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**FAITH 104: SESSION TWO**

**FAITH ENCOUNTERS**

**Acts 14:27**

(27) And when they (the Jewish believers) were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened **the door of faith** unto the Gentiles.

**THE FINDING OF FAITH**

**Luke 18:8**

**(8)... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

**Matthew 8:10**

**(10) When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

These scriptures carry the connotation that faith is a subject of pursuit as far as God is concerned. God is endeavoring to discover faith in the hearts of His people. God is not looking for someone who thinks that **they** have to do the impossible, but rather someone that can **believe** for **God** to do the impossible through them.

- God's Word is created and delivered in and by faith; therefore it seeks out a landing place compatible to its nature [the renewed spirit of man].
- Without the faith element the Word of God is rendered powerless to that which it is assigned.

**Hebrew 4:2**

**(2) For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

## JOHN THE BAPTIST – FAITH ENCOUNTER

### Mark 1:4 (Amplified)

(4) John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness (desert), preaching a baptism [obligating repentance] (a change of one's mind for the better, heartily amending one's ways, with abhorrence of his past sins) in order to obtain forgiveness of and release from sins.

- John's encounter with faith was in the acknowledgment and the walking out of his divine assignment in the earth
- John was called to preach repentance and the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom into the earth
- John's faith encounter:
  - placed him in a position of conflict with mainstream religion
  - brought persecution and hardship
  - ultimately cost him his life

## THE DISCIPLES – FAITH ENCOUNTER

### Matthew 4:18-19

(18) And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. (19) And he saith unto them, Follow me, and **I will make you** fishers of men.

- These men dropped their nets [earthly endeavors] by faith in order to participate in a Kingdom endeavor by faith
- The Word [Jesus] promised to perform the “making” of these men into everything they needed to be for their faith journey
- They were fisherman [ much like today - doctors, teachers, engineers, bankers, administrators, entrepreneurs] ...that became Kingdom citizens

## LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP!

### Luke 5:4

(4) Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep**, and let down your nets for a draught.

- This is the language of a faith encounter. Peter is our example of how God moves us into faith.
  - It is after we have obeyed what's possible (v.3)
  - It is outside of what we would ordinarily do (fishing at day)
  - It is after we have exhausted our natural strength (v.5)
  - **BUT**, it will always take us into a supernatural place (v.6)
    - a place that exceeds our expectation
    - a place that is uncontrollable by the natural
    - a place that requires a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in order stay
  - It will cause those around you [faithful; called to help you] to receive overflow in their own lives. Their visions and dreams will be realized (v.7)

## FEAR: THE IMPOSING THREAT TO YOUR FAITH ENCOUNTER

### Luke 5:8-10

(8) When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, **Depart from me; for I am a sinful man**, O Lord. (9) For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: (10) And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **Fear not**; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

- Peter thought that he was un-deserving of such a faith encounter. He was! But this was not about what he deserved as opposed to grace.
- When you are taken by shame, the acts of God will astonish you. Otherwise, you would be expecting the supernatural to happen!

**Matthew 4:23**

(23) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, AND HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND ALL MANNER OF DISEASE AMONG THE PEOPLE.

**Matthew 12:15**

(15) But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, AND HE HEALED THEM ALL...

**Luke 6:17-19**

(17) And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; (18) And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. (19) And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, AND HEALED THEM ALL.

Notice, in each case Jesus healed them **all**. You know that all of these were not living right or “deserved” to be healed. But, He healed the **all!**

**END OF SESSION**