

Pastor George ministered this past Sunday,  
"How to Develop Championship Faith."

Pastor George reminded us of our Mission Statement:  
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**Pastor said the Lord added to the Mission Statement:**

1. Work them in the Word.
2. Drill them as that is the only way to overcome the world.

*1 John 5:4 (KJV)*

"This is a championship year."

Members of the Ohio State University and the University of Notre Dame football teams gave glory to God following the College Football Playoff National Championship game Monday in which the Buckeyes defeated the Fighting Irish.



*"First and foremost, I got to give the glory and the praise to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wouldn't be here without Him," Howard told ESPN's Molly McGrath after the game. "I wouldn't be here without my teammates,*

*without my family, without everyone that bet on me back in Downingtown, Pennsylvania; I'm at a loss for words right now."*

*Howard, who played for Kansas State before transferring to OSU last January, added that he is "so glad God gave me a chance to be a Buckeye," thanking OSU coaches for changing his life.*

*Upon receiving the Offensive MVP Award, Howard said from the stage during the post-game ceremony that he had to "give my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the glory, all the praise."*

*During the ceremony, OSU linebacker Cody Simon, named the Championship Game Defensive MVP, said, "The Lord did something special on this team, and we're just so thankful."*

We, here at EMIC are unstoppable, and playing on a championship team!

*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?"*

*2 Thessalonians 1:3-4;*

*"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;  
So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:"*

Pastor said, **"Teach them a championship [instead of uncommon] faith!"**

We don't need more faith, simply develop what we have just like people who are building muscles don't ask for more muscles, rather they develop the muscles they already have.

Hebrews 12:1-2;

*“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

We have the measure of faith, which is the same measure given to every believer.

2 Peter 1:1;

*“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:”*

The stronger your faith is developed, the easier it is to receive from God. This means we are to build on our faith each day, exercising with consistency as we hear and apply the Word of God.

### **Step one**

Hebrews 11:1

Receive Jesus as the developer of your faith.

### **Step two**

Hebrews 12:1

These are the faithful witnesses.

V. 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Author here means chief leader, finisher, the one who has raised faith to its perfection.

### **Step three**

The stronger you are operating spiritually, the less you think about your body or quitting, but it keeps you focused as the targets as you walk in the spirit.

Pastor shared how he exercises three times a week, and shared he looks forward to it, reminding himself that he is able to exercise and keeps the confession that this is enjoyable and beneficial rather than speaking

negative words of I don't like this type of workout, or I don't feel like working out today.

He shared on his way to the gym this past week, even with the Ministers Conference, he made time for the three workouts. On Friday when he could have slept in, instead he jumped in the car, and listened to:

- "Champion" theme song from Rocky Balboa, and
- Survivor – "Eye of the Tiger"

He said this pumped him up physically to be ready to work out.

**Kenneth Copeland shared:**

"Jesus will develop our faith every time we step out and put our faith on the line" [we call this exercising or using our faith.]

Romans 13:8 for debt freedom.

Brother Copeland made a commitment in 1967 that what both Gloria and he would see in the Word of God, they would do.

They made a quality decision to not retreat and not return to previous ways of thinking or acting.

Therefore, we can adopt this same fortitude, and make quality decisions of growing strong in faith, and using our strong faith to advance the Kingdom of God.

Faith, whether it is for debt freedom, for healing, for direction, or whatever always begins where then will of God is known. God doesn't respond because I want it bad enough, or because I have a great need, or because I am hurting; rather what does the Word of God say about the situation and begin agreeing with God.

## 1 John 5:14

- Decide that you are going to be totally immersed in the Word,
- that you know (study) the Word,
- that you are speaking the Word,
- You are meditating on the Word
- and putting the correct action on the Word.

This allows you to raise your faith to a higher level, and now you can thank the Lord for His faithfulness and supply as you stay in love and operating with patience moving forward to see the manifestation that the Word of God has promised you.