



Sunday January 23, 2022
How To Receive What God Has Provided (Part-3)

Romans 4:17-21

17 (as it is written, "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

REFUSE TO WAVER

The fourth step we can outline from Romans 4:17-21, as Abraham came to receive what God has promised is that he did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief.

#4, He Did Not Waver At The Promise Of God Through Unbelief

Romans 4:20

He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, ..,

James 1:6-7

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

The word 'waver' in Romans 4:20 is the same word used in James 1:6 translated 'doubting'. It means to oppose, strive with dispute, contend, to be at variance with one's self, to be divided, hesitate, doubt. As James puts it, a person who is doubting or wavering is going to be 'driven and tossed'. Sometimes going this way, and sometime going the other way. Sometimes 'on' and sometimes 'off'. Sometimes in faith, and sometimes in unbelief. And James states emphatically, that if we are like this, we cannot receive anything from God.



Unbelief (Greek '*apistia*') is faithlessness or the absence of faith. Unbelief causes one to doubt, waver and stumble at the promise of God. Unbelief hinders one from receiving the fulfillment of the promise of God. Guard against unbelief. Guard against anything that comes to rob you of faith in your heart - fear, worry, doubt, reasoning, natural limitations, past experiences, etc.

Understand the different sources of unbelief: (A)our own mind (B)sources around us, and (C)thoughts of fear and doubt from the enemy, the devil.

(A)our own mind : Sometimes thoughts of unbelief could be our own mind at work. Remember you can have faith in your heart, while your mind still does not understand, or your mind still wonders. Faith, as we learnt from Hebrews 11:1 is 'the evidence of things not seen'. There is conviction in your heart based on who God is and what He has spoken, while the mind has no factual evidence to rest itself on. What we must learn to do is to train our mind to rest in God and His Word. This is what the Bible refers to as the renewed mind. The renewed mind is a mind that is rested on God and His Word. Isaiah 26:3 teaches us that when our mind is rested on God, we can be at perfect peace.

(B)Sources around us : Sometimes the unbelief can come from sources around us. People may not know God and His Word. People may not understand the basis of our faith. Now you do not blame them for their lack of knowledge of the Word of God. And don't try to explain your faith to them. They may not want to hear it. What you need to do is simply guard against things they may say that contradict the Word of God.

(C)Thoughts of fear and doubt from the enemy, the devil : A third source of unbelief are thoughts of doubt and fear the enemy, the devil and his demons, throw at us in our minds. These come as thoughts, ideas, pictures and imaginations that are interjected into our minds, causing fear and doubt.

Quench Fiery Darts With The Shield Of Faith

Ephesians 6:16

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

The apostle Paul taught us to use our shield of faith to nullify, extinguish all the fire tipped darts thrown at us by the wicked one.



Stand firm in the faith. Keep your eyes on the Word. And an important way to raise up the shield of faith is to hold firm to the confession or declaration of your faith.

Hold On To Your Confession Of Faith And Expectation

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

The word 'confession' in these three verses is the Greek '*homologia*', simply meaning acknowledgement, agreement or to say the same thing.

BECOME STRONGER IN FAITH, BY PRAISING GOD

#5, He Was Strengthened In Faith, Giving Glory To God

Romans 4:20

20 ... but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

Abraham continued to grow stronger in his faith as he gave honor, worship, praise and thanks to God even before the promise actually came to pass. As we thank God in advance for His faithfulness to His Word, as we thank Him in advance for the fulfillment of the promise, our faith is strengthened. Faith does not wait until the manifestation of the promise to give thanks to God. Faith begins to praise and glorify God in advance, even before anything actually happens for faith is certain of the outcome!

Praise And Thank God In Advance

Praise Him for His faithfulness



Praise Him for His Word
Praise Him for the provision that has been made

Armies Defeated

2 Chronicles 20:20-23

20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

Prison Doors Flung Open

Acts 16:23-26

23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

SUMMARY

Let's review the four steps we have covered thus far in: How to receive what God has provided:

- 1, Believe God
- 2, Believe God, even if it is hopeless



- 3, Do not let circumstances dictate your faith
- 4, Refuse to waver
- 5, Become stronger in faith by praising God

We will continue this message and look at the last 3 steps Abraham took as he journeyed into seeing God's Word fulfilled in his life.

SALVATION CALL

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Sunday January 23, 2022
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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Take turns to read the following Scripture references: *Romans 4:17-21*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

Discuss the following based on the steps of faith, that we outlined today from Romans 4:17-21

1, Refuse to waver

Doubts and fear assail all of us – including Abraham. He had his moments of doubt and wondering. And yet he seemed to get back into that place of believing God, and eventually steadied himself, in a place of faith. What can we do to counter thoughts of



fear and doubt that impinge our thought and imagination, so that our heart remains firm in faith?

2, Become stronger in faith, by praising God

Praising and thanking God for the answer even before you have received the answer in the natural – we do this (A) because we believe we have received by faith and (B) because it is an act of faith. Discuss both these in this context.

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

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SERMON BRIEF

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have already been blessed with every spiritual blessing. These are grace provisions that God has already made. God is waiting on us to receive what He has provided through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Looking at the steps of faith that Abraham took, we discover how we can receive what God has already provided.

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