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# The “Now” Faith

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# Dedication

This book is dedicated to people who are seeking answers, for those who have been searching for the common factor for success, and for those who want to understand the principles and essence of success. The Bible is the greatest and the most successful book ever written, with thousands of books quoting it. The Scriptural principles have been used to build nations and to unearth mysteries that have been hidden since the beginning of time. This book is for you if you want a practical look at Scriptural truths. You were born to succeed, and you have been given an instruction manual, the master key for achieving success in all areas of life. Use these concepts to achieve success in your relationships, health, finances, and other areas.

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## Introduction

I would like to share with you some mind-blowing, mind-food. I want you to understand how to use your mind more effectively and work at your optimum potential. So, in this book, we will take a look at a well-known Bible verse and examine it from a different perspective. If you asked many churchgoers and non-churchgoers to define faith, many would respond, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen." It is not a big deal if you have never heard of this before, and if you have, you know where to find that verse in the Bible.

It can be found in the book of Hebrews 11:1, and the whole chapter is also known as the Great Hall of Faith. And it is a chapter that delves deeply into the concept of faith; there are around forty verses in the chapter that are all about faith, people who had faith, and people who demonstrated faith. So, today I am going to talk to you about faith and how it works in your lives and thoughts, and how you can use it to accomplish the things God has put you here to do. So, it is written in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

## Chapter One

### Faith is Now

The first thing I want you to notice as you read this verse is the word "now," most people do not place much emphasis on the word "now", for meaning, comprehension, or direction. You would not consider the word "now" to be of any real value. You may think of it as a placeholder, a word that serves as a starting point for a sentence. However, the reality is that the word "now" is essential to understanding faith and how to operate in faith because it tells you when you get to have faith. For example, when you have faith, it is only because you have allowed yourself to enter the "now" that requires faith.

And if you spend your entire life seeking for the easy way out and ways to get things done without risking anything, you will never find yourself in the "now" when faith is required. "Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for," it reads. Often in my teachings, I will quote the verse without the word now and say, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the proof of things not seen," as the Bible states. Then I will ask what is the first word in that passage. And the vast majority of the people will respond with "faith." So, I will say it was a trick question because that is not the first word; the first word is "now." And the "now" is so important because you can only have faith when you allow yourself to enter the "now" that requires faith.

### Faith Is All It Takes

God told Noah, "I want you to build a big boat in the wilderness, three storeys high, that will hold seven of every clean animal and two of every unclean animal." You, your wife, your sons and their wives, and enough food for all of you. And Noah replied, "All right, but why am I building this boat when there is no river nearby?" God says because it is going to rain, and you must understand that Noah was already four hundred and eighty years old, and he had never seen a drop of rain, so when God told him it was going to rain, Noah had no means of understanding what that might mean, because Noah had never seen rain. And now he is supposed to spend the next one hundred and twenty years building a boat in the wilderness based on something God told him would happen, that he had never seen before. Because they had faith, Noah, his wife, and his sons and sons' wives spent the next one hundred and twenty years in the wilderness building an ark.

They had faith, which gave them the ability, desire, and willingness to work on a project for a long period of time based on something they had never seen before. That is "now" faith. Faith is what drove David to run towards Goliath while the rest of the Israeli army fled. His brothers fled from Goliath, Saul fled from Goliath, and every man in Israel fled from Goliath, but David's faith caused him to run towards Goliath rather than away from him. Faith is what motivated Noah and his family to build an ark for one hundred and twenty years because God said it would rain, despite the fact that Noah had never seen rain in his four hundred and eighty years on earth.

## Chapter Two

### Faith Produces Action

My point is that when you have faith, it propels you to act on what you believe. So, it says, "Now" faith is the substance of things hoped for, the proof of things not seen. And from now on, I do not want you to think of "now" as just a word when you think about this passage. I would like you to consider "now" as an adjective that describes the type of faith we are discussing. We are talking about "now" faith, the kind of faith that can only be obtained by allowing yourself to enter the "now" that indicates faith. And when you do that, you will find that doors will begin to open for you, that have never opened for you in the past.

Simply put, you have learned to act on the things you believe in and on the results that you desire, instead of not acting because of doubt or unbelief. But I would like you to pay attention to the next line, which reads, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for." Hope does not imply a wish, but rather a well-founded and well-grounded expectation for the future. To put it another way, you have a very good reason to believe that this result will occur. And then it says evidence, the evidence of things, and the word evidence is the same as the word proof. So, I would like you to consider this: "Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

### Using The Faith Formula

You are going to say the same verse differently, allowing you to act on what you hear. "Now faith is where I stand on the things I expect while I prove the things I cannot see." And what is even more intriguing is that this is a formula. What do you mean by when you say this is a formula? So, you will remain firm on the things you expect while confirming the things you cannot see. So, this entire teaching is progressive in the fact that you first start on, understanding what faith is, then secondly, it shows you what faith can produce, and third, it gives you examples of all the people who exhibited faith.

Last but not least, is when you learn how to act on your faith. So, I want you to think about this formula, what kind of faith, now faith, what is now faith? Now faith is when you are stepping out in faith, it requires that 'Now' moment where there is no hesitation, but you are prepared and positioned to step out in boldness, the next verse says, For by it, that is by faith, the elders obtained a good report and the only way you can obtain a good report, or a good testimony, or a good witness, or a good reputation is by faith. See, the people that you look at and think Oh, my goodness, they are so amazing.

### Faith In Action

The reason you think they are amazing is because they stood on something they expected while they proved something they could not see. And it does not matter if you are talking about someone in the world of sports, someone like Tiger Woods or Jordan Spaeth who can make a ninety-foot putt look easy.



It does not matter if you are talking about someone who expects to generate a result based on their belief of the outcome, or you are talking about someone who expects to act now to produce a result they could not have produced if they were doubtful. Like, Michael Jordan in basketball or Larry Bird believing that they is going to score these two free throws. Michael Jordan believing that he could win all those championships, faith is so crucial to every aspect of your life. One of the things you have to understand, is that doubt and faith are both beliefs. I want you to think about what I just said, doubt and faith are both beliefs.

## Chapter Three

### The Belief System

Doubt is believing in results you do not desire, more than you believe in the results you do desire. Faith is believing in the results you desire more than you believe in the results you do not desire. I mean, think about it, that is the difference between having faith and having doubt. See, someone says, well, I have faith, you believe that guess what, someone who has doubt also has faith except in the opposite thing. You believe more in the failure of the result than you believe in the success of the outcome. You need to wrap your head around how to allow yourself to believe in, focus on, and engage in life based on the results you want, rather than the outcomes you do not want.

It is also a discipline and not about having a positive attitude, nor is it about speaking things into reality, so what is it about? It is about understanding how to use your mind to focus on the results you want, and to perceive the things that are already there because when you have doubts, those doubts act as blinkers and prevent you from acting on the things that are already there. So first and foremost, we see faith, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for”, so, what exactly is “now” faith, what is it? It is the substance of things hoped for.

#### Focus On Faith

It is where you believe for the things you are expecting, and the evidence of things not seen. It is where you manifest from the spiritual realm into the physical realm, the things you have not seen and cannot see. So, now faith is you believing and standing on your expectations while proving things you have never seen before. Now faith is where you are believing and standing on your expectations, while you prove things your family has never seen before. Now faith is you believing and standing on the things you expect, while you prove things the world has never seen before. And then what happens, by faith the elders obtain a good name.

The only way anyone can obtain a good reputation is by faith by believing in the results that are desirable so strongly that belief gives you the impetus, it gives you the power, it gives you the energy to act on that result. And, when you do that, you can produce results that you could not produce if you doubt. So amazing, this concept, this passage is showing you how to use your mind to activate your faith.

## Chapter Four

### Faith Produces Understanding

It says through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Now, what is interesting about this passage of Scripture is something that I memorised when I was a teenager and where it says, "Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God". I could not as a teenager comprehend the fact that there is more than one world, it does not say the world was framed by the word of God. It says that the worlds were framed by the word of God.

I had the passage memorised wrong, as the world was not, instead the worlds were not. I was at church one day, and this passage of scripture was being read, I was following the reading in my mind, and it got to the part where it said, "Through faith, we understand" and I am saying out loud, under my breath to myself "is through faith, we understand that the world was framed by the word of God. But the reader said, "Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God". And I thought to myself, it does not say the worlds were framed by the word of God. It says the world was framed by the word of God and so I looked and sure enough, it said worlds and I am thinking man, where that "s" come from, like it was there all along, and I had never seen it before.

### Misunderstanding Scripture

So now, my mind is going crazy I know what the world was, but I did not know what these worlds were, and it says the worlds were framed by the word of God. What worlds is it talking about? And what is so amazing is, the Bible is so true to form all you have to do to understand what you are reading is just to keep on reading. So, through faith, we understand that the worlds plural were framed by the word of God. So that things which are seen, that is one world were not made of things which do appear that is the other world. Now before I go into that and want you to notice a couple of things. It says by faith we understand that the worlds were framed.

The first thing I want you to see is the scripture says, "By faith, through faith, we understand". And one of the things I believe that this is telling us that through faith we understand, I believe that this is telling you that as spiritual beings who are having a physical experience, you need to allow yourself to let your faith guide your thinking, rather than your thinking guiding your faith. You should not be an intellectual first, you should be spiritual first and you then let your spirit rule over your mind and your mind rule over your body, and your body rules over your assignment or your whole being. actually, your spirit, your mind, your will, your emotions all rule over your assignment with great authority, because you are doing it the way God set it up from the beginning.

## Chapter Five

### Believe First Then Understand

So, it says "Through faith we understand", and people say, well, as soon as I understand, I believe, but that is not what the Scripture teaches. The Scripture teaches that as soon as you believe you will understand. Then it says through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. What does that mean? That means that the worlds were framed by the word of God, and both the physical world and the spiritual world were framed by the word of God. And what is interesting is that the word "frame" literally means "completed thoroughly", through the word of God. It also means "repaired" by the word of God and it means "to perfect, to mend, to prepare, and to restore".

As a result, the word of God does and did all of those things to the worlds. I write these blogs because I believe that everything God has ever done has been accomplished through His Word. If He is going to do something for you, it will be through His Word; similarly, if He is going to do something for you, it will be through His Word. If He is going to do something through you, He will do it through his Word. That is why I believe your life should be filled with God's word so that when you begin to do something, you have a God's eye view rather than just a bird's eye view.

### Yahweh's Perspective

The Bible gives us God's perspective on how life works and since He is the Creator of the whole universe, and the creator of all things, having his perspective, gives you the highest possible perspective, as stated in Isaiah 55:8, where it says, "My ways are not your way, saith the Lord, and my thoughts are not your thoughts, whereas the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts". As a result, you gain God's perspective, and through faith, you grasp that the world is framed by God's word through faith. So, things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

This is the final thought on this last verse. It says the worlds were framed by the word of God. The two worlds that it is talking about is the physical world and the spiritual world and here is the emphasis, the unseen (spiritual) world is the real world (the casual world). And the seen world is nothing more than the manifestation of the spiritual world. That is true in every facet in every aspect of life. What shows up through your life, first shows up in your life and I mean inside of you, the invisible world is reality, the physical world is the manifestation of reality.

## Chapter Six

### The Casual world

The real world cannot be seen with the naked eye and that is true. It is so fascinating, that all those people who invented new things and made new products for mankind to make your life better, are people who can manifest, and manifest means to reach through the curtain that separates the visible world from the invisible world, grab something from the invisible world, and bring it back into the physical world. And the word manifest means to show up in your hand, and what do I mean show up in your hand? Let us take this chair that is here in front of me, it is a physical chair that you can touch, you can feel it, and you can see it.

It is made up of invisible molecules that you cannot touch. You cannot feel or see the molecules, so, everything that is physical is made of something invisible. Maybe it represents the fact that we were created by an all-knowing, invisible God; what does the Bible say about God? God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. So, what does a spirit in truth look like? A spirit is invisible, the essence of life is invisibility. So, I do not want you to go through life making the mistake of thinking that the physical world is the real world and the invisible world is just an imaginary world.

#### Are You Physical Or Spiritual?

No, no, no, no it is not how this works, it is the physical world that manifests in your hand as a result of your believing in the invisible world. This same chapter, tells us about one particular person, Moses, and I am sure you know who Moses was. It says, "By faith and Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents". That means his parents had faith, so they hid him when Pharaoh was killing all the baby boys in Egypt, by faith, Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents because they saw he was a proper child, and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

By faith. Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, because Pharaoh's daughter had adopted him. And then it says, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt for a respect unto the recompense of the reward and then it says, By faith, he forsook Egypt, Moses was an heir to the Pharaoh he was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter; he was an adopted grandson of the king of Egypt. By faith, though he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.

For he endured, how did he endure, because he kept his eye on him who is invisible? So, you have got to discipline yourself, to learn to look through the physical world, to the invisible realm, and see the possibilities that are there.

## Chapter Seven

### Conclusion

But more importantly, see the promises and the principles that give you the ability to manifest from the casual realm (spirit world) to the physical world. And believe that those manifestations will be true so that you will be proactive and produce what God intended for you to produce. Invisibility is a reality; physicality is merely a manifestation of the reality. What does that mean? That means heaven is more real than Earth. That means God is more real than man and spirit is more real than the physical.

The reason why a lot of people in the body of Christ are frustrated is because they are not getting the results they want. It is on you; it is on what you believe and understand that faith is the currency of the kingdom. Faith has been given to you to believe in God for things, and if you are not getting the desires that God has placed in your heart, maybe you have to check your faith. Faith without works is dead, so faith must be worked, and faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God.

Be blessed, and start believing.

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