

My Faith is Alive in 2025 - Part 3

The Greatest Faith (or speak the Word only)

"2025 is our champion year!"



Lyrics from Rocky Balboa (song: Gonna Fly Now by Bill Conti)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW9NiDKK-9o&t=35s>

Trying hard now
It's so hard now
Trying hard now

Oh, he's ready
Gonna make a move, yeah
Oh, he's ready
And makin' moves, yeah
Yeah, yeah

Getting strong now
Won't be long now
Getting strong now

Gonna fly now
Flying high now
Gonna fly, fly

Pastor George shared, "We are becoming stronger in every way; first in our faith, in our mind, and in our body; and we will see the fruit this year as a champion."

Faith is Our Victory

1 John 5:4; (KJV)

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

EMIC's mission statement:

"Take a group of people and disciple them intensely in the Word of God. Teach them an uncommon faith so they can stand victoriously in life."

Our faith brings the victory that dominates everything the curse (the world and the enemy) throws at us.

The more we use our faith, the easier it is to walk in victory despite what is taking place around us.

[This is because faith is a lifestyle based on the revelation from the Word of God.]

Our 2025 Faith Confession

1. My faith is alive in 2025.
2. My faith is activated.
3. My faith is working.
4. My faith is producing results.
5. My capacity for greater faith is enlarging.
6. My faith is getting stronger every day.
7. My faith is growing exceedingly.

I have an uncommon faith; it is championship faith! God's strategic, personalized plan for each one of us will always place us in positions to increase our faith and guide us in how to use our faith.

Paul's Strategic Faith Development Plan for the Church of Thessalonica

1 Thessalonians 3:9-10;

*"For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, **and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?**"*

(NLT) ...to fill the gaps in your faith.

(CEV) ...help you to have an even stronger faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4; (NKJV)

[This passage occurs approx. two months from 1 Thessalonians 3]

*"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, **because your faith grows exceedingly**, and the love of everyone of you all abounds towards each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure."*

(NLT) Your faith is flourishing.

(GWT) Your faith is showing remarkable growth

(MSG) Your faith is growing phenomenally.

Levels of Faith

1. Mark 9:19 No Faith — (O faithless generation.)
2. Luke 8:25 Misplaced Faith — (Where is your faith?)
3. Matthew 14:31 Little Faith — (O, thou of little faith.)
4. Romans 4:19 Weak Faith — (And not being weak in faith.)
5. 1 Timothy 1:19 (NLT) Shipwrecked Faith — (For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. (AMP) Some people rejected their moral compass)
6. 2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT) Unfeigned Faith — (I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.)
7. Romans 4:20 Strong Faith — (He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.)

With the degrees of faith we see in these passages, have you set your faith goal for 2025?

Matthew 8:5-8;

*"And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, **Lord**, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, **Lord**, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: **but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.** (He must have heard Jesus speak and demonstrate the Word)."*

The highest form of faith is faith in God's Word and its authority alone, requiring no other proof or evidence to support it.

The lowest form of faith (or no faith at all) is when someone demands a physical sign or manifestation before they will believe.

"As goes the Pastor so goes the pew." Pastor George shared he is now debt free, but when he wrote the material for believing for a debt-free house, he was still in debt. The evidence of being debt-free was not yet visible, but he kept standing and acting on the Word of God.

If you want to be debt free, have a paid-off house, be healed, you must apply the Word with consistency, and with the correct corresponding action.

The Centurion understood authority in the spoken Word of God.

V. 8 (GWT) **Give a command**, and my servant will be healed.

(GNT) **Just give the order**, and my servant will get well.

Matthew 8:9;

"For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

The Centurion:

He had authority over others and was under the authority of superiors.

The men who are subordinate to me are required to obey my words.

{The centurion had a revelation of the authority of the believer.}

My words are my commands and my orders. All I do is say the word and they are required to fulfill it. I see that this disease on my servant must obey Your words in the very same way my men must obey my words.

"I believe my servant is healed on the authority of Your commanded Word. I don't need to see it to believe it."

Matthew 8:10;

"When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

Jesus was excited, amazed, astonished at his great faith.

"Great Faith" in the Greek means = Enormous, large, and vast.

(GNT) I have never found **anyone** in Israel with faith like this.

(AMPC) I have not found **so much faith** as this with anyone, even in Israel.

V. 11 (MSG) This man is the **vanguard** of many outsiders who will soon be coming from all directions.

Vanguard means a person at the forefront of new ideas or developments; a spearhead, a cutting edge, an example and standard for all to follow.

His faith embodied the necessary attributes for walking in a highly developed level of faith.

A major key was that the centurion used his faith for someone else.

He walked in the compassion of the Lord.

Faith works for the individual who is on the giving end.

V. 13 (NIV) Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done **just as you believed it would.**" And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Speak the Word only over your body (Paraphrased by PG) Proverbs 12:18
(AMPC) The tongue of the wise brings healing.

- According to Exodus 15:26, my God is the Lord who healed me.
- According to Psalm 103:3, the Lord healed all my diseases.
- According to Psalm 107:20, the Lord sent His Word and healed me.
- According to Proverbs 4:22, God's Word is medicine to all my flesh.
- According to Romans 8:11, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in me and makes alive my mortal flesh.

- According to Galatians 2:20, I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live. Yet not I, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- According to 1 Peter 2:24, I WAS healed by Jesus stripes. Since I WAS healed, then I AM healed!