

Pastor Terri shared during the offering message:

Faith trusts what it believes. The demonstration of our belief is first released in our spoken words, and secondly in the corresponding actions.

Championship Faith – Part 5

Why Do We Give God's Word First Place?

2025 is Our Championship Year!

Faith is our Victory. The Lord has challenged us to take our faith to a championship level!

“Take a group of people and disciple them intensely in the Word of God. Teach them a **CHAMPIONSHIP FAITH** so they can stand victoriously in life. Work them in the Word. Drill them. That is the only way to overcome the world.”

1 John 5:4; (PGT)

*For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even **OUR CHAMPIONSHIP FAITH!***

Our 2025 Faith Confession [this brings our faith up to another level]

1. My faith is alive in 2025.
2. My faith is activated.
3. My faith is working and producing results.
4. My capacity for greater faith is enlarging.
5. My faith is getting stronger every day.
6. My faith is growing exceedingly.
7. I have CHAMPIONSHIP FAITH!
8. We are an unstoppable and invincible championship team!

We Must Continually Train Our Faith.

Pastor George shared that last week when Pastor Terri and I were eating out, ESPN was showing the Philadelphia Eagles practicing before the big game. The teams haven't been sitting around until they take the field.

“Coaches and players spend the two weeks before the Super Bowl by pouring over their opponent's game film and shoring up any areas of concern. Teams keep the same Wednesday through Friday practice schedule to maintain regular season habits.”

We need to do the same with our faith!

Reminder to listen to the series by brother Copeland
<https://www.emic.org/blog/2025-our-championship-year/>

Championship Faith Training Review

Faith has unlimited growth potential.

1 Thessalonians 3:10 (KJV)

"Praying exceedingly that we might see your face and perfect that which is lacking in your faith."

Two months later, the Apostle Paul said...

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (AMPC)

"Your faith is growing exceedingly."

Romans 12:3v(KJV)

"Think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Every believer begins with the same measure of the Godkind of faith. We don't need more faith — we need to develop the faith we already have.

Step One — Receive Jesus as the Developer of Your Faith

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, **THE CHAMPION who initiates and perfects our faith.**"*

Jesus will develop our faith every time we put our faith on the line. This is when we stand on the Word.

The Copelands put their faith on the line when they stood on:

Romans 13:8; (AMPC) "Keep out of debt"

And they have lived debt free since 1967.

Step Two: Give the Word First Place and Make it Final Authority

Be careful about coming to the place that you think, "I have heard this before." Oral Roberts said; "People don't get it until they hear it seven times." You may have heard it 20 or more times, and you need to keep

hearing, as the Word of God is alive; and has a fresh anointing each time you hear and receive it, empowering you to walk in it.

- In July 1961, Vince Lombardi kicked off the first day of training camp for his Green Bay Packers football team.
- When the 38 players came back to start training camp, Vince Lombardi held up a football and said, “Gentlemen, this is a football.”
- He had everyone open their playbook and start on page one. They began to relearn the fundamentals of blocking, tackling, throwing, and catching.
- This focus on fundamentals allowed them to win the NFL championship that season.

Vince Lombardi never coached a team with a losing season after that — and never lost a playoff game again.

“This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I have what it says I have. I can do what it says I can do. I will be taught the WORD of God. I will boldly confess that my mind is alert. My heart is receptive. And I will never be the same.”
— Pastor John Osteen

“There needs to be a resurgence of the importance and the reverence for the written Word of God. Rekindle and redevelop its preciousness in your life. Rekindle your respect for it. However deep your respect for this Book goes is how deep His presence can function. This Book, the Bible is just as much a manifestation of God in the earth as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.”
— Kenneth Copeland

Seven Fundamentals of God's WORD

(WHY do we give God's Word first place and make it final authority?)
Pastor shared that these notes are from 1993, and that the importance and integrity of the Word of God doesn't change.

1. God and His Word are One.

John 1:1; (KJV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

V. 14 *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

Pastor George shared:

God's faith and our faith combined with God's Words and our words come together to form an invincible team that cannot be defeated.

When I stand on the Word of God, I am standing with God Himself.

2. **God's Word is His Will.**

1 John 5:14-15; (KJV)

*"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing **according to His will**, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."*

Example, you may have heard many views of healing, but have you looked at the Word to understand His will for you regarding healing?

Faith begins where the Word of God is known and ends at the question mark.

John 15:7 (AMPC)

"If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you."

God's plans for our lives are clearly laid out in His Word — they are HIS, "exceeding great and precious promises." [2 Peter 1:4]

Philippians 1:6 - He that has begun a good work in you, will perfect, develop and bring it to full maturity.

This removes the worry and anxiety, as you have God's Word on it.

3. **God's Word is Alive.**

Hebrews 4:12; (AMPC)

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective].

Matthew 4:4;

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Word of God, we declare by faith, is full of power and will cause us to prevail over every circumstance.

4. God's Word is God Speaking Directly to Us.

The Bible is not just a book — it is a God-breathed, God-indwelt, God-inspired personal message to us. Listen for God's voice while reading His Word.

1 John 4:4;

*"Greater is He that is in **PASTOR GEORGE**, than he that is in the world."*
[making the word personal]

5. God's Word is Life and Health to Our Flesh

Proverbs 4:20-22; (AMPC)

"My son, attend to My words; consent and submit to My sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing, and health (Hebrew means Medicine) to all their flesh."

Psalms 107:20;

"He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

Romans 10:17; (PGT)

"Faith for healing comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of healing."

6. God's Word Always Works.

Isaiah 55:11; (AMPC)

*"So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: **it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless]**, but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."*

The Word works, and is working! Stop believing that it only works when you can see natural circumstances change around you. The working of the Word begins spiritually.

Proverbs 18:18-21 (KJV)

Jeremiah 1:12; (AMPC)

"Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it."

7. God's Word Settles Every Issue

Psalms 119:89;

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

We put our foot down, and say, "That settles it - I am done moving or thinking this will be stopped from coming into my life. Why, I stand with the Lord's strength, and His strong and never changing Word."

Isaiah 40:8;

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Matthew 8:8;

"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."

God said it. I believe it. THAT SETTLES IT!

Word from Pastor Terri

Stop fearful speculations (arrest that thought);
and doubt filled assumptions.
Instead, embracing faith filled expectations!

(Go to the Word and allow the Word to paint the picture of what that expectation looks like.)

For those who have been battling fear, pressures and stress...

Pastor George shared:

“I refuse the pressure and stress,
I choose instead to enter the rest.”

Once you are walking in the rest and faith filled expectations, our confession can be:

“I refuse the pressure and stress,
I choose instead to dwell in His rest.”