

## **The Speed of Faith** Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Men's Breakfast Teaching

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### **Spiritual timing is the key to breakthrough!**

We are living in the end times

- The signs are all around us
- Our pastors have been preparing us all year long
- ***We are the end time generation that cannot operate in hesitation***

### **We are to be the most mature generation of Christians that have ever lived.**

- Even more so than Abraham, Moses and Paul?
- We have the same covenant with God that Abraham had - add to that - we have redemption in Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit living inside of us and Jesus interceding on our behalf.
- Moses had the Word in tablets of stone, but we have the Word written on our hearts

**“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”**

**Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV**

- So we have had this equipping since Jesus came
- Add to that the years of revelation teaching and the practicing of our faith
- Faith is not linear it's ever expanding
- Isaiah 28 says that the knowledge of God has come to us line upon line, precept upon precept
- Add to that the wisdom of God passed through the generations

The wisdom and revelation of the heroes of our faith that we honor in God's Word:

- Is not meant to be the pinnacle of faith and knowledge and experience and growth
- But the beginning of it

## **Jesus was and is the fulness of the stature of man we are aspiring to achieve**

- And He spoke prophetically to the coming generations:
- Greater things will we do

## **We have to stop hesitating!**

- Hesitation is the devil's playground!
- He comes immediately to steal the Word.

*“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”*

*Matthew 11:12 NKJV*

## **We are living at a time where faith must be released without hesitation!**

- One of my mandates from God is to get men off their keisters that they be activated in doing the Word
- With a sense of urgency

What are we waiting for ?

*But pastor Al I'm waiting on the Lord...*

- We are going to put this to bed right now

*“But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”*

*Isaiah 40:31 NKJV*

- Wait: Heb: qava: to look eagerly for
- When you are at a restaurant and you sit down to eat and you look across the room is your waiter standing there with his eyes closed not paying attention to you?  
“What's he doing?” “Oh, he's waiting on us.” – I don't think so!
- Or is he eagerly looking at you, reading your eyes, your gestures, tending to your needs immediate?
- Taking notes as you speak so that he knows what to do?
- That's what waiting on the Lord looks like.

We have the spoken Word of God - find the scripture that meets your need and directs you and go do it!

### **There is a maturity of our faith that can be measured**

- That is the **Speed of Faith**
- We are the end time generation that should be moving in an end time sense of urgency

### **Hesitation is the fruit of doubt spawned by a lack of faith**

- Doubt comes when we consider another thought and exalt that thought higher than God's Word
- The Bible calls that being double minded

“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”

James 1:6-8 NKJV

Opposite of that...

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

James 1:22-25 NKJV

So how do you measure our spiritual maturity by the speed of faith?

Matthew 13 parable of the sower the thief comes immediately to steal the Word

- We must be more immediate than the devil in the doing of the Word

### **Here are some measurements of our Spiritual Maturity**

1. How long does it take you to pray when you get some bad news? In tongues? Do you ponder the news and let it wander around your mind until it reaches your heart? Is it seconds, hours, days months?
  - We STOP DROP PRAY
  - Faith believes that we have what we say
2. How long does take you to (A). Hold your thoughts captive, (B). Make them obedient to The Lord Jesus Christ according to 2 Cor 10:5?
3. How long does it take you to speak the Word over your situation?

4. How long does it take you to forgive, or do you hold on to offense?

5. How long do you wait to worship and thank the Lord when something good happens? In all situations?

For each of the above is the answer: seconds?, minutes?, hours?, days?, months? The answer to that is measurement of your faith, of your spiritual maturity – by the Speed of Faith in your life.

These are tools to equip you to measure your faith

**The end time army of God is an equipped and *decisive* army of God.**

- The more of the Word is in you, the more decisive you will be because Faith is resident in the Word of God (Romans 10:17)
- Praying in the spirit helps lead you into the right choices by the Spirit