

Applying Faith for the Bread Pt. 2

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In this series of teachings, we are focusing on how to ask the Father for the necessities of life... "Our Daily Bread" Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Luke 4:4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

It is the word of God that provides us with all of the necessities that we need for eternal abundant life.

Remember, when we talk about necessities, we're talking about more than enough.

All we need is what we need, and we all need more than enough.

The necessities of life can be put into two categories

1. Spiritual Nourishment:

Spiritual nourishment is practices that help us connect with God, receive divine guidance, and grow in faith and understanding.

2. Physical Sustenance

God's physical sustenance encompasses goods, services, and resources, ranging from the supernatural to the natural.

God has an inexhaustible supply of riches that never depletes.

It takes the Word of God applied by faith for the spiritual nourishment and the physical sustenance to manifest for Eternal Abundant Life!

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Hebrews 11:1 (Amplified Bible) NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Faith is the substance for both spiritual nourishment and physical sustenance. Faith is extracted from the word of God when we believe the word of God.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is released by speaking the word of God from our heart. The Word filled with Faith becomes a creative force and the answer to what we need or desire.

This is exactly how Jesus defeated Satan and His appetite when he was tested in the wilderness. By quoting what is written in **Deuteronomy 8:3...man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.**"

Jesus didn't speak from His mind through His mouth; He spoke from His heart through His mouth.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

By speaking from His heart with unwavering faith, Jesus demonstrated that He could endure many days without food because the Word of God sustains life.

John 6:63 ... "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

This heart-mouth connection is how we received our salvation. Romans 10:8-10 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:8-11 (NLT) In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: 9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

So, we don't have to try to come up with what to say on our own, what we need to speak has already been given to us in the word of God. We just need to believe it so we can speak it by faith.

How to Apply Faith for the Necessities of Life

Mark 11:12-25 This is the greatest instruction in one place in scripture for applying your faith for the Necessities of Life.

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Remember now, when we talk about necessities, we are talking about more than enough because we are called to be a blessing, to answer the needs of others, and the Kingdom of God. We need to receive our abundant blessing so we can be an abundant blessing.

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Notice here that Jesus exercised His right to obtain physical sustenance through a service provided at His request. *Remember that physical sustenance consists of Goods, Services, and Resources.* He commanded the tree to dry up.

Notice Peter heard him curse the tree, which means that he spoke with authority and a commanding voice.

This service that the Father provided for Jesus was a part of Jesus' Daily Bread.

We should ask the Father God in our morning prayer to provide us with our daily bread. By making this request at the beginning of the day, we can confidently confess, decree, and declare according to God's word.

Now, are we starting to see why Jesus constructed the Lord's Prayer the way He constructed it?

Jesus commanded it, but the Father does the work.

It is Father God who ultimately orchestrates what we request or command, what is needed to manifest.

John 16:22-24 (NLT) At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. 24 You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

God has board meetings in Heaven:

At the creation of man:

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God had a board meeting in verse 26 and then took action in verse 27.

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God had a board meeting about King Ahab

1 Kings 22:19-23 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. 20 And the Lord said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, 'I will persuade him.' 22 The Lord said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the Lord said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.'

We could also look at Job.

In the New Testament, Jesus acts as our advocate in the heavenly boardroom, representing us. We also have the Holy Spirit, who takes the final decisions made in heaven, communicates them to us, and implements them for our benefit here on Earth.

John 16:12-14 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.