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The Fear and Trembling Factor

Good day viewers, this is Expose 247 where our focal point and our line of vision is Christ. And so today we respectfully ask that you actively participate in this Exposition today by coming on strong at us with your comments, questions and clarifications. We remember very well we are in the Knock Out season where pull down every erroneous teaching, we take them out of the circulation and pushing out the truth of God's Word.

And presently we've been on the Lord's prayer. And the last two episodes, if you missed them, you know where to go, our page. We talked about the **DoneDeal** and **DoingThatwhichwasdone**. So am just going to ask for a quickly recap so that we and bring us to speed for anyone who might have missed any of these episodes to know what we've been doing, and so you can really understand where we will be kicking off from today.

So over to you.

Thank you so much for that.

Now, just to let you know where we've been on Knock out series on prayer. To recapitulate you will noticed that we've been looking at the Lord's prayer in Matthew Chapter 6, specifically in the light of the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus. One thing we said before, let's reiterate that, is the fact that you could not pray the Lord's prayer in the same way disciples pray the prayer because to them, it was before the New Covenant. And for us, it's after the New Covenant.

And the Bible says we are able ministers of the New Covenant not after the deadness of the letter but after the newness of the spirit. It is in that understanding we've been looking at the Lord's prayer.

And specifically for the past two episodes, we've been looking at the will be done on earth as it is heaven. That was the phrase we've been looking at. And based on that we've done two episodes, which is first **the Done Deal** where we actually stressed out the fact that Jesus said He has come to do the will of the Father. So the Will of God has been done. That is what we stressed out.

So for us in the New Covenant, we are not looking for a Will that has to be done. God's Will has been done. Jesus said not as I will but your will be done. So that is the done deal.

And then we went ahead to talk about the fact that if the will is done, what do we as believer in the New Covenant do in that Will? And we looked at the next episode which says **Doing that which was done**. And we actually explained the role of the believer in the will that was done.

And today we are going to continue in the light of that revelation. There was something that came up in our last transmission and we are going to stress on that today. And we actually stopped specifically in 1John Chapter 2 verse 15. That is where we stopped in our last transmission regarding the Will of God.

Now, if you look at your Bible in 1John 2:15.

He says,

love not the world, neither the things in the world, if any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Now, what we are interested in majorly is verse 16 and 17 of 1John Chapter 2. What does it says?

He says,

16. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lusts of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world.

Now, what might be of interest to you regarding the will of God in the life of a believer is verse 17.

17. And the world passes away with the lust thereof, (the lusts inside it). But he says but he that doeth (does) the will of God abides forever.

If you have the KJV translation, he will used the word **doeth**. If you have other translations, modern translations use the word he that does the will of God abides forever.

Now, looking at this on the surface, it will sounds to the casual reader that this actually runs contradictory to what we said about the fact that Jesus said the will has been done. But what does the Apostle John by the Holy Ghost then mean when he says that the believer, the one that will stand forever is the one that does. That is a continuous tense.

So it means the believer is still expected to do the will of God. Not like something you do in the past or something that was sorted out. They said is what you have to continually do because the word **does** in English is a continuous tense. Something that must be done continually. He that does the will of God.

Now, let me say this before we continue to other verses. For you as a Christian, you've got to understand New Covenant vocabulary. New Covenant terminology. You see when we see the word **does**, for somebody using the lenses of legalism, what they start thinking is what do I need to perform to make God happy and satisfy me? Every time we see the word **do, do, do** in the scriptures, what we think straight on is I need to do something on behalf of God and his kingdom, so that things can be sorted out. We always think about that.

But you see the word **does** as it is being used in the New Covenant is completely different in the way it's being used in the old covenant. We are going to stress that out today. How does the believer do the will of God? He says he that does the will of God.

Now, am going to zero in on that word **does**. How do you do things in the New Covenant? How do you perform in the New Covenant? Unless we clarify that, we might mistakenly start to take on the Rod of Moses and the jacket of Elijah thinking that we are trying to do the will of God.

Now, we are going to clarifying that. Let's go to James Chapter 1. What does the word does? What does it mean to do the will of God in the New Covenant? What does it mean to? How do you do what God said has been done already?

Now, let's go to James Chapter 1 verse 22. What does it says there.

You can read from verse 22 please,

Now, watch out the word **does**. What does it mean for believer in the New Covenant do the will of God? So every time somebody says I want to do God's will for my life, now this is how you can understand what you are trying to say about yourself.

What does it says please?

James 1

22. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves

But be ye doers of the word,

Now, please mark out the word **doers**. So he is encouraging you to be a doer of the Word. But please I will like the word doer.

Now let him clarify what it means for a believer to do the Word. Can you see?

What does he says?

Go on please?

22. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves

So he says anytime you don't do what the Word of God says you are deceiving yourselves.

Now ok. Now even that word **deception** should come out to you as the fact that deception means when somebody says something or does something that is contrary to what is the real thing. That is what we call deception.

So when you say or do anything that is not in agreement with what is true is call deception.

So now this begin to come to light what it means to do the Word of God. He says do the will of God. He says this is about you not deceiving the reality of who you really are. Can you see that? He says is about deception. So every time you don't do the will of God, every time you don't do the Word, he says you are deceiving yourselves.

Now, I think that particular statement should begin to bring to light what it means to do in the New Covenant.

Continue please,

23. For if anyone be a hearer of the word, and not a doer,

Again the word **doer** again.

he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.

24. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Go on please,

25. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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Now he that looks, that is the person that doing the Word. Can you see?

Continue please,

and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

He says as long as a man does not forget what he looks like, that man is the doer of the Word. Does that sounds like when we hear... you see that is why am simply saying that you cannot view a New Covenant statement or scriptures with the lenses of the Old covenant. If you do, you will be putting new wine into old wineskin. And Jesus said if you do that in the gospel, He said you will cause a big tear in the wineskin. You can't do that.

In this place, it's so clear. He is saying what it means to **do** the work of God. What it means to do the will of God is as long as you don't forget what you really look like. So if anybody is expressing, if you are talking as a Christian and if you are expressing your life as a Christian based on what God's Word says you are, the Bible says in the New Covenant that is what it means to do the work of God. That is what it means to do the will of God.

It means then, the will of God has been done in you. The will of God is already a settled matter in you, but he says can you talk, can you live your life every day? Can you look at circumstances and situations with exact picture of how God sees you? With the exact picture of how God calls you? With the exact picture of what the name that God gives to you? He said if you can live like that way, and talk that way, you are doing the work of God. You are doing the will of God.

Have you noticed in the gospel, in John. They asked Jesus a question, they said what must we do to work the works of God? Jesus said well, don't make a mistake now, you are not Elijah, you are not Moses, you are not Hezekiah, you are not Ezekiel. You see humanity, we have this performance mentality where we think that we are going to bring something to God's table so that we can become a partner in what God is doing in our lives. Well sorry to burst your bubble. That is not the reality.

Jesus answered them back when they asked him, what must we do to work the works of God? He said the work of God is to believe. Can you see? Do you agree with what God said you are? Will you talk the way God says you are? Will you think the way God says you are? Will you act the way God says you are? Will you respond to life the way God says you are? He says if anybody does that, that is the one doing the work of God. That is the one doing the will of God.

The reason we are talking about this is because in 1John 2:16, 17 anytime you then read that, he that does the will of God will abide forever. That should then change your whole outlook if you are a New Covenant person. Can you see that? So we

cannot misinterpret the mindset of God anytime you see the word **do**, do. So if you see the word **do**, **do** in the New Covenant, you are going to see it in a whole different light.

Some Christians today who are confuse, who are struggling in their Christian journey, this word **do** has become one of the thing that confuse them. Anytime they see the word **do**, they think about something completely different from what was in the mind of God when He put this in the New Covenant scriptures.

And let us say this categorically, the New Covenant did not start until the shedding of the blood of Jesus. So we know what 1John 2:16-17 is saying about you doing the will of God. Every time you forget what you look like, every time you don't respond to the way God calls you, you have not done the will of God in that situation. You are not doing the work of God.

So here we see what it means to do the will of God in the New Covenant. Now, before we go on the question you want to ask then is, why do we struggle as Christians? Why is it hard for us to actually express out and just manifest every day the way God calls us and the way God sees us? Why is it a challenge for so many Christians? I believed you are listening to this transmission today, some of you might have heard what we are talking about today. Some of you might have even heard somebody talks about this, may be a preacher or teacher or you read your Bible and you actually heard someone says this before. Why do Christians always revert back to seeing ourselves the way society calls us, the way culture calls us, the way people calls us?

Some of us are so stocked to our human traditions. We are stocked to the cultural background where we came from and interpret life completely based on that. Not exactly the picture of the new life of Christ that is in us. Why do we struggle? That is what we are going to be looking at very soon.

Now talking about expressing the will of God...

I will just like to say that is positioning. It's bringing clarity to people that might have thought that ok, there is nothing more to do, we are in the New Testament age. We just need to fold our hands, you know there is a doing that need to be done and there is a way to go about it. That is the thing.

And we cannot interpret our assignment, our work, our job title and job description based on our cultural upbringing or how we relate with life, the natural life. So we cannot just go and look for our own and make up our own toolbox and put on our own kind of aprons and gloves and say this is how to do the work. So James clarify who is

doing and who is not doing and how things should be done. What is being done and what is not. And I hope that clarity has come.

Now, I think from what you just said now before we carry on to this challenge and struggle that believers has in doing the will of God, in just seeing ourselves the way God sees us. Before we go into that, let's us say something quickly about what you just mentioned.

You see just to make sure we don't sound ambiguous or vague in regarding this issue of you not being a forgetful hearers of what God says about you.

Now, you could actually look into the scriptures and look at what Christ accomplished on the cross. Look at the implication of the crucifixion of Jesus. What is the implication of his crucifixion? The implication of the crucifixion is your old man was crucified with Christ. Every old life that you had, everything that is tied down to your background, to your culture, to where you came from. The Bible says that man, the old man, the one that is linked to the traditions of your elders according to 1 Peter, he said he was dead with Christ. The things that define you, the things that society used to define you, he said those things were crucified with Christ. Your race, your ethnic background, your social class, your gender. He says in Christ all these erroneous distinction were abolished in Christ Jesus. He abolished them all in his flesh when He was nailed to the cross.

Now think about that, so it means then if you identify yourselves again after the flesh, it will mean that you are not taking on the identity that Christ gives. Can you see that? He calls you a new creation in Christ Jesus. He calls you God's righteousness in Christ Jesus. It doesn't mean if you are not feeling righteous today, it doesn't mean if you are not feeling perfect today, the Bible says he that knew no sin was made sin for you so that you have become the righteousness of God in him. Not in you. In him! Can you see that?

If God calls you his righteousness, it will mean that if you don't think, act or talk that way, you are not doing the will of God. That means you have become a forgetful hearer. You are not seeing yourself in the mirror of what God's Word says you are. That is why we all need a mirror to see our face. We need a mirror to see our teeth. We need a mirror to see some parts of our body. That is the same way we need the Word of God to give us a picture of who we are.

And the Bible says if somebody is not doing this, he is not doing the will of God. Can you see? The irony of the matter is some people who don't do this actively in their

lives as Christians are the ones going about praying to know the will of God for their lives. Can you see? It is a bit strange. That is the irony of the matter.

We will keep shouting... people go to mountain, Father I want to know your will for my life. You know people talk about these things but yet in reality, we are not actually doing it the way the scriptures says we should do it.

So let's go on quickly to Philippians Chapter 2. In Philippians 2 we will then seek to clarify why we then struggle to express and manifest this will of God in our lives?

Philippians Chapter 2, you can read from verse 12, we will take it from there.

Philippians 2

12. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Now, mark the word **obeyed**. Again this is another word that is always a wrinkle in some people's brain when they read this scriptures. Again, if somebody reads the word obey in the light of a mindset of the Old Covenant it means something different to them.

You see again, we reiterate there are some words that are in the New Covenant you need to view them in the light of the New Covenant. Can you see?

Again, when you hear the word obey. Yes, we need to obey God. Of course you need to obey God. But how does somebody obey God in the New Covenant? Let's see what he has to say there.

What does he says there?

But now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

So it means he is simply saying this obedience he is talking about is about you working out your salvation. We are still going to actually clarify that statement. Again we are looking for manifesting or doing the will of God. That is why we are here.

Continue please,

13. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Now, the reason why I like this verse 13 is, it actually connect the will and the doing together in the same sentence. And that is why we have been connecting that in previous verses we read up till now.

Actually to do the will of God that has been done by Christ. Christ said I have come to do the will. We also have to do the will but in a different light from the way Christ did it because for us, to do the will of God is to express the nature of God, the way God calls us that we are, and talk like that.

Here he combines the two of them. He said God works in you both to will and to do.

Now let's clarify this. So we see the word **obedience**. So now, we are no more in the dark about how a believer in the New Covenant obeys God's Word. See what he says, he said to obey is just as much as somebody who is working out his salvation. It is the same vein. Working out your salvation.

Now, to work out.... I think the word **workout** is not a very strange word to us in our generation. And the reason am saying that is because people go out to the Gym to work out. Can you see? People say I want to go and work out. It's a very common phrase people use. I want to work out.

When people says they want to work out, the understanding there is they are trying to build up on the outside, something they have capacity for on the inside. Is a matter of just working it out. At least we all agree that the capacity is there on the inside but we want to bring it out. That word itself tells you that you cannot do anything as a believer that has not be already sorted out and finished already in your spirit man. That word is so clear. You cannot work out what Christ has not work in.

So that is why we've been saying for the past few episodes that as a believer we must come to the point of understanding and having the revelation of what Christ meant when he says it is finished. What did Christ mean by saying it is finished? We must be able to come to terms with the very specifics of that.

In fact, when the psalmist said in Palms 103 "Blessed the Lord my soul and forget not all his benefit." All the things that accord the benefit of redemption, the benefits of the Cross, the things that God worked in, those are the things we are supposed to build upon and work out. And he says we have to work them out. Every single item of them. He says work them out.

To work them out is simple. Go all the way back to James 1 that we read before, verse 23-25, he's simply asking me just looking at myself in the mirror and not forgetting

the way I looked like, and talking, living, acting in life exactly that way. And that is what we see there.

Yea, it seems like majority of people when they read this Philippians Chapter 1 verse 12. The concluding part, this is what they read. So work for your salvation with fear and trembling. They see as working for it. So slaving for it. So working for. So they really don't pay attention that there is no working for your salvation and trembling. Working out that is something that is already inside of you. There is a deposit inside of you. Because you work out what is inside. Is already deposited in you just like you have muscles because you can't come to the Gym if you have some genetic diseases where you don't even have muscles or anything at all. So some people cannot come into... even working it out is hard for them. They can't work out. So is not everybody that can go the Gym. So you need to be certified. You have the something that you can work on. You have the muscles. And so that is it.

Working out what is already, you have the deposit, the seed of God in you. So you have a seed that is implanted in you. You have the DNA inside of you that is why working out makes sense. And that is why the word there is working out. But you cannot afford to read working for into it.

I don't really want to care where you are coming from, you might be used to working for everything. Working for wherever you are, maybe your society is just slavish and wherever the working conditions and everything. So you are used to working for everything you have ever been to. Whatever you have ever had, you worked for it. But you really have to take your head, your brain out of that system and coming to the way God's economy and God's system is this. He had already put it in you, it is working out not working for it. May you get the liberation today. Amen

And then you see this working out of your salvation, the Bible says it is God that works in you, can you see? It means there is nothing you can do anyway if he didn't work in you. It is God that works in you. So it means nobody should teach you about working out unless they are able to show you the picture of what God works into you.

And if you've been on with us on our prodigal Father series, even right to the time we started our Knock Out series, we've been trying to emphasize what God work in. Because we cannot go beyond working out... our working out can only go up to the extent of how much you understand what God worked in. That is why he said for it is God what works in you. The word for means even though I told you to work out, is because I know God has already worked in something.

And so he says God works in you both to will and to do. See! Your doing and your obeying... so does that not sound a picture to us that obeying and doing in the New covenant is as much as you just working out? That is what it means. So anytime people, Oh you are going to do what God said. You are going to obey God. For you in the New Covenant it is as simple and basic as you simply saying, I am what God calls me in the New Covenant. So that you can also talk like Apostle Paul in 1Corinthians 15, I am what I am by the grace of God. That kind of speech, that kind of talking is as simple as you working out what God worked in.

And when you say things like that, when you think like that, it will affect your actions, it will affect how you look at things, how you appraise circumstance, how you appraise situations. What people call a disruption, what they call a downfall. You will see differently because you are working out, you are seeing yourself in the picture that the Father actually calls you. That is how simple it is to do the will of God. This is how to obey God in the New covenant. You see, he tied it up to with obedience. Can you see? This is New Covenant obedience in the way Apostle Paul saw that.

The interesting part for me is that, even from this passage and these verses every mouth is shut because there is no bragging right. No matter what result you come out with the working out, you know people will come definitely with result. Even when you go to the Gym, everybody had their result, there fitness result for exercising. Because exercising all these things spiritually, exercising our faith, exercising all that is deposited in us, as we are reaching out for all those benefits and bringing them out all these things. We are going to have result for that. But we cannot brag about it. Because he is the one that works in us both to will and to do. So we don't have any bragging right. Whatsoever result that we come out with.

And so if you see some people maybe they are bragging about any of the result of the working out, they really need to understand because he is the one that will. They are just working out what is already inside of you. So how do you do as if you have not received.

What you are saying is actually quoting 1Corinthians 6 when he says "there is nothing that you have that you have not received" He said if you received it then why do you boast as if you never received it? It means whatever you are going come up with is what God worked in. Because definitely there is going to be result. Just like you go out, there is going to be result.

So people that have result, it is natural if you work it out what is inside of you, if you are not going to be lazy about it, if you are not going to give expression to it and make a demand on it. Because working out is making a demand, pressure point and yes

come out, it is inside of me. Am the righteousness of God, yes I must talk like that. You are making a demand, even when you are feeling like you want to react the opposite the way. You know that I have the seed of God in me, the one that has the seed of God does not say that kind of a thing and putting that pressure in him. You have it inside and you are talking to yourself and bringing it out to get the result of the righteousness. People see it and see the righteousness. They see the fruits and they glorify your Father. That is why he said they will glorify your Father because it is the Father that put it in there.

Why is it that He did not say they will glorify you when they see the good work in you. They will glorify the person that work it in you. The one that owns the glory that shows the person that has the seed. Because it is not your seed. It is his seed. The seed of the Son of God is inside of us. That glory goes to him. So people cannot abrogate any glory to themselves. Even with these fruits of the working out. Because there is going to be fruits, results with this working out but the glory is to the Father the one that work in us both to will. He is the one that works.

See! The fact then remains the more we work out... there is one thing he said, he said work out your salvation. This is amazing because the word salvation is already big word. Quite huge! It is the word **soteria** in Greek, the word sozia. Complete deliverance from destruction. That is what it means.

Psalms 107:20 says "he sent forth his Word and he healed them and delivered from all there destruction." It is deliverance from destruction. The destruction that is at the moment working in the system of this world at the moment. Because we are not just going to be saved when we get to Heaven. We need salvation on the earth. You don't need salvation in heaven. It is on the earth we need salvation from destruction.

You see, you cannot say you are lonely, you cannot say you are depress when the Bible simply says I will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13). That is what God works in you. But you then have to come to terms and say well, if that's what God says he has done in me by saying, he will never leave me nor forsake. I actually have to see myself in that picture and talk and live and act that way. That is how simple it is to obey in the New Covenant.

Again am highlighting the word **obedience** in the New Covenant as you can see in Philippians 2:12. This terminology must be interpreted in the right way. So we see that. So that is what we see that God is simply saying there. But now this is actually the key thing now. This is the key thing which actually in a way restrict or limit so many Christians who have heard some teachings like this not to make progress.

See what he says there.

Look at the last phrase in verse 12.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

That is the word. The Apostle gave a kind of instruction, apostolic instruction and he warns us. He says the process of looking at yourself in the mirror of God's Word and not being a forgetful hearer and you want to be a doer of the Word. He says you will have to do it with fear and trembling. This is amazing.

Let's talk about how people tend to interpret this in general before we talk about the mindset of the Apostle in this particular verse 12. Most people think he says the reason why you have to work for like you were saying, some people even take out the word work out. They are reading work out, but in their mind they are reading working for. Because it is a legalistic mindset.

The reason why you are going to work for your salvation and not mess up or joke with God. The reason why you want to make sure you cross all the ts' and dot all the i's and make sure that you live so much perfect. The reason why you have to do that is because the Bible says with fear and... we must fear. This is serious! Hell and heaven is not a joke. This is fear and trembling. This is how most people tend to interpret this Philippians 2:12.

But is that really what he says? He is simply saying here... some people will like to know what that fear and trembling is? We are going to interpret that. The Bible says in the book of Corinthians, "out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let every matter be established." He said no scriptures is of private interpretation. Nobody can say I think this is what this Word is saying. We shouldn't do that with the Word. Let the Word interpret the Word.

Before I take you to another verse where the Apostle Paul mentioned the word fear and trembling in what we do. Maybe we can even read that first and come back to this place and view it in the light of that.

You can read the book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 2. You can read verse 2 and verse 3. That is another place where the Apostle Paul....

Now, I want to encourage you as you are listening to this, if you have the previous interpretation for that verse, I want to say well the Bible says in James Chapter 1, let's received the Word of God with meekness, the engrafted Word that can save our soul. Let's look at this together, that is what he says. Just using scriptures to interpret scriptures.

Can you read 1Corinthians Chapter 2 verse 2 and 3,

1Corinthians 2

2. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Well, that is Paul saying I have made a decision. That was a bold decision. You want to come to people and tell them everything I want to know about you is Christ and him crucified. I don't want to hear stories. I don't want to hear something about your culture, about your tradition, about your elders, about what somebody said, about what you think make sense. I don't want to hear anything about you. All I want to know about you is Christ and him crucified. If there is something you are doing, if there is something you believed that is not based on the revelation of Christ crucifixion. I want you to drop it. I don't want to know else among about you. That is what he saying to them.

Look at the next verse what does he says there?

3. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

Here we come with that phrase again. Paul said I was with you in much fear and in much trembling.

Look at the next verse please,

4. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

So let's put it this way. So Paul said when I was making speeches and I was talking to you. All I was saying was Christ and him crucified. And then as I was saying that, I was saying that with fear and trembling.

Of course if you want to interpret the word fear and trembling to mean that Paul was saying that because he was scared of going to hell. That doesn't make any sense in this case. Because he says I had to declare the truth. And if you read, we don't have much time I will encourage you to read all of 1Corinthians Chapter 2, it is the same line of thought about the fact that Paul said I want to make sure I said nothing else but Christ and him crucified among you. I don't want to hear anything else.

But Paul said as I was saying that, I had to be bold to say that. The reason why I had to be bold to say that, I know there are other things on ground about your lifestyles, about the way you live life, about the way you think about life, about your value system. You know so many Christians today pick their value system from their

family. They pick their value system from their culture, from the society where they live, what is popular. People picked their value system from that, they live that way.

And then no other church depict that kind of mentality like the Corinthian church did. We know about them. We don't have time to go into details. But you can read the confusion of the Corinthians brethren. Paul said I know what is happening among you Corinthians. But when I came, I had to be bold to declare to you. I don't want to hear anything except Christ and him crucified. He said as I was bold to make that declaration, I had to do it with fear and trembling.

Fear and trembling in that sense simply says I know I was coming against something that is contrary to what am talking about. I knew I was coming against something that was opposite to what actually I brought.

And then this will sound this way, if somebody brings to you even in the natural, in our natural world. If somebody decides to give you an assignment or give you an opportunity but they know you have the capacity to do that thing and they give it to you to do. And you look outside and you look at your environment and everything in your environment seems to try to tell you that well, are you sure you can do this. Am even talking naturally now. What happens?

As you begin to execute that responsibility that they gave to you. Because you are having the fear of failure. The fear of what people will say. You actually do that thing with so much fear and you are going to do it anyway, but there is fear of what people will say, there is fear of what about if I fail? What about if the things am coming against overwhelm this things?

There is always a fear and trembling that come when you are coming against what is on ground. Even though that thing on ground is trying to intimidate what you have in you. The Apostle Paul said well, I will come with that kind of speech. I will not allow what is on ground to intimidate me. I will speak out, my speech was not with persuasive words, but is the demonstration of the spirit and power. I know what am saying. I know what am teaching. I know what am preaching runs contrary to what is on ground. And here Paul says this has to be done with fear and trembling. Can you see? He said I did it with fear and trembling.

Now, if you go all the way back to Philippians Chapter 2 verse 12 that we read. He says if you as a Christian, will be able to work out what God has worked in. He is giving us a very stern note of warning. He said you will have to do it with fear and trembling. It will mean then what we are talking about today simply means everything around you will run contrary to what the will of God has been done in your life is.

Everything in your health might run contrary to the done will of God in your life. Everything about your body feelings might run contrary to the done will of God in your life. Everything about your bank account might run contrary to the done will of God in your life. Will you arise and talk and think and act contrary to what you see in your circumstances based on what God said? Will you arise and do that? Will you allow fear and intimidation to actually coerce you from doing that?

He says in doing, you will have to do it with fear and with trembling. For some of us, the reason why we are not acting out the will of God is the intimidation that is coming out from our environment. The Bible says you have to stand up in the midst of that fear, in that midst of that trembling you have to act out what the will of God says.

So most people end up not making progress because they are intimidated by that fear and by trembling. Apostle Paul says you have to act it out in the midst of that fear. You have to act it out in the midst of that trembling. He says work it out even though it comes with fear and trembling.

I strongly feel that if you really understand the word fear and trembling as Apostle Paul depicted it in this passage, it's going to help us in our local gathering and assembly. So we will be able to set our agenda right. Of course that was what made the Apostle Paul to set his agenda right. He was able to know... there was so many things he could have talked about, even about his career which he can use his legal career and advice to bless them. You know things that could have blessed the people of God then. The Corinthian church about his counsel, about his wisdom, and about his connections, about his citizenship, about his skills, the craft tent making. He has a lot that he could have shared and be beneficial.

But because of this fear and trembling, he was able to set his agenda right and what he wanted to discuss, he will not say anything except Christ and him crucified. So in case we do understand this thing, the settling of this fear and trembling. It's going to help us to set our agenda right. And to be able to know amidst all these, amidst all these intimidating factors, amidst enormous tasks of what to talk about, amidst all social crusades, costs and justices, things to really talk about, to do something about. Because there will be so many things, conflicting interests, things that will take our time. But this fear and trembling will make us to be able to set our agenda right, which one has eternal significance, which one will I spend all of my time and make adjustment. Yes I can talk about every other thing. I can talk about some other things that are good and notable and worthy, but I will talk about Christ and him being crucified. We will be able to make that distinction, to be able to prioritize.

Even apart from our gatherings, we will be able to use it in our personal life as it is in the book of Philippians. So what you are working out, you have to bring it beyond the corporate understanding. We need to have the personal understanding of this fear and trembling so you will be able to set the agenda of your life right again.

Thank you for that.

You see there are some things we've shared in the past. Some things we actually talk about, the reason why some Christians will actually not be motivated well enough to act on what God says they are, if some of them think if I live life the way you people are talking about, will things work out for me like this? Can you see? If I decide to come to the fact that am blessed with all spiritual blessings that is available in Christ Jesus, and I did not respond to a man of God or people that says you've got to give so that God can bless you. If I don't do that and if I simply say I know the grace of our Lord Jesus that even though Christ was rich yet for my sake He became poor so that I through his poverty might become rich. If that is what am going to base my blessing to, are you sure this things will work? You see this is what actually get us stocked in expressing the will of God. We have to trust the Word of God. We've got to trust what God calls us. We've got to trust what the mind of God says about our life.

And the Apostle Paul is simply saying if you are going to act out, if you are going to work out your salvation, you might have to do it in the midst of fear and trembling. You might have to go through that fear process. Anything that want to stop you from acting out the will of God. He says you have to go through it, you have to express that will. It doesn't matter what fear and trembling is coming at you. You have to go through.

May I bring to remembrance of our audience and bring the life of Noah, even when he was to do the will. He moved with fear. So we have even the patriarch, they moved with fear to do what they were asked to do. So even about working out your salvation, moving with fear is not actually a strange thing about it.

Thank God for what you just mentioned. Do you know as a Christians, we will keep saying this, that the power that raise Christ from the dead according to Ephesians Chapter 1 is the power that works in you, not will work in you? Not by and by when you pray long enough. The Bible says the power that works in you.

So it means resurrection is at work in you. The Power that raise Christ from the dead is at work in you. The power that can raise the dead is at work in you. But particularly if they bring the dead person before any of us who are listening to this today, some of us one of the things that will come to our mind is, I know that the scriptures says I

have resurrection power in me, but what happens if I pray for this dead person and they don't rise up? The fear of failure!

The Apostle Paul said if you are going to go through working out your salvation, you've got to go through the door way of fear and trembling. It means you've got to do it anyway even if it is a fear of failure. What about if not, all these what if, what if. He says you must be resolute to act out in your life what God calls you in the midst of all those fear.

Let's quickly look at this thing that happened to Timothy in the scriptures.

So he says there is a fear and trembling factor that we have to go through in working out our salvation. Most people who are not willing to go through that fear process, they end up getting stocked, which means all these things we are talking about, we don't want it to end up as failure, it's not going to be just something theoretical. We are talking about practically demonstrating the grace of God in our lives on a daily basis. And the price to pay for that you have to go through fear and trembling to do it.

In other word we have good fear. This is good fear. So anytime you read Philippians 2:12, you are not thinking about fear of going to hell. No! This is a fear of you've got to overcome whatever fear of failure, fear of what people will say. And we saw Jacob talking about.... so they make decisions in their private life based on the fear of God.

So there is a fear of God that propel you to work out. There is a fear that propel you to work out. It is not the fear that takes you away from the presence of God. It's not the kind of fear that Adam had, I heard your voice and I hid. The one that takes you away from him. It is the fear that propel you to work out, righteousness, propel you to obey just like Noah move with fear and build the ark. It is a good fear. It is the motivation. It is a propelling factor, if you really understand this.

And that is what we are using the exposition to clarity. For people to understand that you can propel this thing, you can use it. It will come with it anytime you want to work out your salvation. This fear will come with it. And you've got to deal with it.

Look at 2Timothy 1:5-7 and let's see what he says there regarding this same fear factor.

2Timothy 1

5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also.

So Paul identify the faith that was in Timothy. Now see, he had the faith in him. That was the done will of God.

Go on please,

and I am persuaded that in thee also

Paul said I am convinced you've got something good on the inside your spirit man. You know what God has done, he is given you the gift of faith. Can you see that?

At this state, it is merely theoretical to Timothy. Who want a theoretical faith and a theoretical grace, the one we keep talking stories without acting and without demonstrating God's power? At this stage in Timothy's life, that is where he was. Just something that was in him. Can you see that?

What is the next? What does it says?

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by putting on of my hands.

Now ok, that is working out now. See! That is the one that people can see. That is working out. The one that is leading to a transformed life. If you are in our last transmission, we mentioned the fact that God wants our lives to be transformed, something people see on the outside based on what we are on the inside.

So Paul is saying I know Timothy there is a faith that is in you. But! But! Your co-workers in your job, your friends, your neighbours, your classmates wouldn't see what is in you. So I need the stirring up. I need the moving up of the waters. I need an expression. Timothy please I need an expression. Can you see that?

Go on please,

that in you which dwell in your

I need the will of God to be done. Can you see? I need you to do that which was done.

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in you...

Stir up which is in you, Do that which is done. Can you see that? Express it, demonstrate it.

which is in thee by putting on of my hands.

Now, don't take that out of context, the laying of hands there was Paul talking about the fact that I identify the fact that the grace was in you. I know some people will take

this out of context. Unfortunately today that is not our focus, but I just want to say quickly that it wasn't when Paul laid hands upon him that the faith was in him. Paul said I knew that the faith was in you, Paul just said I identify that faith. I recognize it upon your life, that is what laying of hands means there. When you recognize something for right hand of fellowship. Anyway but that is not our focus.

Go on please, what is the next thing there?

Watch verse 7. So Paul was going to take Timothy through the stirring up, demonstrating God's will in his life.

7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Oh! I know I told you to stir up. I know I told you to work out that which God has work in. I know I said that, but I know that even what I said will not happen unless you go through this door way of "For God has not given us the spirit of fear." He knew that as Timothy was going to go about demonstrating God's will for his life, it will come at the price of fear.

but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Now, viewers listen to this. No one will escape this. I repeat no one will escape this. This is the reason some of us today are not seeing great things in our lives happening. We are not actually come to terms with the fact that the working out of our salvation will come with the price of fear and trembling. And some of us just back off at that stage.

I don't care what will of God you want to express in your life in this day, there is so much unbelief around. There is so much unbelief everywhere you go. There is so much unbelief in the society. Every time you want to demonstrate God's will. Every time you want to manifest God's will, something comes at you. And the Bible says it create a level of fear in you and you are saying can I do this? or should I do this? Can this go through? What will people think about what am going to say? What will people think about what am going to do? Am going to pray about this, what will people think? What will people say?

And he says at that junction I know that thing will mitigate against you stirring up the gift of God that is in you. And he says listen, God did not give you that fear. For God has not given us the spirit of fear and timidity. Some version says timidity, but of power, of love and sound mind.

I want to call your attention to the fact that Paul talk about this fear when he was asking Timothy to actually stir up. But is the same thing he was talking about in Philippians 2:12. Every time you are working out your salvation, fear and trembling is waiting for you. It will happened. But once you know the fear is going to come, he says you have to overcome that fear and trembling.

So what we are saying today is, when it comes to you demonstrating God's will. When it comes to you responding to God's Word in your life, there is something at the door, fear and trembling. It will come with it. But the good news is 2Timothy 1:5 says it wasn't God that gave us that kind of fear. You know where it come from? The unbelief in the society. You know where it came from? From your fear of failure, that what about if doesn't work? You know where it came from? From what will people say, what will people think?

He says these are things that keep us stocked in expressing God's will for our lives wherever we go. And that is the point. Atimes we find it hard to run against popular opinion. He says all these fear, God did not give it to us. What did God give us? Of power, of love and of a sound mind.

So that is what we see. We are actually showing you by the scriptures, the reason why so many Christians today are not really demonstrating the very picture of themselves to see in the Word of God. And that is what we've come to present to you today.

It is revelational to see that even verse 6 that even though we know that it was Paul that laid hands on Timothy, that the gift that is on you, he was saying stir it up, the gift which is in you through the laying of my hands and which some people have actually read their own interpretation to that and they feel like most things can only be caught, things cannot be taught.

And some people feel like they are sorcerer or they are like the Simon, our new age Simon, the sorcerer. They just want to buy into everything. So they want to buy into all those gifts and we know what happened to Simon Sorcerer. And so if you don't want to have your feat like that. We found out that even in the episode of Simon the sorcerer, we see how he was shouting rebuke. The gift of God is not for sale. You cannot just do trade by barter. Laying of hands...some people are doing everything now to get some particular...there so call Paul. Looking out for any Paul to lay hands on them to get this.

But we found that even if Paul is impacting, it is what is from the Lord. Even coming from impartation. It is not from... anybody cannot lay hands and just impact anything that is not of the Lord.

And again he says it was already in you. That is where I want to bring it into. Because the way people are going about it, even about laying of hands, not that we condemned laying of hands because we found Paul laying hands on Timothy. But they are just coming at it, they don't even understand that they have it in them. They are coming for somebody to put something on them they don't have before. So they come with at mentality and that is what we are coming out against.

And we saw that even Paul was affirming in Timothy that this thing is already in you. But most of the laying of hands that happen today in gathering is like I have it, and so I have this thing, if I put it on you, that they relegate every work of redemption in the life of the people and bring it to naught. They rubbish the work, all the deposits of the spirit, they rubbish the work and feel like everything is on their hands, is on their anointing and they elevate their experience. They elevate their own interpretation, dreams and places where they have visited and the personal testimony above this. And they do not corroborate and see just like ... that is how laying of hands should be done.

So not that we are saying no laying of hands, but it must be done in the apostolic way. We see Paul here, he was able to affirm. It was the identification of what was there. He was really to affirm that this was actually in you. That is correct laying of hands.

So today we want to take you out of the queue of none apostolic laying of hands today. Every laying of hands that rubbish the work of the deposit of the spirit in you and belittle the faith that is in you. It doesn't matter your age, when you got into the faith. In fact Timothy was quite young.

So somebody should not use their years in ministry, their years of service to rubbish the work, the faith on you. It is the same like faith. They should come and say I can identify the faith that is in you and so they identify and acknowledge in corroboration with what is in you, we support that which is in you. So the laying of hands was bringing and support and affirm that it is actually in you.

And another point I want to bring out is about we can see the goodness of our God because some people, they are dealing with the Lord as if He is a hard task master. They are thinking He is asking them to make brick out of no straw. You see all these things that he want us to work out is already in you as we see in 2Timothy. He was telling, it is already in you. This faith is in you.

So people are thinking they are just going to come out with faith on their own. Some people are going to mountains, going to places, paying for this and that. From conferences to another conferences, meeting this and this at every personal costs, at

any cost to their life, family, their business, anything up to go and bring what is not in them. To go and look for... it is already in you. So what the Lord is asking you to work out, is not a hard task master. He is not Pharaoh, is what is inside of you. He was saying to Timothy, it is already in you.

So how relax and comforting that is, that ok, I just don't need to look around inside of me. And so even if am so little like Timothy I cannot be intimidated by the experience and the apostolic grace in the life of Paul because so many Paul are intimidating Timothy these days which shouldn't be. So that they see the strength of the faith in us. That we don't allow it to belittled. And we have to stir it up.

And the thing is that, I think this passage is making us to know that some people they just have the faith in them, they don't know that they need to stir up. So because they are not stirring up, there is no other admonition. That is the same admonition to Timothy. You just have to stir that up. That which you received. So you might not take it so serious like that. That which you learn from your Mother and Grandmother, that which was in you, just you feel how little you might think it is, you just have to stir it up. And that is what you need to do about it.

So most people that are going from places to places, what they need is just the stirring of what is in them, the working out of it which you have to do yourselves. You just have to do it yourselves. Even the presence of Paul does not short change that work of stirring up.

He says Timothy stir it up, work out your salvation and I hope everybody listening to us today will begin to re-evaluate and begin to put more premium on this faith that is in us. Even if any of the Paul around is not telling you that this faith, you have to acknowledge just like Philemon says we should acknowledge. You have to do the acknowledgment yourselves and see the evaluation yourselves that you have this same precious faith and know that it is not a small thing and that the only thing you need to do for this faith, it is already given to you, just to do the stirring up, you have to do the working out yourselves. You cannot use money to showcase that and look around for somebody to do the stirring.

And then again as we began to draw to the end. Let us emphasize that, you know I have been saying something since when we began to day. As a peradventure, some of you who are listening to this, this is not the first time you are hearing this. If you have heard in our previous episodes, we had probably talk along similar lines. But what the Holy Ghost is saying today emphatically and preeminently is to say the reason why so many Christians that know some of these truths are not willing to make progress with this is they are not willing to deal with the attendant fear that come with it.

That is why verse 7 says for God... he says this is the problem. He says so it will come with fear. But you have to deal with it. That is why he warns you in Philippians 2:12, he says when you work out your salvation, it will come with fear and trembling. It will come with it. And I think this is the junction where so many people just back out. And he said you can list every possible type of fear that stocked people in their tracks from just stirring up this gift. We've said before will this work? Is this how it going to work? Are you sure this is going to work? Are you sure this is not what I see people talking about? This is not what I watched on TV? This is not what I see in popular ministry. This is not how people catch it like we are talking about people catching the anointing. People have look at people catching the anointing and making it big. Are you sure this is going to work? And all these kind fears and what people will say? All these things. They just keep us stocked.

So even for some of us that know the truth about stirring up, the Bible is saying all those fears that has actually making us not to make progress with stirring up, he says we have to deal with it. He says God did not give us that kind of fear. He says He is given us the spirit of power, and of love and of a sound mind. You have to go through that thing. You have to overcome it. If we do, some of us that have residence grace, that has locked up grace, we will see mighty things being done in our lives in this last days.

That is why Paul said in 1Corinthians 15, I am what I am by the grace of God. He didn't stop there, he says the grace of God upon me was not without effect. But I labour more than they all. Yet not I but the grace of God that was in him.

You could not say things like that unless you've gone through the door of fear, of fear of failure, you must have gone through it. This is not just about you including ourselves. We have to act out in this generation even though it doesn't seem popular. Even though it doesn't seem what looks normal, even though it sounds a bit strange. Even though it sounds a bit abnormal. You've got to act out the Word of God and you've got to deal with all the attendant fear.

So that is the instruction we have today in the Holy Ghost to say, your working out of your salvation will come with fear and trembling. You have to deal with it. And that is what the scripture says.

So finally we just found out that today if you listen very well to what we share we know that we can make the fear work for us. The fear that is connoted that something negative, you make good out of it and make the fear work for you in the midst of all these things, you can do the will of the Lord. You can work out your salvation.

So want to say thanks for joining us today and then it is very good that you join us and you actively participated just like we suggested. It will be better if you are going to go and sit down and be like the Bereans to go and consider this, and think about it again and look at it again. Should you have question after that, we are more than welcome to accept them and as the Lord leads us to give clarification to that.

And again it will be better for you to go to other of our episodes because we cannot complete all these... because most of the questions you might want to ask might really have been answered from previous episodes. So some people might just see one of the part and say oh you are not talking about this, what is this? Why is this or something? We can't do that within just an hour. Some of them we have done them.

So this is like the 99th episode. So you can really go to all these episodes to see where are coming from so you can understand this things precept by precept. So you cannot just run off with just one transmission and say that is all about it.

You need to even know where we are coming and know where are going. We want you to follow us to go back to where we are coming from and be able to continue with the journey with us.

So till we see you next transmission we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!