

aith, which can move mountains and make impossibilities possible, is clearly a highly sought-after virtue. Everyone who knows the worth of faith would love to have this supernatural force on their inside. It's therefore important to note that the primary source of faith is the word of God. While Romans 10:17 teaches that faith comes by hearing the word of God, faith gets activated when we do the word of God. When we labour in the word of God, we enter into his rest, thereby ceasing from our own works. This we can see in Hebrew 4:9-10. Faith doesn't end with mere confession or even profession; it's expressed through obedience to the word of God.

While it's good to have the word in your spirit, it's actually your obedience to the word of God that will deliver. You'll have something to show for your faith when you do the word. The word of God that we carry out is what brings results in our lives. When Jesus told the servants at the wedding in Cana to *fill the waterpots with water*. And they *filled them up to the brim*, what followed was an impressive outcome. It's not enough to hear and know the word, acting out what God said is faith in action. It's just like knowing what the word says about prosperity, without doing it yet expecting to prosper. No one gets to enjoy God's promises after disobeying Him or His word.

When Jesus told Peter to lower his fishing net for a catch, the master-fisherman responded that they already carried out what Jesus asked them to do at the most auspicious time for fishing but caught nothing. The faith in Peter did not allow his line of speech to end before adding, *nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.* The result of Peter's obedience was that Peter and his boys *inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.* 7 *And they beckoned unto their partners, which were* in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. (Luke 5:6-7)

That they began to sink. (Luke 5:0-7) The truth remains that acting out the word is what brings results, not hearing or knowing the scriptures. Abraham, the undisputed father of faith, got the reputation because he did the word. His obedience to God's instructions was like an obsession and addiction. In Genesis 12:1-3, God called him and spoke blessings upon him. By the next verse, he was already carrying out what God asked him to do. Abraham promptly heeded God's call by departing his hometown and father's house for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

After 15 years of this sojourn, God appeared to Abraham, who was 90 years old at the time, to demand a sign for their covenant. In Genesis 17:11-13, God told Abraham to circumcise himself at that age. By verses 23-24, Abraham already circumcised every male in his household, including himself. Imagine cutting his foreskin at that age. Chapter 17 did not end before Abraham obeyed God by carrying out that agonizing exercise, no wonder he is such a great apostle of faith. Then again in chapter 22, after waiting 25 years to have a son, and when Isaac was 17 according to bible scholars, God tested Abraham with the only thing he can boast of after 42 years. Genesis 22:2, And he said, *Take now thy son, thine only [son]* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. (KIV).

God made this demand at night and by the morning, Abraham already set out to go and offer Isaac as a sacrifice to the Lord. When they got to the place, he tied up Isaac, placed him on the altar, and was about to slaughter him before, *the angel* of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, here [am] *I* - Genesis 22:11. In the mind of Abraham, he has already killed Isaac before the angel restrained him from doing so physically. This is a dangerous order of obedience; carrying out the Lord's request, not minding the cost. Getting himself circumcised at the age of 90 could have killed him, yet Abraham did it.

You must obey God, irrespective of what is happening in your family and society or what your friends are telling you. Stand with the word of God. If it must take faith; it's not about the word we know, but the word we do. If you know the word but don't do it, there will be no results. It's for this reason that James 2:17 says, *faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (NIV)*. You must understand that faith is hard work. This labour is essentially about obeying God's word - highly rewarding enterprise as it gets us into God's rest, where we cease from all other works.

What has God asked you to do that you are still foot-dragging on? My walk with God has shown that not until you obey His last instruction, He won't give you a fresh one. Always seek what the Lord will have you do per time and in line with the message in John 2:5, whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. When God finds you faithful in an assignment, He unleashes the future unto you. This way, you will find that it really pays to do the word. Let the word of God be your sure foundation from which you get inspired to act in faith.

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1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	BIBLE TEXTS	DATE	BIBLE TEXTS
June 20	Ephesians 1:15-23. 2:1-10 & Isaiah 13-14	June 24	Ephesians 4:17-32. 5:1-2 & Isaiah 25-26
June 21	Ephesians 2:11-22 & Isaiah 15-18	June 25	Ephesians 5:3-21 & Isaiah 27-28
June 22	Ephesians 3:1-21 & Isaiah 19-22	June 26	Ephesians 5:22-33. 6:1-9 & Isaiah 29-30
June 23	Ephesians 4:1-16 & Isaiah 23-24		



PROPHETIC WORD IN HIGHLAND CHURCH HEALS ME

I am here with utmost gratitude to God for confirming the prophetic word of His Servant, Pastor Joseph Aborowa. Last week Sunday, Pastor Joseph made a prophecy that we shall receive our testimony before the end of that same day or not later than Tuesday. I received that sent word with every fiber in me and I was hopeful. I kept waiting for a call, credit alert or something magnificent to suddenly happen but none of what I put my mind on cameforth. Monday came and still nothing and I kept communicating in the Spirit that before Tuesday I must lay hold of my testimony by fire by force because my faith won't wane.

Tuesday came by and so did my testimony! I have been having this really terrible pain on my abdomen for a long time now. At times to relieve myself in the restroom comes with so much pain and agony and I have been believing in God for total healing. On Tuesday, I kept praying in the spirit for my testimony at work, the Holy Spirit then said He had answered me already and that I should check my tummy and my back for any pain and to my surprise and amazement it has all vanished just like that!!! I went to ease myself and felt no pain at all. I waited to relieve myself the next morning to be very sure it had all gone and I received my confirmation. The pain I used to feel before, I feel them no more. My testimony is permanent, Hallelujah!!! To him alone be all the glory!

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PROPHETIC PRAYERS

- The remaining days of this year will be bread for you
- You will eat the good of this land
- I silence every voice of adversity disturbing your life in the name of Jesus
- You'll strengthen your family and bring your siblings out of poverty
- You won't end this year in sorrow
- You won't operate in the dark again
- Weight of glory is coming your way
- Your new job is coming
- Highland Church marriages are blessed; God will heal every troubled home

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