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### **Each One! Bless One!**

#### **You Make a Difference!**

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*There is faith that gives.*

*This is the kind of faith that challenges the Lord Himself.*

**“It is more blessed to give than to receive”**

**ACTS 20:35**

**Faith, Part 3b.** (Please start at Part One) Hannah inquired of the Lord for a son and God gave her and Elkanah, her husband one. She in turn gave her son, Samuel to God for His service. Samuel became a renowned prophet in Israel. God made David king over Israel who never even asked for it. Yet David served His generation according to the Will of God. **Acts 13:36** – **“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:”**

On the other hand, there is faith that gives. This is the kind of faith that challenges the Lord Himself. Those who engage in knowing God for themselves focus on giving their service to the Lord.

The Disciples were following the Lord to know Him, His ways and they continue to serve Him while the multitude continues to ask for bread and miracles. Many of them went away with bread and miracles without knowing Him. His disciples ended up becoming miracle workers like Him because they chose to know Him as they follow Him. He showed Moses who sought Him His ways, but, Israelites who never sought Him only knew His acts. **Psalms 103:7.**

Solomon never asked for anything when he offered one thousand bullocks sacrifice in burnt offering to the Lord in Gibeon. **I King 3:3-5, I Chronicle 16:29**. Yet, that same night, the Lord told him to ask for anything and He was ready to give him just for the asking. The Lord ended up giving Solomon beyond what he had asked.

David paid for the threshing floor of Araunah or Ornan the Jebusite who had given it free. David would not offer God anything that would cost him nothing; especially on the alter for his God he was about to build. David wanted to offer God things of value. **2 Sam 24: 21-25, I Chronicles 21:24**. Even when the Lord had asked him not to build the temple for Him, David ensured that he prepared for the temple in his distress. **I Chronicle 2:14**

Our Love for God is made manifest by our willingness to give our lives, time, intercession, service, word study and word-based lifestyle as well as commitment of our finances to advance His Kingdom here on earth. God is our example. The Bible says, **“For God so love the world that He gave.....” John 3:16. Romans 8:32**. What are the bad habits in your life you are willing to give away for the Lord? What are the good things in your life that you are willing to give for His Kingdom to expand? What we are willing to forgo and on the other hand, give to the Lord will enhance our faith and faithfulness in Christ.

Conclusion, when you develop faith that totally depends on God, He will surely give back to you. Much as we expect great things from the Lord, we must attempt great things for God. The Centurion whose servant was sick at home was introduced to Jesus by the Jews as one who had built a synagogue for them. Immediately, Jesus wanted to go with him to heal his servant (not even his Son: selfless and compassionate man). But he told Jesus to merely speak the word believing that his servant would be healed. And it was so. The man challenged the Lord by His faith through his giving heart. **Luke 7: 1-10**.

The Lord enables us to go extra mile to please Him by our faith in Christ Jesus. Amen. Therefore, to be able to effectively exercise faith that one receives, you should develop giving faith that challenges God to move in your favour. As we honour God, He will both honour us as well as honour

Himself in our lives. As we draw near to God by faith, He too will draw near to us. He will help us to grow in faith that is grounded in love for God, His Kingdom and His people. For God to use you, your faith must seek and serve Him without reservation. Otherwise, it's you that is using God if your faith in Christ is merely asking.

Joshua was fighting the Lord's battle to the extent that he commanded the sun to stand still on Gibeon and the moon on Aijalon valley for him to finish the Lord's battle. By their faith, many men of old subdued kingdoms, tore lions to pieces, some shut the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, wrought righteousness, etc and obtained the promise.

## **YOUR FAITH SEEK AND SERVE FATHER GOD**



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