



Chariots of Light Monthly Message

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CHARIOTS OF LIGHT - PHILIPPIANS 2:15 - "SHINE AS LIGHTS"

Hello Chariots and Friends,

Let's talk about: Keeping your Spiritual Initiative.

One definition of the word 'initiative' means *the power to act; the power and opportunity to act; or take charge before someone else does; to be the first one to act.*

When you put God first, you are putting His Word first.

Remember last month we talked about the value of the seed? Wherever that seed is planted, it has value. Let the good ground that the seed is planted in be you. A deep-rooted, watered by the word man or woman of God! The Word is what we are planted in, deep-rooted in and live by. Whatever you have need of in this life you can base it on the Word! The Word and faith applied in your life in what God has already done. He will keep performing His Word on your behalf.

Let's look closer in The Word about faith:

John 14:6-14 (Passion Translation)

6 Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too.

7 And from now on you will realize that you have seen him and experienced him."

8 Philip spoke up, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be all that we need!"

9 Jesus replied, "Philip, I've been with you all this time and you still don't know who I am? How could you ask me to show you the Father, for anyone who has looked at me has seen the Father.

10 Don't you believe that the Father is living in me and that I am living in the Father? Even my words are not my own but come from my Father, for he lives in me and performs his miracles of power through me.

11 Believe that I live as one with my Father and that my Father lives as one with me—or at least, believe because of the mighty miracles I have done.

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12 **“I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father!**

13 **For I will do whatever you ask me to do when you ask me in my name. And that is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring glory to him.**

14 **Ask me anything in my name, and I will do it for you!”**

Look in verse 12 specifically. Jesus says, ‘The person who follows me in faith.’ He states, not just follow, but follows in faith. So what is faith? It’s believing what God said in His Word is true. So faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

So if faith comes by the Word of God, then faith must be in God’s Word. When you hear God’s Word it creates faith within you. You can’t please God without faith.

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

So you can’t please Him unless His Word is in you. That’s how the greater one is in you. And... He IS in you.

If we lack in knowledge, we are lacking in His Word.

If our faith is lacking, we are lacking in His Word.

What you believe creates faith inside of you! If you believe in God then you are IN Him. If you are in His Word and His Word is in you, then the faith of God is in you!

His Word is not void, empty or without effect. Hallelujah!

Isaiah 55:11 (AMPC)

So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

The Word produces faith and it will always produce and be effective when applied. This is the seed that is valuable and always life-giving! Faith comes by hearing the Word, but will never develop by only hearing The Word. You have to act upon what His Word is saying.

If you are speaking His Word then faith is activated through your confession and what you are saying. This is what Jesus was saying in the scripture verses we read earlier, John 14:11-12, you will believe because of the mighty miracles you have seen. The disciples and others experienced the Word in action!

Another key to activation is your prayer life. It will help activate the level of His Word that’s in your heart.

When you hunger and thirst for this you will be filled with it and it will naturally come out of you like rivers of living water. The water activates the seed of the Word! Effective prayer is praying God's Word. The earnest heartfelt prayer is the love of God that activates The Word and faith into manifestations.

James 5:16 (AMPC)

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

God honors His Word! The Word is simple faith because His Word is faith. Your faith will develop by believing God's Word is truth and when the truth is confessed or spoken. Faith comes by hearing, but is released when spoken. When does Faith come? NOW! When God's Word is spoken, it operates by His Love for us. When faith, The Word, is planted, sown, spoken, and watered, then love is activated from above. Again faith is action, doing; being a doer of God's Word!

James 1:22 (KJV)

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Whatever situation you are in you should find out what God's Word says about it. Then speak that Word, or do what that Word says. Standing in faith is standing on the Word of God.

Where does faith and The Word work its best? In you and in the world! He said to His disciples, "Go into all the world and preach, speak, proclaim, the gospel."

What is the gospel? Yes, it is the good news, but it's also the truth. If it's truth, then it has to be His Word! And above all it is the power of God unto salvation!

Romans 1:16 (TPT)

I refuse to be ashamed of the wonderful message of God's liberating power unleashed in us through Christ! For I am thrilled to preach that everyone who believes is saved—the Jew first, and then people everywhere!

John 17:17-19 (AMPC)

17 Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.

18 Just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.

John 14:6 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 17:17 (KJV)

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Romans 10:8 (NIV)

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

Romans 10:8 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:

Romans 10:8 NKJV 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):

Keeping your spiritual initiative is staying in the Word (the Word of faith that we preach). Word time and prayer time builds up our faith; then we release that power by acting on the Word. The power released in the opportunity that you seek every day to change someone’s life along the way. Be first to act. Take the initiative. Act on the Word, then watch what God will do.

We love and appreciate you and your willingness to be a doer of the Word so others can experience God’s goodness through you! #itswhatwedo

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- **Brother Bill and Ginger**