed what God said, then he had to do something. Can you see that? He says he didn't stop at believe.

Look at verse 18, what does it says?

18. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall they seed be.

So it means, he said God said to him I have made you the father of many nations. But the Bible simply says Abraham had to do something to make sure that he can become what God said he is.

Let's say that again. Can you see?

God said... Bible said it is written in verse 17, I have made you a father of many nations.

God spoke the Word over the life of Abraham. But the Bible says he had to believe in hope against hope so that he can become what God said he is. Can you see that?

Now what we are trying to tell you today is faith does not make God to make something happen in your life. We can say this one million times, **faith does not propel or push God to bless you. Faith only responds to what God said he made you.**

God made him already. Abraham believed didn't make God to make him. I think we can slow down and say it again.

Abraham believed did not make God to make him. God, in verse 17, already made him on God's side. Already **made** on God's side. But on his side, **hisbelieved** was for him to respond to what God said he made him.

So it means unless he responds correctly, he would not become what God said he made him. So faith is completely on our side and never on God's side. In fact the Bible says shall the unbelief of man, made God's faith of no effect, he said no way! It will not.

In fact, in 1 Timothy 2, he tells us, **he said even if we remain faithless, he remains faithful because he cannot deny his nature.** What it simply means is, what God said will never change. In fact the Bible tell us the gift and the calling of God are without repentance, your unbelief or your belief doesn't nullify what God said.

So the reason why you have faith is not to make God to bless you, is to respond to what God already did. That is what faith does. So the Bible says here, all Abraham had to do was to believe in hope against hope so that he can become in his experience what God made him in verse 17.

Now watch this! Watch what he had to deal with it. This is where we are here today.

Now go on please?

according to that which was spoken, so shall they seed be.

This is what God told him again, now can you see? When God spoke.

Let's see what Abraham had to do. I would thought Abraham would have said, I believe. And that is it. God said it, I believe it, that settles it. People say that, people sing the song. "God said it, I believed it, that settles it."

Well I thought, now watch this, God said it according to that which was spoken, and Abraham already believed. I think we should closed the canons of the scripture and say Abraham believed. That is it! Abraham believed. That is it! This didn't settle it as you will notice, it never settles it.

What does it says in the next verse?

Look at verse 19,

19. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb.

I thought he already believed. What is about the issue of weakening faith? I thought the Bible says in whom he believed. God said it, he responded because he believed. In the same way for you, God said it, God spoke over your life. The Bible says my God shall supply your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Here are you praising and thanking God for God supply your needs. But the Bible says even Abraham believed in what God said, but verse 19 says you know what? He refused for his faith to become weak.

Now, let's see what is going to weaken a man's faith? What is this thing that want to weaken Abraham's faith and belief? He said, No! Abraham already had faith. Abraham already believed, but he also made sure that his faith was not weaken. By whom? Who is this person trying to weaken Abraham's faith? Who is this thing trying to actually weaken the faith of Abraham?

Now watch this? What does it says next?

19. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb.

Now we know this is the culprit! There is something that is about to weaken the faith he had in verse 17 and verse 18.

Now, this is why we are on this transmission. If you think this transmission is about just talking and actually wasting time. Is not!

We are talking about the fact that believe and faith can actually coexist with something that can weaken the faith. Abraham already believed in verse 17, verse 18 but he said there is something that Abraham refuse to weaken his faith. He said, he did not consider his own body now dead.

Now, this comes the third source of this man call unbelief type 2.

Now watch this! If you want to know what the name is?

Now read before we come back to verse 20.

What does it say in verse 20,

when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20. He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Ah ah! That is him. We found him! We found him! So it means then even though he already believed in verse 17 and verse 18. There was something that had a propensity to grow in him. There was something that had a propensity to grow in his experience. And the Bible calls that thing in verse 20, unbelief.

It means, even though he had faith, even though he believed. The Bible says there was something also that had a capacity to grow alongside his faith. That is the point.

That is what we are talking about today.

So now we know the reason why Abraham was able to have Isaac, his son. Now we know the reason, Abraham didn't just have faith in God, Abraham had also to deal with unbelief type 2. The one that grows in the same place as faith.

Now, I didn't write this in verse 19. Is this explicit Word that says how did this unbelief, what was the channel that this unbelief was trying to use to come in into Abraham's life? It tells us. **He did not consider his body now dead.**

It means Abraham, the way he was feeling in his body. Now I will tell you this, there was nothing that actually indicate... if you go to Genesis 12,13,14,15 those four Chapters, there is nothing that told us that Abraham wasn't feeling like a hundred years old man. He surely was feeling like he was hundred.

The Bible says even though he was feeling like he was hundred. God was telling him something that a man who is not hundred should actually be able to manifest.

For example, if Abraham was thirty years old, if he was forty years old, if he was fifty years old, now this will not be a miracle. Because people will normally think that a man of thirty, forty or fifty years old should be able to give birth normally unless the man has some medical problem.

But the reason why is a miracle in giving birth to Isaac was the age of Abraham. So the Bible says even though he was feeling like he was hundred in his body. He was feeling like an hundred year old man, but Abraham refused to be able to focus or sit down and meditate and think and reason about the feeling in his body.

That is why the Bible says he was able not to stagger because of what? Unbelief.

So we now know how this unbelief was going to come in. It was going to come in through the way he was feeling in his body. And that is the point. So we see another third source of unbelief.

How you feel within yourself in your body. How does your body feel like. And again, it goes on and say the deadness of Sarah's womb. He refused also to consider that.

If you check some other translations, they will tell you he refused to even focus on it. I think we should check some other translation about this. Because we are trying to highlight the third source of unbelief. For example, if God says to you in 1 Peter 2:24, **he said who in himself borne our sins in his body on a tree, that is Jesus. So that we being dead to sin, we should live unto righteousness. He said by his stripes, he didn't say you would be healed. He said you were healed.** He said as Christ was beaten with stripes, that guaranteed your healing.

Of course, you believed God, and you lay hold upon the Word and say Father I believed that by the stripes of Jesus, I wasn't going to be believed. By the stripes of Jesus, I didn't need to pray long enough to convince God to heal me. By the stripes of Jesus, I was already healed. Thank God you have faith. You take hold of your healing I say thank God for that.

But what happened? As soon as you finish praying, what happened, when you feel in your body that the symptoms were as crazy as the way before you began to pray or if you feel in your body that the symptom were even worse than when you began to pray.

Now what do you do? Do you sit down and say well, let me check on it, what happens when you begin to feel this way. Oh it means is getting worse. The Bible says Abraham, even though he felt like hundred, even though Sarah's womb actually felt like she was ninety. The Bible says he refused to consider that. And why did he refused? The Bible says he didn't want unbelief to grow.

Verse 20, he said he refused to stagger through unbelief.

If our viewers will just look closely at verse 19. He was saying and being not weak in faith. It actually laying a credence to that evidence that faith and unbelief can coexist. And unbelief can weaken. Because you can't be talking of something weakening, if there is nothing extra, something is there. You can't talk something weakening something, that means there might be another component that is actually sapping the

energy, pressing something out. So if there is nothing present, nobody talks about... is either present or absent. So whether faith is there or not.

But when we now see something weakening. That shows that there is something that can sit on the head of faith and sap the energy out of it and crush the faith.

So is telling us that you can have faith and given another credence to it that you can have faith and unbelief there, and one can be strengthen and one can be weaken. It depends on which one do you want to strengthen, which one do you feed? Which one do you want to draw life out of now?

Just like it is your choice to know which one is it, you have to choose out of the two, which one you are going to make strong. So Abraham made a choice to feed that faith and that faith was strong as he's feeding it with the Word of God. He made sure that his faith at every point was strong and so the unbelief was weak.

So he was not weak in faith, and this is our choice.

And you see, there is something I want our viewers to actually listen to on this. You know like we said in our last transmission. Abraham did not just say well, am going to feed my faith. Am going to feed my faith that is it! But Abraham didn't just feed his faith he also did not consider. Now this is where the rubber hit the road. That we simply said, most people focus on, am going to listen to God's Word to build my faith, that is good. But you still have also have not to consider. That is the point. The Bible says he did not consider. He did not consider his own body now dead.

He also actively chose not to. This is where the whole point is. People talk about building faith, but not much is spoken about how do you kill unbelief.

So we see Abraham doing both, he listened to what was said and he believed. And also, he decided consciously not to consider his own body now dead.

Now let's see some other translation has to say about this very action of Abraham?

Before you go there, I just want to say that, the way you are talking about the other part of working on the unbelief part which Abraham did not neglect, because he choose not to consider. And that is why we are encouraging you too. The way to do about it is just starving. When you feed your faith, you starve the unbelief, you starve the doubt.

And the way to starve it is taking his life, taking his nutrients, consideration, analyzing...that is the food. When you begin to analyses this, you are working your head over it and begin to look at it and consider. So by the time you take away the

nutrient, you starve it. You say No! You have nothing to consider here, we are not looking at any report here. We are not analyzing this report here. There is nothing for you to look at. So you've already taken the food off your doubt. You have taken the food off your unbelief and that is when you have starve it, when there is no food, there is no nutrient, it doesn't have something to work on, it grows weak.

So you are not just going to focus and build your faith, you are going to starve, simultaneously starve and choose not to consider. Because it is a choice. He could have just left his faith like that and grow his faith and say yes, grow in faith and hearing more of God's Word and just listen to what he had said about what he called me and try and just reading it and putting it in my cassette, am hearing it, am driving. And so but consideration, he chose to, simultaneously not to consider, to starve the doubt. So we must do both together.

Now, viewers if you want to join us on our next transmission. We will be looking at the way out that Christ gave on how to deal with this unbelief type. So we see from what you said, that it then becomes counterproductive if as a Christian you feed your faith and you feed your unbelief. That is an exercise in futility which most people do.

We do things that actually feed faith. We listen to the Word. We go to church. We actually meditate on the scriptures but simultaneously we do things that actually feeds the unbelief. And the unbelief grows alongside the faith.

So here we see Abraham feeding his faith by listening to what God said according to what is written in verse 17, and in verse 19, according to that which was spoken, he was doing that, and at the same time, he also choose not to consider the source of unbelief.

So we see him simultaneously executing both. And that is what we are actually highlighting today on this Knock Out Series.

I believed the Lord that we are functioning more than the capacity of Ezra as we are giving out, dishing out this Word that we have the sense, our viewers have the sense to work on this. Because now, they really have to balance this out as they are feeding their faith they are not feeding there doubt and unbelief at the same time.

So today we released that scriptural sense for you to be able to understand this and we saw this, what is mitigating about your faith and affecting your effectiveness in the place of prayer.

And you see, before... am not sure if we have more time on today's transmission.

I was thinking you want to tell us the other version how they reported that.

We will talk about that. Before we actually go to the other translations regarding Romans Chapter 4 verse 19 & 20.

We need to say this that this unbelief growth is not necessarily just about the fact that what you listen to on TV, what you hear or newspaper or what people says in society. It might be amazing for you to understand the fact that right in the place of worship, you can listen to this, you can see things, you can feel things that can actually grows your unbelief and mitigate against your faith.

So now look at some other translation actually have to say.

Sorry for cutting you short again,

Talking about in the place of worship, you can have both grows at the same time. Like most of the time, in most of places of worship which I have known some, and some people have even actually talk about this. You see in place of testimony when people thought it will be for edification where the place of faith is generally, but now if care is not taken you found out that some people the way they give testimony, they can go on and on about how the devil is working and this and this and give the dramatic, they wouldn't spare any details. And so the people are on the edge, and people are begin to understand how the demons work and everything, all in the name to... and when they come to the end of it, they just talk about the victory may be one sentence and everything like that. But they actually took their time to give the dramatization. But nobody goes and give that corroborate evidence about how redemption works, how the power of God came to be and everything.

And in the process of people's listening to something like testimony for edification or faith, but they are just fuelling fear. You know that kind of, people don't get edify, in fact they even go on doubting and more in the workings of the powers of the demons. People get scared in the place of worship. They did hear things that actually builds up on unbelief in the place of worship.

And we see prayer points again that is gear up about where they can go on and on and dramatize, and give you pictures and people begin to have mental images of the working of enemies, but they don't have the mental images of the workings of the spirit. They don't have the mental images, nobody is bringing it to their views, into their focus, how the redemption... how he disgrace the power... book of Colossians 2:15 said he strip them naked, how he demolished, how he embarrassed.

So nobody is bringing that into the vivid images, is not building it up in the sight of the people. In the mental images of people. But they go into dramatization in the place of prayer and in the place of worship and in the place of testimony and dramatize the

works of the enemies, and go on and on about it, and they just in a way stylishly talk about. So they are giving more energy, feeding more the unbelief and starving and feeding less of the faith.

So you really need have to work this out yourself. This is your responsibility. Abraham took it upon himself. He had a choice, he had a report to look at, he had a body to look at, he had a body, he's hundred years old. He felt hundred. He felt like he was hundred, and he could see the state that Sarah was, but he chose. So is your choice to... what you are going to listen to. Like we did in the previous episode, what you are going to look at, what you are going to listen to, and what you are going to feel. That is the point! What do you feel?

What you choose to analyze. Now what are you going to give your thought too? What are you going to consider? So it is you, even in the place, wherever you are, you don't feel free and feel relax even in most places of worship and you see somebody is feeding your doubt. Somebody is coming in conversation, supposedly a man or woman of God who is actually talking of faith stylishly but in a way openly and he is still feeding unbelief. You need to make a choice of what you consider. Whose report you will believe?

Thank you for that.

And you see, let's say this, which is... again, the point we are making is, is not enough to feed faith, you have to consciously starve unbelief. You cannot feed both and expect great result in the place of prayer. Is not going to work. Is going to cancel, is going to weaken the faith, that is what the Bible is saying. So Abraham successfully executed God's promise over his life not just because he believed but because he also fought unbelief according to Romans 4:17 to 21.

Now, see what the Message translation had to say about what Abraham did about unbelief. That is what we are focusing on today.

See what he says in Romans Chapter 4 verse 19 to 25.

Am reading the Message translation.

19. Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence. Can you see that? Abraham didn't have... the Message translation the word use the word **focus** instead of the word **consider** that KJV used.

He said, it means is about focus. Can you see? He refused to focus on his impotence. So it means Abraham wasn't just believing what God said, he also wasn't focusing on impotence.

Now for some people, if they were Abraham, this is what they would have done in our generation. Some Christians will believe what God said, and at the same time they will take time out to focus on the impotence.

They will take time out to investigate the impotence. They will take time out to every single bit of details of why they have said in the statistics that if 25% or 75% or 99% of people that had this kind of impotence, medical science had said they don't actually make it through and all these things we are so knowledgeable in our generation that is doing our faith a lot of damage.

The Bible simply says Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence. Can you see? And he **says it is hopeless**. I repeat, Abraham **didn't focus on his own impotence saying it is hopeless**. Can you see that? This hundred year body could never father a child. Can you see that?

Abraham didn't focus on that to say this hundred year old body can never father a child. He refused to focus on that.

Nor did he carry out a survey. He didn't do a survey.

Am reading Romans 4:19-25 Message Translation

19. Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say it is hopeless. This hundred year body can never father a child. Neither did he survey Sarah's decade of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking, courteously skeptical question.

So there we see he didn't do a survey. You know some people carry out questioning, they will tell you, you know what, this particular thing that is happening in your family. This particular thing that is happening on your job. This particular thing that is happening in your situation and circumstance. You need to do a survey, if you check online statistics. Only one percent of people make it through. And we feed and focus on these things and yet we go to Bible study and pray and try to feed our faith. And what we are trying to do is do the impossible. Feed our faith and feed our unbelief and we wonder why our faith is so weak and that is what Abraham refused to do. He responded to God in faith and he consciously fought his unbelief.

So we see one of the sources of unbelief, in fact you might want to say according to this Message Translation from survey and questioning and statistics and data, that is what he tells us there.

I think you should go on, he didn't tiptoes...

He said he didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking courteously skeptical questions. He plunge into the promise and came up strong ready for God. Sure, that God will make good on what he had said.

And that is what he tells us about what Abraham did.

So we've established one thing today, is not enough to build up faith. It is also enough not to build up unbelief simultaneously. It's an exercise in futility if we do that.

I just hope our viewers be able to know how to deal with reports and how to deal with all these analyses, surveys because Message was talking about survey. Some people asked questions around, has it ever happen in your family. Have it ever happen from where you stay? Has it ever happen to people of your color? Those are the ways of asking questions. You don't really need to go and bring a paper and do a desktop research like that as Message put it.

But asking around, or people giving you information it has never happened. With this your conditions, with this your metrics doing this just like asking around. People can ask from you around, and you can physically be asking around simultaneously when you heard the Word of God.

But what is surprising here is, am looking at the strength of Abraham's faith because he was able to deal with his own body, you know, he was not able to focus on the deadness of his own body and see that he has aged dramatically to be able to father a child. He was able to even handle the deadness of Sarah's womb again, you know that is a very strong faith. A strong faith that is actually can settles yours, can nullify unbelief and doubt in you, and can address and nullify unbelief in somebody's else... no wonder he is the father of faith.

So we are calling you to a greater faith, is a greater responsibility...

I think before you go on, may we say this then, we can give Abraham a new title, Abraham was a man of great faith or let's say Abraham a man of very little unbelief. A man of very low unbelief. Very low dose of unbelief. That is what he has.

So we are calling you to that responsibility of strengthening your faith and weakening your doubt and unbelief. And be able to do it and do it for your household, you will be able to do it for others so you can stand in the gap and be able not consider the report for others, after you have done,

What you are talking about today is like to bring you to that position, your faith will be able to strengthen and help others to deal with their unbelief as well.

So you need to be strong and be strong for others and be strong for your community. So let your faith grows and you know the way to get your faith grow is by weakening your unbelief so that your faith will have strength and be able to consider the report. So you can handle report, conflicting reports, so you can handle report for the nation, all the database and research, not conflicting and negative reports. And you can say I refuse to consider that despite the one that is growing inside of you, and you choose not, you can handle it and you can handle for others too as well.

So we just hope that this transmission has blessed you. We want you to sit back and falls back and listen again. And think about all these things. You know we are talking about feeding faith and starving doubt. You really need to give it time. It takes time for all these things to be processed. It takes time for our body to realign to enforcing your situation, to realign, say by force you must listen to this and you must come in a par. At least you must line up in God's Word.

So you really need have to take your time on it. And you have to be consistent in this. You don't have to walk tip toe around God's promises consciously will it happen? Will it not happen? Asking skeptical questions all around. Let me see, let me combine, let me see what people are doing? How can we meet both ways? You know it doesn't happen that way. So you really need to be insistence and say No! Am not giving up just like Abraham and sit with this.

So you might need to do this again find a way of way of doing it whether in downloading, so you can listen to it again. And invite others to do that because you really want others, you want their faith to be built. You want your Sarah too...like Sarah too receive strength.

So you really need to get the strength and the other people around you to have that strength for faith to make your live easy. So you need people around you. So you need to share this with your contacts.

And so next week Saturday we will be coming 7pm again.

We have an announcement.

Let's say this which is very important. We've not even begin talk about the way out of this unbelief. Jesus gave the disciples the way out. And you want to actually join us on our last transmission tomorrow morning actually 9am UK time and 10am Nigerian time, we are going to be looking at what Jesus actually stated as the way out of this unbelief.

And also, if you are in the greater Manchester region or the Lancashire region, by God's grace we will be ministering tomorrow's morning at Chapel House Christian Fellowship at 11am. So if you are in the greater Manchester or Lancashire region, please join us as we minister in that church.

And if you are not able to join us, you can actually join us live by Facebook live transmission we will be live as well at that time. And we hope to meet you there.

So we will be expecting you tomorrow 9am UK time here for Expose to continue analyzing the sources, to continue to see the way out. What is the way out? There is no point for us knowing the source and you don't know how to get out.

So you really need to come, if you have been following us, you need to come tomorrow and to listen to this. And find time to listen to this, even if you've gone to service, you can listen to it a later time.

And you can join us on our live transmission again for the ministration we will be having at Chapel House Christian Fellowship tomorrow

So till we see you tomorrow, we want to say go and work on your unbelief. You have to starve your doubt.

See you tomorrow, we say Bye!!!!