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CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WORD AT A TIME!

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Fully Persuaded!

Walking and living by faith, strong, great faith is vital to our Christian walk and life. I believe that this letter is of utmost importance to give understanding and greater revelation of the faith walk. Faith has been taught and taught and you would think that we should have it down by now, but we really don't. The **Application** of the principles in this letter and grasping the revealed power of these two words, not just something we

know, but how we live, will increase the intensity and effectiveness of our lives in God.

Faith is not something we do, faith is who we are. Faith is how we live. Scripture says (Rom 1:17), the just shall live by faith, everyday, every moment. We do not try faith, we do faith. When we approach faith to try it what really happens when we say faith does not work is that faith tried us and we did not work.

Sometimes God will give a word, or a couple of words that go off inside our spirits like a bomb. This letter is about two words, "**FULLY PERSUADED**". Only by the Holy Spirit can we accurately relate to the power of these words. Listen with your spirit man; determine to grab hold of the power of faith in a greater dimension. Side step your mind for now and let the Holy Spirit reveal these two words as the way we live our whole lives in Christ. The more you hear, and hear and hear these two words the bigger they become on the inside, until you get to the place they are no longer just two words, but you have **BECOME**, fully persuaded.

Let's lay some foundation. I am reminded of the story of Gideon and at the stories end; we find that Gideon finally after many questionings and happenings became one with the Word God had spoken. To the point that God's Word could not be separated from Gideon. He and the Word had truly, become one.

In today's societal chaos we as Christians, representatives of the Kingdom of God, can allow many things to separate us from the Word God has spoken, separate us from the revelation God has shown us. This separation is the devils plan to get us to move from faith, believing and trusting in God fully, into a life driven by fear, doubt and unbelief. Faith in God should be as easy and as natural as our taking a breath, think about it.

For a moment I want to focus on the word, "**BECAME**". There were many things that Gideon went through and many things that God required of him. But nothing was going to happen until Gideon believed what God had said. Examining the story we see the transition from Gideon doubting God, until he truly **BECAME** a "Mighty man of valor". Which by the way is exactly who God said he was in the beginning. Back up just a little bit, when was it that Gideon **became** what God said? The moment he received by faith what God said, the moment the Word of God became personal, became Gideon's.

(Judges 7:15) "*And it was so, when **Gideon heard** the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshiped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian."*

There is so much power in this verse and revelation of what happened to Gideon. It was recorded so that we could learn how to overcome the weakness of our faith, our moments of unbelief. When Gideon HEARD, when he finally HEARD what God had said all along, **he took action**. Now let me interject something here. What ever we will not confront in our lives, will not change. Put another way the things we tolerate, will never change. Gideon upon hearing worshipped God and then immediately spoke, declared, decreed, from his own mouth, what God said. Gideon said what God said, he had become "fully persuaded". Gideon changed, we must do the same.

Let me give another picture of this process. We use terms like, sold out, fully committed, no going back. Think about this picture. You have just boarded a transcontinental jet bound from New York to London. Takes about eight hours fly time. Most people are unaware or it is of no concern, that there is a spot, a time in the flight where you reach the **point of no return**. At this point there is no going back; you are committed to the flight but only in the forward direction. In Christ Jesus we must reach this point, the point of no return. The point at which we cannot go back into our old lifestyle, old habits, old ways, cannot go back, into doubt, unbelief or fear. We are fully sold out to Jesus, we are fully persuaded, so much that we cannot even see or comprehend a way back.

In the book of Romans we find three very strong and vital verses to help us walk the faith life that God intended for us. These verses give us the example of Abraham and show us, like him, we can do this in our lives. Painting a permanent picture in our hearts and minds that everyday, full time we can walk, talk, think, live, act in and by faith. Always pleasing God by an active lifestyle that we the just, (righteous) WILL live by faith.

*Rom 4:19-21 And being **not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith, giving glory to God;** 21 And being **fully persuaded** that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.***

Gideon and Abraham both made the same journey. They both had to get to the place in their lives that nothing else would be considered truth except the Word of God. And what God said would come to pass. We must take this same journey. God's Word is first place and final in **ALL THINGS**. Until we make this decision we will have no foundation upon which to build our faith. Everything in the worlds system will fail; God's Word will never fail. So with God's Word as final authority in our lives let's look at these verses.

First thing, Abraham was not weak in faith. How did he get strong in faith, he considered not what he saw, or knew from the natural realm. Naturally speaking how could a 99 year old man and a 90 year old woman have a child? Biologically impossible, but Abraham chose to believe God over biology. He focused on the Word God had given him. WOW, we begin to see how faith works. Calling those things that are not as though they are, because in God they already are. God is a God of the supernatural. Just think about the outcome of this story, God said, Abraham you will have a son, the son was born, God was right, God was true. Notice the promise of God was not too big for Abraham to grab hold of. Too many Christians have a "choke point" in receiving from God. God may use someone to bless us and we begin to say, Oh no, I could not receive that it is **too much**. This is none other than religious pride. It is saying I am not worthy to receive a blessing from God's children or from God, denying God as a "TOO MUCH God" in our lives. **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**, we cut the blessing of God off because of our small thinking and lack of understanding of what God wants to do in our lives. We must STOP short circuiting God and receive by faith ALL that He wants us to have.

God said Abraham would have a son and Abraham finally got to the place of faith in the promise of God

would come to pass exactly like God said. So Abraham lived his life, notice I said life, not just in regards to this one promise but I believe that he got to the revelation to live his life, everyday, every moment being "Fully Persuaded". It did not matter what came up, he was fully persuaded. Every challenge that life brought, he was fully persuaded. Now what was he fully persuaded in or by. God's Word, God's plan, God's ways, God's everything. When we get to the place of being "Fully Persuaded" then there is no more room or need for any more persuasion. If we look at the root meaning of the word faith, it means, persuade or be persuaded. When Abraham found himself in this position finally, he had begun to walk and live in a place of full faith. No fear, no doubt, no unbelief. What an awesome position to be in.

We can live the same way. When trouble comes, we are fully persuaded that God is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him. When we need answers, we are fully persuaded that God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think. Regardless of what comes we live our lives, fully persuaded. Take hold of this word by faith. If God can get Abraham and Gideon into this degree of faith, He will do the same for you and me. But we have our part to do also.

The process God used has not changed. First thing God speaks, second thing we hear, please note that if we are not listening we will not hear, we then worship our God and thirdly, we speak what we heard. Now this hearing is not in our minds, but in our spirits. This is the place where we become one with what God has spoken. Remember in the start of this letter I encouraged everyone to hear this word, listen with spiritual ears so that it goes off on the inside, and becomes part of us. Fully persuaded, Fully persuaded, Fully persuaded, Fully persuaded. Have you heard it yet? Keep listening, you will!