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Get Out of the Rot And Rust of Unbelief

Good morning to you all, hope you had a great night. And if you are just on your way to your place of worship or any other engagement we bid you peace, and so we are saying you should just come back to the page, you need to be part of this conversation. You really don't want to miss out today. So find the time today to come back to listen to what we have to share this morning.

And so in the line of due to continue to remind on this subject of prayer, and then I will like to take your mind to this verse that say, **men ought always to pray**. Is not actually even men, men and women ought to pray. So the subject of prayer is not something you can outsource. It is what you have to do yourself. And then we are saying ought to, you have to give your time to this.

And then when we are talking of this subject of prayer, is not something you just wait till when there is a clarion call, or when they are giving a call to prayer, or group meeting of prayer alone, because you have to pray. In the New Testament, we pray ceaselessly, we pray without any excuse. And that is what we've been doing in this Knock Out season of prayer. We are trying to blow off all your excuses, we are trying to blow off everything and impediments in the place of prayer and we've been doing that for quite a while. Because we have like thirteen episode, and today is the fourteen episode on the subject of prayer.

And so when we say praying, praying, praying and I hope you are not hearing vain repetition. Because if you don't know the difference, then you need to run quickly to our first episode on prayer which is the "Hypocrites love to pray," you will be able to distinguish between praying more and what is vain repetition.

And so we have some other topics on prayer, we have something about the belief, the faith system, the doubt, we've been talking about what the unbelief is. And then yesterday we were able to talk about the way of escape. We really want to know the way out. That was like we have a close show on what the unbelief is, because by the time we identify the signs and symptoms, we are looking for the danger sign post, we saw the different types, we saw the kind of unbelief.

And then in the course of all these episodes, there was a time we are able to bring clarity to this popular misconception where it talks about this kind does not go. Some people feel like this kind of demon doesn't go except by prayer and fasting. And if

you have been following us, you would have know that he was talking about this kind of unbelief. And again we are able to give some evidences to why we still pray and fast, that is not a way of just escaping from prayer and fasting like we did yesterday. Is not a way of escaping out of prayer and fasting. But for us to pray and fast the right way.

And know that the fasting and prayer is targeted at us. Is not used as a weapon to pressure God. I hope you've been following this. In case you have not been following, you don't even understand much of what I am saying, you have it too much for you. Well, we have it broken down in all these thirteen episodes, so you really need to take your time to go back into it.

And if you have any questions on any of these, even after you have listen to it, please don't hesitate to hit us up on our page and ask the question. And you might even see following the conversation that some of these questions has been answered. So you can see from the questions of other people's questions and comments. You can really glean from that.

So we want to encourage you this morning if you are joining us to share the page so that you can get as much as many people to listen to this.

And so today we are going to still continue on prayer. Prayer is a long winding subject and is such an important subject that we really have to give our attention, our time to it.

So am going to hand over to him as we continue on this subject.

Viewers, thank you for joining us today on this Knock Out Series on prayer. You might have heard in our previous transmission in the past few weeks, we've been focusing and we've been zeroing on the issue of prayer. And don't forget so that you can know how far we have come, in a bit of a nutshell. We've made a bit of a journey on this issue on prayer.

We actually with prayer, Mathew 6 and we moved up from there, and Jesus actually introduced us to the fact that what is always missing in the place of prayer, the missing ingredient is faith. And then we moved on from the issue of faith, and we did talk about the fact that every Christians does have faith but the problem majorly is there is unbelief. This unbelief is something that is actually always in a way limiting to how far we operate in the place of prayer.

We also looked at the aspect of how does unbelief come in into our life, what are the sources? And then we looked at the symptoms. And yesterday we began to look at what is the way out that Jesus gave out of unbelief.

Now, if you understand how serious unbelief is, in the place of prayer. Then, you might want to actually listen to what Christ Jesus had to say about the way out. And we identify yesterday in Mark Chapter 9 that Jesus said this kind will not go out but by prayer and fasting. And as she said, we've identified in previous transmission what that kind is talking about. Is the kind of unbelief. And if you are wondering what are the other types of unbelief, we've actually enumerated that in the past.

So at the moment, we began to look at the tool of fasting, and one thing we established yesterday before we go on today, let's say this that Jesus actually did say to us that we cannot put new wine in old wineskin. A lot of Christian want to understand fasting with the Old Covenant mindset. It doesn't work!

In fact Jesus warn us in Matthew Chapter 9 that, when you do such things, what is going to happen is you are going to have a big tear. He says if you put a new cloth upon old one, trying to mend it, it will tear up. If you put new wine into old wineskin it will actually tear the old wineskin.

We actually talked about what is the place of fasting in the New Covenant. And that is where we actually stopped. And there was a particular verse of the scripture where we actually stopped at, which is 1Corinthians 7:5 where we looked at the purpose of fasting as a means for you to be able to tell your senses that you need to listen to what you have to say.

And we did say this that majorly some of the means through which unbelief encroaches into our life are through our senses, our sense of sight, our sense of hearing, and our sense of feeling. All these are sources of unbelief.

So one way that we can deal with them according to the scriptures in using fasting as a means, is fasting tells your senses, it speaks to your natural senses and tells them that listen, you have to listen to what I have to tell you. Whatever my spirit tells you, that is what it does.

Now, as we carry on today, I think before we go on with the other verses, as the Spirit of the Lord will lead us this morning, don't forget we are still looking at fasting as a means to drive out this unbelief.

Now, let's say this, because I think some people might have this thinking that is it that we are simply saying that as a Christian our body is a problem to us? Our senses are a problem to us. Well, let's clarify this quickly.

Now Christianity, or I will say the life of Christ that we actually carry is not like those of some other religions. You know, there are some religions of this world, that simply says your body is like a demon, they even think your body is something that is your enemy. And they always say the fact that you have to mutilate your body, you have to live an ascetic lifestyle so that you can overcome that demonic power that is afflicting your spiritual life which you can call your body.

Now the kingdom of God or the gospel of Christ Jesus does not teach us such a thing. In fact 1Corinthians Chapter 6 tells us about the fact that, he said **glorify God in your spirit and body which are God's**. It means your spirit and your body are God's possession.

In fact, he says that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. It means your body is not your enemy. Your natural senses are not your enemy according to the scriptures. But what is the scripture then saying about fasting? What he is simply trying to say, even though your body and your spirit belongs to the Lord, and you are a steward of your body, but however, what happens is, the god of this world, which is the devil and the system of this world can use that same body as a means for unbelief to encroach into your life.

So that is the point we are trying to make. Your body is not your enemy. Your senses are not your enemy. But what we are simply saying is, they can be taken charge of by the enemy. The enemy can use them as a means to make unbelief to encroach into your life. And we've established in the past please, you can go and check our previous transmission where we actually stated that if unbelief encroaches into the life of a Christian, it will mitigate, it will fight your faith and make your faith weak. And make it unable for you to be effective in the place of prayer.

So please don't get us wrong, we are not saying your body is your enemy. We are just simply saying that it is God's possession in your life, but the enemy has a way of using it to drive unbelief into our lives.

Now quickly then, we stopped in 1Corinthians Chapter 7 verse 5 yesterday. And then you see there was one point that we made when it comes to fasting and prayer, and we are going to kick off from that point today. The point is, there is a word that come into this. You see, we are following the evidence where it leads according to the scriptures.

You see where we read yesterday we established the fact that fasting and prayer according to what it says there, is the means so that Satan will not tempt you due to your lack of self-control. If you have your KJV it talks about incontinency. If you check some other translations so that you will not be tempted due to your lack of self-control.

So what he is simply saying is, he said inability to control our senses is the way for Satan to tempt us. Now this is a very big thing that is coming up in this particular verse. It means, don't forget we came up to this point because we are looking at the issue of fasting as a way to drive out unbelief. And a different context is coming to this now, he's simply saying actually if it talks about unbelief, is just a means of Satan tempting us.

Now, what does that mean? Every time we talk about temptation, in most cases, most Christians end up thinking about Oh! Temptation to fall into sin. Temptation to fall into sexual immorality. Temptation to do the wrong thing. Temptation to make the bad choices in the midst of tension. That is what we think in most cases. But you see, the scriptures has a deeper light and a deeper understanding regarding temptation if we think about it and we meditate upon what God's Word has to say.

In this particular parlance, what he is simply saying is the reason why we denied ourselves or we separate ourselves or we make sure we take charge of our senses so that less Satan doesn't tempt us. Don't forget that we said this about driving out unbelief.

So we are going to look deeper into this. **What does it mean in this case when it says less Satan tempt you?** What is Satan trying to tempt you of? Is it In this case, trying to tempt them about living an immoral lifestyle or about living this. What is this temptation all about? Don't forget we are still looking at what Jesus talked about in regards to using fasting to drive out unbelief.

Now quickly please, let's go to James Chapter 1, don't forget like I said, we are being led again to look at this in the context of the temptation of Satan.

Look at James Chapter 1 let's start from verse 5.

James 1:5

5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Now that is prayer! Ok! So it means he's saying that if you notice that something is missing. If you notice that you need a level of attainment, or you want to walk in

some type of experience in your Christian life. He said well, get to prayer. Start praying.

Now watch this, he said let him ask God. Get him to prayer.

Now what does it say next?

let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Now he warns you, he said, if you are going to ask from God, now please check our previous transmission where we talked about the fact that hypocrites love to pray that you are not even supposed to be praying unless you know the kind of Father you are praying to. Many people teach about prayer, prayer all the time without even saying this.

Before you start praying, let's talk about which Father are you praying to? Do you know his nature? Do you know how he thinks about you? That is why when they asked Jesus teach us to pray, have you noticed the very first statement Christ Jesus made to them was, Our Father. That is the first principles. That is where you start from. If you don't understand who your Father is, if you think your Father is your boss, if you think your Father is like a god father.

In fact, I might want to say some people when they are praying to God, they are not praying to God the Father, they are praying to the god-father. Now what does that means is, you are praying to something like a mafia boss, if you think if I do this well enough for him, then he is going to answer my prayer that way.

No! You've got to know you are not praying god father, you are praying to God the Father. So that is where it's all start from.

Where James is telling us is if you lack something in your life, pray to God but which God do you pray to?. He said the God who gives. So he's trying to tell you about his nature. So if you know his nature, it affects how you ask him in what you are asking him for.

So that is what James is trying to warn us about that let him ask from God, and the question is which God? He said the one that gives liberally. The one that gives without finding fault.

So it's very important that before people talk about the notion of prayer, they first have to understand the nature of the God that they are praying to. If you don't

understand the nature of the God you are praying to, your prayer is pointless. You are going to miss the point of prayer.

See what he says,

let him ask from God that giveth to all men liberally.

So he is telling us the nature of that God. You need to have the revelation of that nature in the place of prayer.

And upbraideth not.

If you check some other translation, he does not find fault. So the God we serve, the God we pray to, is not all about looking for faults, looking for reason why he will not answer your prayer. And that is how people teach prayer in some places. They talked about facts that, you know what, if you have not actually perfected your acts. If everything is not done perfectly in your life, God will find fault and he will not answer your prayer.

Well, it means then, if you are thinking that way, you are using new wine in old wineskin. In the New Covenant, God doesn't go about finding fault. In fact in most cases, the reason why prayers are not answer is because of what is in our heart. 1John tells us, he said if anybody comes to God, he said, let him come with confidence. That is what he says. Why? He said if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and he knows all things. And he said, if our heart does not condemn us then we have confidence towards God. We are the one with the trouble, we are the one with the problem not the Father. The Father doesn't find fault. We are the one that find fault with our own spirit.

So listen to this he said God gives liberally to all men and he doesn't find fault. Now this goes in consonance with Luke 18 that says God answers speedily. He says shall not God avenge speedily those that cry to him day and night. On God's side, no problem that is what James is telling us.

Go on please.

And he shall be given him

Verse 6

6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

But let him ask in faith,

Now, can you see that James? Have you noticed that James is actually being strategic here and that is what actually happened. You see, when we began this Knock Out series on prayer, we are not even reading James Chapter 1 at all but you see, it seems that James pathway in the spirit as followed the same pattern how we gone through our Knock Out series on prayer.

We began with prayer and we move to Luke 18 where said the missing ingredient was faith. And James is saying that well, let him ask from God that gives liberally and James is trying to say the missing ingredient in most cases is faith.

So James switches from prayer and switches to faith. And that is the pathway we've actually gone through on this Knock Out series on prayer.

So James started with talking about prayer and switches to faith. Why is he saying that? He says well, your praying is not your problem, in most case, the reason why you get nothing in the place of prayer is faith. He is talking about faith now. He had switch the topic from prayer to faith, like we have done as well on this Knock Out series on prayer.

Go on please,

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering:

Again, he says nothing wavering. It means without unbelief. Again can you see James? It seems like James, like we said this is the same pathway we followed on this Knock Out series on prayer. It was about prayer first in verse 5, then he said what is missing in most cases is faith. Then he says well, even though you do have faith you also want to make sure there is no unbelief and that is the same pattern we followed through on our Knock Out series on prayer.

Can you see he says no wavering, no unbelief now please.

Go on please

for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

He that wavers, he that has unbelief, that is the word! Is like the wave of the sea driven with the win.

Now again, James is trying to tell us the symptoms and the signs of unbelief. Can you see? It means James went from prayer to faith, from faith to unbelief and from unbelief is telling us about the signs of unbelief. How do you know if somebody has unbelief? Now James is telling us the signs and symptoms of unbelief.

Now, if you want to understand all these things that James is talking about, please check all our series on prayer. I think we were surely led by the spirit because we followed this same pattern of James without even reading the book of James all through.

Go on please,

driven with the wind and tossed.

Now is telling us the symptoms. We've talked about this symptoms before. So we are not going to go into that again.

Verse 7. Now watch this!

7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Now, the reason then why we are here, the reason why we are talking about this morning, how to drive out unbelief, is that James has simply told us by the spirit of grace that let not that man think he will receive anything from the Lord. If then you want to conclude, James is saying this is how failure happens in the place of prayer.

Now, this is the reason why these are not things that we can take with levity. We can't be teaching about prayer and prayer without talking about faith, without talking about unbelief. James said we need to talk about unbelief. He said if unbelief persists, if this man is tossed to and fro, here and there by unbelief, James said surely this man cannot be successful in the place of prayer.

This man cannot get answer to prayer. So that is the reason why we've been on this on Knock Out series on prayer. We've actually moved and talking about how to drive out this unbelief.

Now go on please,

Verse 8,

8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Now please, again like I said to you, we followed the evidence where it led over the past few weeks. And James has given us the same pattern. James then is trying to clarify for us the signs and symptoms of unbelief. He's now highlighting it. He said how do you know somebody has unbelief? James says watch his ways, he is unstable. It means, James said his ways and actions are very inconsistent with what he's praying for.

And if you listen to our last transmission last week on the symptoms and signs of unbelief, we started categorically, how do you know somebody has unbelief? You will know because the person's very actions, what the person does, will be inconsistent with what they are praying for. That is how you know unbelief is at work. And here is James highlighting that for us again.

James is saying how do you know a man is double minded? How do you know a man has unbelief? James says for you to know that, just watch his ways. He is praying one thing, and he is acting consistently in a different way.

For example, just to clarify this, if somebody is asking and believing God for Philippians Chapter 4, my God shall supply my need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. So James is simply saying if somebody is praying that way and declaring that way in the place of prayer and he is acting poor, and he is talking poor, and he is thinking poor, James says that is instability in his way. It means, is praying one thing, and he is acting another way. James says this how you will know this man is double minded. This is how you will know this man has unbelief.

So it means unbelief is not just some kind of mystical thing that you can say ok, am not even sure if I have unbelief. Or you can't say am not even sure if is operating in my life. James say is easy to know. How do you know? Just watch your ways, watch what you do versus what you pray. James says you can tell, is about your ways. Is not about some kind of psyche thing, is about your ways, watch your actions.

That is why we noticed that most people that Jesus spoke to in the gospel, when he declared to them, you watch their ways. Most of them who actually got their liberty, or those who got their deliverance, or those who walk in the dominion that Christ gave to them. In most cases, they acted consistently with what Christ spoke to them. And that is the whole point.

So in most case, this is where so many Christians get stocked at this point of unbelief. Acting, talking, thinking, reasoning in opposite dimension to what we are praying.

So James says this is how we figure out this man is double minded, it is his ways, it is what he does in action. And so this is it.

Don't forget we are going to how to drive out this unbelief, but we are trying to see how the book of James will lead us in that pathway.

Go on please

9. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted

Now, because we don't want to get distracted with all these things, what James is simply saying if a brother is of low degree, let him rejoice in that he is exalted. If that brother actually believes what he said that he is sitted with Christ in the heavenly places. If that brother believes that he is been exalted with Christ, the brother should rejoice based on what he believes and not act as brother who is low degree.

This really speak to a lots of people. And we've talked about this when we talked about the issues of Knock Out on Giving. You don't allow anybody to push you into a particular circumstantial mode, and say well you are poor. You are of low degree, you are of low circumstances. James says if this brother believes what he prayed and what he asked for, he should rejoice based on the fact that he is being exalted as well, and he is not going to be living on his circumstances.

But we don't want to get distracted with this because we are going somewhere.

Just go on to verse 11 please,

11. For the sun is no sooner rise with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

Look at verse 12, now watch verse 12.

See what he says, don't forget that what James is trying to tell us now, don't forget we actually said it, from what James Chapter 1 verse 5 is actually telling us, prayer, from prayer to faith, from faith, let's talk about unbelief, from unbelief, let's talk about the signs of unbelief. From the signs of unbelief, he is going to tell us, how to drive out the unbelief.

Now watch what James has to say in verse 12. So I have just given you the pattern of thought of the Apostles, of what he is teaching about now.

Now look at verse 12, see what he says in verse 12.

12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:

So James is simply saying, when I have been telling you about the fact that a man is double minded and is unstable in his ways and his action and what is doing and talking and thinking is not in line with what he's praying. James says well, and he goes on to verse 10 and 11, like we said, all those two verses are quiet meaty as well.

James says all what I have been talking about, is about enduring temptation. That is why is said, when we talked about temptation. Most people think, we are not defining temptation in the right context of the New Covenant, because when we talk about temptation, the mindset that we do have as Christians, we are thinking about, Oh I don't want into sin, I don't want to fall into errors, oh I don't want to fall into some kind of disgrace. That is the very thought pattern we have. But there is a deeper meaning in the New Covenant to what temptations is all about.

What James simply saying by temptation, if you read it in context from verse 5 down, he is simply saying there is something that want to drive you into unbelief. There is something that want you to be unstable in your ways, that want your action and reaction to be inconsistent with what you are praying for. There is something that want to encroach in with your thoughts and your reasoning and your mentality, that is why he talk about a brother of low degree, you reasoning. He said there are thing that want to encroach into your mentality. And he said why? You have to endure them. You have to make sure you stay in charge. So he used the word temptation only in this case, in the context of dealing with unbelief when he began with this in the place of prayer from verse 5.

That is what James is saying, he said you have to endure temptation. So it will mean then, every day you and I, everyone, every child of God, every Christian has to endure this temptation. And people say, what is the temptation? The temptation, the dragging of our life, the dragging of us in the place of prayer for us to respond to circumstances, for us to respond to our sense of sight, for us to respond to our sense of hearing, for us to respond to our senses of feeling.

James says there is a dragging going on, there is a dragging going on and you have to endure it. It means then you have to be able to keep in charge of your natural senses. So you have to ask for wisdom, and when you ask for wisdom, you must do it in faith, when you do it in faith, don't respond to unbelief.

Now if you respond to unbelief, it will show that you are acting inconsistently and he is simply saying you have to endure temptation now in line with 1Corinthain 7:5 when he actually said, when we fast, what our fasting does according to 1Corinthain 7:5 is, it allows us not to be accessible to be tempted by Satan. That is 1Corinthians 7:5.

Now James 1 is then telling us in verse 12, that to actually stay out of unbelief, you have to endure temptation. And the only way for you to endure temptation is for you to engage in denying your senses. Telling your senses, that listen, you respond to what I tell you by my spirit not you dictating to me what I should do. And that is what

temptation has he talks about. It's been redefined in the New Covenant as to mean a fight and struggle not to get into unbelief in the place of prayer as we can see.

I just want to appreciate Brother James for giving us the closure on this issue, like we started yesterday, as seen the place of fasting and what fasting is meant to do. So we are looking for a second evidence of what fasting, and looking...we can see the corroboration in this James Chapter 1 verse 5 telling us about the place of fasting. We saw it drag down unto verse 12 so that we can be able to overcome temptation. And that temptation is the struggle to drag us into unbelief.

And so our fasting is just like an endurance exercise which we are training ourselves. And in the place of prayer, we see prayer and fasting working together and having the purpose of training. It's just retraining us, in retraining our mind, in retraining our senses to the perception level that they should be. You know, we need to bring our senses up to perceive, the spiritual perception the way they ought to be. And so how can we bring our senses up, you use the instrument of prayer and fasting so that you can build up, that is what he is doing.

And we saw that again in that book of James, we see Brother James addressing insecurity in the place of prayer, because he was talking about some people will feel, giving us a fail-proof approach to praying, so that you can be sure that you will receive. So he was addressing so many things, he was addressing things we've been talking about, about faith. Your faith must be in place. You must come to a place that you are stable. You are stable, you have a stable emotions regarding what you are asking the Lord for.

Then he was addressing the issue of this insecurity that comes in the way, you are thinking that somebody is looking at yourself and feel like am low degree and somebody is high up, addressing those insecurity because there is a verse you brought into saying that on the part of God, his mind is made up on these things. But he said is about you, if you don't have confidence in the place of prayer, you cannot receive. Because if you don't have the confidence, you have the condemnation. If you don't have the confidence where you have condemnation, you have condemnation based on insecurity, you cannot receive anything. So the person should not think that he will receive anything.

So in the place of prayer, we saw in this book of James, addressing all those issues that might come in a way, this might come this one of low degree, Brother James addressed that and knock all those things off. So that we come into the place.

And you can only knock those things off by using the instrument of fasting to deal with your insecurity, fasting and prayer to deal with all those things that might stand in the way, that may lower and weaken your confidence, because on the part of God. We saw it, James even reiterated it and said that he gives liberally, he doesn't find fault.

So your fasting doesn't do anything to his nature. Your fasting does not change anything about his nature. He was talking and pin pointing, so he was able to clarify for God, on the aspect of God, he is stable, he is much more than willing, he doesn't even find fault. But for you, yes, you need to check, do you have the faith, your stability, the wavering.

So you really have to work on yourself. And you can do this, verse 12 was the cruz there that was telling you that to endure temptation, so you will need the instrument of prayer and fasting to bring your senses to par to the point of, you can receive, you can endure, you can take everything and bring everything to perceive at the level you want to be.

Thank you for that.

Now the question you want to talk about is, there is something we did talk about in the world of athletics which is endurance test. The question John, James, the Apostles raised by the Holy Spirit, he says blessed is the man that endure temptation. I mean, how long or how far can you and I go in actually enduring?

Let's see how prayer works when you are believing God for something or you are asking the Lord for something or you are praying or petitioning the Father for something. Now let's say this, you know, this particular verse of the scriptures that brought this all about, the Mark Chapter 9 episode, of Matthew 17 episode, is all there, in Luke 9 is the same story about the man who brought his son to Jesus to the disciples who couldn't do it, who couldn't cast out the devil and before the case was escalated to Jesus.

Now, if you notice one thing there, this issue of enduring actually comes in because, we now know the reason why Jesus was able to cast out that devil wasn't because of the fact that Jesus used a power that was higher than that of the disciples. How did I know that? Because the book of Acts Chapter 10 tell us that Jesus himself had to be anointed by the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:38 says **how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power**, and so as Christ was anointed, the disciples too received the power from Christ. So it doesn't really mean there was a lower level of authority or power

between Jesus and his disciples. But what was the difference was the capacity to endure that Jesus Christ had. He endured!

How did I know that? because for the very first time they brought the boy to Jesus, the Bible say the boy actually displayed the symptom, he actually fell down before Jesus and he began to foam in the mouth. He displayed the same thing he has being displaying at home. This was in the face of Jesus.

And then Jesus did not say Oh! my God I give up, I thought that I have the capacity to do this thing. I think this demon is crazy, or this demon is of a high level. I think I give up. But Jesus actually looked at what he was saying, he saw the boy foaming in the mouth and to Jesus he had to endure it. He had to endure. He said well, I can see the boy foaming in the mouth, but I know what I carry, this demon will go out. I mean that is the point.

And then again, when Jesus gave the instruction eventually to the demon to come out of the boy, the boy fell down again, and this time around, it even look like he was dead, going worse, but Jesus had to endure the situation.

Well, James is simply saying can we look and perceive things in the natural senses and still not respond to it? Endure! James say blessed is the man that can endure. A man that is not driven to unbelief based on what he see, or based on what he hears or based on what he feels. This is the endurance test in the place of prayer. James says enough of talking about prayer, James is saying enough of faith, let's talk about how can a man endure being drag into unbelief? How far can you stick your ground?

We saw the reason then why Jesus eventually was... in fact when the boy fell down as dead, here was Christ saying well, no problem. I have given instruction. With the instruction I gave, will actually take place. And then you can still be talking that, and you can still be saying things like that. Even though you can see that the boy was as dead. Again, enduring the temptation. **Enduring the dragging of being taken out into unbelief. Jesus stood his ground.**

And James is simply saying there is a panacea for unbelief. There is a way to actually deal with unbelief. How far can you endure temptation? How far can we endure or stay our ground or take our ground without responding to the things that we are seeing in the natural? This is the dividing ground between those who get answers to prayer and those who do not.

And that is why we are talking about this, this morning. He said blessed is the man that endure temptations.

Let's go on please, I will read from verse 12.

He says

James 1:12

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the lord hath promised to them that love him.

Receiving is now connected to the endurance, can you see that? So the reason that those who do not receive do not receive is because they didn't stay long enough there to endure.

Now he says,

he shall receive the crown of life, which the lord hath promised to them that love him

Look at verse 13,

13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man

It means when you are being drag between belief and unbelief. And I think before we actually going on with verse 14. The Lord minster something to me now, we need to look at that.

Let's look at 1Peter Chapter 5.

Again, we are talking about how to drive out this unbelief using the tool of fasting. Driving out this unbelief.

1Peter Chapter 5, you can read from verse 7.

Now watch this!

7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

I want you to take note of that please. I know this is one of the most popular verses in the Bible, but we need to see this in the context which the spirit of grace want us to see it.

He says casting your care upon him, what that means is, don't allow the cares or whatever your concerns is, don't allow that thing to overmaster your mind. That is what he simply saying. Don't allow unbelief to get in there.

And we've said unbelief comes in through our sense of sight, sense of hearing, sense of feeling. He says look at your care, and don't allow that to actually encroach in into your mind. Don't allow what you see, don't respond to what you see. So what you do is, quickly cast it, fling it to the Lord.

Watch the next thing what does it says?

For he careth for you.

Know his nature, know your Father's nature

Go on please,

Verse 8,

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

If you check some other translations, they will simply tell you that being sober there means being self-control. The NIV actually said, be self-controlled, be mentally alert. Watch the word, be self-controlled. Restraint. That is what we talk about fasting now. Putting your senses in charge. Telling your senses that whatever I tell you, whatever the Word of God tells you is what you respond to.

Now don't forget that, that says be self-controlled, be sober or be alert. Be self-controlled, restrain, now deny, can you see that?

Go on please,

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Well, again he is simply here is Satan walking about trying to devour people, now the question you are asking, how is he going to do that? I thought that they did tell us that Satan was defeated on the cross, Colossians 2:14, 15 tells us that Jesus spoilt principalities and powers and made a public show of them. And then you wonder, if that's happened, how is Satan going to devour me then? How is he going to consume me, or how can he do that when the Bible say he is been defeated? Or the question you want to ask again, how does Satan fight us as Christians? How does he actually come against a Christian, how does he do it?

Now see what he says,

Some Christian end up thinking of course, Satan is so powerful. The devil is so powerful that he can attack you, that he can afflict you, he can put sickness son you,

he can actually destroy your family, he can actually put poverty on your life, he can actually make life stressful for you. We put all these power in the hand of the devil. But let's see what the Bible says is the power of the enemy.

But don't forget before he talks about Satan looking for him to devour, he already warn you in verse 7 that listen, don't allow unbelief to encroach into your life. He said cast your cares, can you see that? Cast your cares unto the Lord for he cares for you, before he talks about the fact that the reason I told you to do that is because I want you to be self-controlled in verse 8, so that Satan doesn't have an inroad. Can you see that?

Can you see that the power of Satan actually does not actually start from the fact that he can do anything against you. He starts from your stand point first, before you allow him to have an inroad. Verse 7 is for you, verse 8 talks about Satan. Can you see that?

Now look at the next verse, this is where we are going to. See what he says in the next verse.

Verse 9.

9. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Whom resist...

Now he says resist him, stand your ground, can you see? Now, look at that in the context of James Chapter 1 that says he that endures temptation, he said resist him, stand your ground. Why?

stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Now we see then, he is simply saying there is a dragging going on. A dragging to drag you out of faith into unbelief, he said that is the point. He said that is Satan's most potent weapon. The attack of Satan on the saints is not just necessarily in saying that Satan can destroy you overnight, or you think I can sleep and Satan can attack me in my sleep and just kill me. Or you think Satan is so powerful, I can be going in a car, and he can cause an accident and I can die and all these. People have all these strange notions about the power of the enemy.

Let me tell you something, the Bible says in 1John 3:8 **for this purpose was the son of God manifest to destroy the works of the devil.** Listen, Jesus has actually come victorious, he's destroy all the powers of the enemy. So Satan doesn't have such a

power over your life. What does he do is this thing we are talking about today, about driving out unbelief. What Satan does is to drive unbelief into your life. That is what he does.

See what he says in verse 9, he says resist, standing steadfast, take your ground, standing firm in the faith. He says, so it means he's saying, can you endure temptation? Can you endure temptation? Again, that is James Chapter 1, can you endure, can you resist? Can you stand your ground? And what ground are we talking about? The ground to make sure we are we not driven into unbelief. That is our spiritual warfare. That is our spiritual struggle.

This is the reason why Paul told Timothy his spiritual son, he said, Timothy you need to fight the good fight of faith. Is a fight, don't allow things to drag you into unbelief. So the scriptures is simply saying we have to endure, that is the point. **We have to endure temptation, what temptation? The drive into unbelief.**

And what we see about fasting which is where we actually come up to this place, is that fasting according to the scriptures, according to 1Corinthians 7:5 is one of the tools that can allow us to be able to endure, to be able to stand our ground in not responding to our senses.

In fact the word endure is a very good word. So endurance test. Fasting is one of the ways where we can take charge and over master our senses and tell our senses, listen to what God's Word has to say. You will not drag me out of what the word is simply saying.

It seems like in 1Peter 5 -8, there were some salient points that I want to draw the attention of our viewers to. Because it seem like in verse 8 is telling us that there is a devil who is a like a roaring lion. So he is so clear, he is not a lion, is like a roaring lion. He was talking about how he works and how he operates.

And he was saying that, is not that he can pick anybody at all, he need to look around. So he doesn't have access to everybody. He can't just jump on anybody. So we see that, because some people have magnify the works of the devil so much and feel like the devil can just prawns on anybody. We see that he just have to go about, he need to go hunting. He needs to go around, go hunting because he is not just available. He need to seek out.

He said seeking whom. See, even the word, seeking whom he may devour. So he is not going to devour everybody. He doesn't have power over everybody like that. He just have to go for his target. So he look for all those weak target to devour. So telling you, you can choose to be, do you want to be a target for him? Just be an easy prey.

So you can remove yourself from that target and say am not going to be the kind that you can prawns on. So is not just everybody here. So you can see verse 8.

And then verse 9 was telling us to tell us know that there is drag here. There is a drag going on, because you won't get an instruction that says stay steadfast, that is maintain your stand, hold your ground, hold your spot. That shows that somebody want to take you out of your spot. Somebody want to take you out of your spot of faith and drag you to unbelief. Because it is only when you come out of that circumference, if you get out of that boundary of faith, that is when you can be accessible. You become an easy prey to the devil which is walking like a lion.

So there is fight and is like a fight for spot here. Because he was saying the spot of faith. Maintain your ground. So he's letting us to know how to go about this fighting. Opening us to the Word dynamics and the strategy here. Is about the place, somebody dragging you out because it is when you are drag out, people might not even understand what is about dragging out, what is the implication of you allowing yourself to be drag out. It is when you get drag out of that boundary of faith, or that your spot of faith that is when the devil can get to you. Then you become an easy target for the devil.

So you need to maintain your ground. That is what verse 9 says. And standing your spot of faith, remain steadfast unmovable, unshakeable from this spot. And so every arsenal of the enemy is just to push you. So you have your unbelief to push you out of faith into the boundary where you are easy target for the devil which is walking as a lion.

So we really need to understand and then you maintain this stand. How can you maintain your spot? Your ground of faith, you don't have your endurance test, you don't have your fitness test to even stand your ground. That is telling us that there will be a battle, a dragging. So we see the arsenal, the launching of things at us to push us in place of unbelief to push us out. But how can you resist, because is a pressure coming on you. So is battling between two agents, so how can you resist that if you don't have endurance, you don't have the fitness, you are not fit for that. So you build these things in the place of prayer and fasting. And we've already seen that this prayer and fasting is working, helping you to overcome temptations. We see temptation there, we see again, dragging here again. Remaining steadfast. So is line.

Thank you for that and thank you for bringing a deeper insight into this

Now viewers all over the world, we will like to highlight two things in this 1Peter 5:7-9. **The first thing is, you might want to ask the question who are those people that**

Satan could devour? Well, verse 7 tells us who they are. Verse 7 tells us who those people are, those that refuse to cast their cares upon the Lord.

What it mean is, or we can simply says, those that responded with their natural senses to their natural circumstances. There is no point. This is not a mystical verse. It tells you who those people are. And it says, well when we get to a point where you pray like I said, you believe in God, and you ask standing on the Word of God. You are in the place of prayer, and as soon as you pray, you open your eyes, you look around everything, look like the way they are before you began to pray or even grow worse before you began to pray. And your natural senses takes everything in, in a good way of perception. What do you do?

That is means, you are in verse 7 of 1Peter 5. What do you do? Do you say, Oh well, I think same O, same O, no difference, if you start then talking, acting and living life like nothing happened in the place of prayer. James says that is instability in our ways, the man is unstable in his ways. And then verse 8 of 1Peter 5 says already that person has actually been dragged, that is why he says talking about the fact that resist, standing firm in the faith.

You know, we said this before in the past, please check our previous transmission where we said people talk about faith! Faith! Faith! But we need to talk about how to drive out also unbelief. If not, it will not be in the right context for 1Peter 5 verse 9 to says whom resist ye, then steadfast in the faith. He should have just said, hey! brethren be steadfast in the faith. He should have just said make sure you stand in the faith. He said No! You will stand in faith but can you also stay against something? Can you fight unbelief? Can you drive out unbelief first? That is what he is saying. So we cannot, one does not make up for the other. We said this before, you can't just talk about building up faith and not just talk about how do you resist the drag into unbelief.

So 1Peter 5:9 says **resist** then he says **steadfast in the faith**. So this is what we are talking about. So what we are actually focusing on, on this transmission is the resisting, is the driving out of the unbelief. And we don't want the enemy to drag us into that.

So we've seen one part in verse 7 that says how unbelief comes in and verse 9 tells us that we are going to resist the drag into unbelief. And what we've said on our yesterday transmission is, that is what we are talking about fasting, is an endurance test. If you are talking about resisting, to resist you need endurance to resist. So 1Peter 5 says you need to resist. And to resist means, don't respond to the drag. Don't

respond to the enticement. Don't respond to the invitation by the enemy. And the invitation is to respond to the cares of this world.

Don't take that invitation, that is what he is simply saying. And that won't happen, unless we train our senses to come in subservient to us.

Before you go, I want to just bring the attention of our viewers again, to verse 7, he was saying casting all your care upon him. Because is like resist all these pressure. We are talking about the endurance test, being fit you know. And then he was saying if you allow this to encroach on you, all the pressure, and the cares of the world, all the needs and necessity and things you really want to get done. If you allow it and you don't know where to place it, so you carry this burden on yourself.

You get weaken, unbelief comes in and you get weaken, you cannot even stand on the spot of faith. You are out already! Because you are weaken and down, because you are taking the pressure that should be on you. You are taking in the weight. So we are talking about endurance and we are looking at this verse 7 in the light of endurance and fitness in the place of prayer, in the spot and standing our ground because verse 9 says we have to stand. There is a standing in steadfast in something.

And for you to be able to do that to resist and stand, in this way. You really need to know how to push all these where it should be. You need to know how to carry appropriate words.

If you allow these cares to be on you, on your shoulder, on your mind, then you are already falling down. There is no way you can do a standing. There is no way you will have enough energy to resist. So you cannot resist, you cannot stand in faith. Because you are taking the burden that is not yours. And how will you be able to know and able to push this burden and push this cares upon the Lord, if you have not even train your senses to know what, to push away this is not for you, this is the Lord's concern. Because we have some translations of that place that says because the Lord affectionately cares for you. Is not grudgingly am just coming in, he affectionately cares for you. So for people who has understood that, who has their senses has been exercise to understand that, the Lord affectionately cares, he is the burden bearer. They know that.... They resist and push away. So it doesn't stay on them

Their senses does not even absorb this cares of the world and necessity. No! It just jump out, you know just like repellant. So you have trained your body in the place of fasting and prayer. That your body repels all those burdens, all those anxiety because your body has known that this is not for it. Is the Lord's burden. It is not yours.

And so they have understood even by volume of scriptures that the Lord, he daily loads us with benefits. He is the one that stands, that is the duty of cares. He's telling you that the Lord's duty of care is to seek out all these things, to do these for you. So the body has already know that. And he is reacting and responding. And as the weight is coming, they just repel it. It is the body that is being trained, because they know they need to stay fit, they need to stay light. Because you need to stay fit and stay light for you to be able to stand your ground.

So you need that fitness to be able to stand your ground and be able to do the pushing. So when the burden is coming and the burden of unbelief, you will be able to push., and when you stand your ground, you cannot get outside the boundary of God's providence, the boundary of faith to be accessible for the enemy walking as a lion, who is looking about for those people are being push out. So you can see the place of fasting and prayer in this episode as a way of escape just like we started yesterday.

Thank you for that.

Now you see, let's go back to James and see what James has to speak to us or tell us regarding enduring temptation. If you have been following us for the past half an hour or thereabout, what you will notice that we pointed out is, temptation is deeper than the way we think it is. Most people think is about falling into that kind of sin. Well, is a drag going on. Because James introduces us to the fact that you want to stay out of unbelief, he said blessed is the man that endures temptation for he shall receive. Can you see that?

Now look at the next verse, verse 13 and see what the insight that this is going to give us into driving out this unbelief using the tool of fasting and prayer.

Now see what he says,

13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

He is saying, let take God out of that business. Don't put God into that loop. Back to what we said before, the fact that if your prayers are not answered, or things are not taking place in the place of prayer or your prayer life is not effective. Don't put the burden on God.

Now you want to listen to one of our transmission where we said "flipping the prayer coin." Don't put it on God. James says if you get to a point where you are not enduring temptation, and the thing is dragging you into unbelief, and eventually get

no result, he said don't even say God. Don't mention the name of God. Don't even say God are you looking at me like this?

I mean some people have become experts in flipping the coin on God. They say, well God, how long? This is a New Year, this is the middle of the year, my mates have gone farther. Don't look at me like this. The year is coming to an end. James said, don't do that. Don't flip the coin on God. Don't do that. James says don't even bring God to the equation because on his side, he gives liberally without finding fault.

It will mean then if you are being drag, if you didn't endure temptation, if you responded to what you saw, if you are unstable in your ways and because of your instability you couldn't receive anything from the Lord. He said don't call God into this equation. So James tell us don't call God now. That is what he is trying to tell us.

He said verse 13, if you are being tempted, he said don't ever mention God in this equation.

Now verse 14, he says

14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Ok! Thank you James. James is not going to tell us how it happens and how we can come out it. He says every man is being drag into unbelief. He said every man is tempted when is drawn away. Something is drawing, of his own lust and enticed.

Now James brings two things by the spirit of grace into this. **He said there is a drawing and there is an enticement.** So James said, there is dragging that goes on. He said this dragging is quite very enticing, is very fascinating. That is why we followed the dragging. Is something we find so convenient to do. It is a natural state to be. It is the state that is so fit in into our mentality and James says when every man is being tempted, he is being drawn by his own lust and enticed.

Now if you look at the next verse...

Again, don't forget this, this is bigger than a picture we see in most times like we said, most Christians are being narrow minded on this particular verse. We end up thinking is about falling into sin. Of course it is technically falling into sin because the Bible says in Romans Chapter 14 that everything that is not of faith is sin. Technically is like falling into sin, if you then drag out of faith into unbelief, it is. But is not like the kind of sin we are thinking about.

James is addressing unbelief here. How did I know that? Because he was talking about a man that was unstable in his ways. Talking about the brother of low degree. I mean a brother of low degree, he didn't say is committing sexual immorality. Is about the way the brother sees himself in the place of prayer.

So James is addressing a bigger picture beyond what we think about sin here. So he is saying that if every man is being tempted or he is being drag away into unbelief, in the place of prayer, he said what happens is, every man is tempted when is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.

Now the word enticed means fascinating, is something that we can easily fall for.

Now look at verse 15, he said

15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Again, this is where the issue is, so James is introducing a whole perspective to this issue of driving out unbelief. He's simply saying what simply happens is, let's look at this as conception. This is what James is saying. He's bringing conception into this. He said, when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin.

So James is simply saying, that every time we looked at these things on the outside, every time you respond to the circumstances, every time we respond to what we see on the outside, James is saying, is simply as if there is conception. That is how it happens.

Now, we all can use this as an illustration. What is conception? How does it happen? Conception happens whether in human or in animals or in plants, in human you know conception takes place when you have the seed from the man and the egg from the woman, when they meet up, there is a conception that actually happens. So James is simply saying that when you look at the outside, and you look at things and you respond to circumstances, and it's as good as having a conception taking place.

Don't forget what we said,

I think for time we cannot get into this verse, because there is so much to do because out time is far spent. So we are going to continue from this verse, because there is a lot. Is not something that we do within a minute.

So we are inviting you for the next episode, 7pm UK time on Saturday as we continue on this.

So we want to say you can support us by sharing this on your page and among your contacts so that they can know what is happening. You spread the Word around. You don't want to be the only one hearing this.

And again we started the subject of prayer, we can use this time to say now that you have the understanding of what praying is about. Now with your understanding, we want you to put it into practice. We want you to support us, praying with us and praying for us, that we will be able to be effective in this place in our place of ministry.

So till we see you next Saturday 7pm UK time, we have a lot, you can see we have not even started driving out this unbelief. We've not started anything about it. And is just, is very meaty so we are hoping you will join us next Saturday 7pm UK and you are going to call your contacts and you are going to share this one.

So we are still expecting your questions, your comments and suggestion on our box, privately and publicly.

So till we see you next week, we just say there is a way of escape you need to find that out.

So Bye!!

See you!!!!