

By Faith

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Read: Hebrews 11

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Steadfast love and faithfulness preserve the king, and by steadfast love his throne is upheld.
Proverbs 20:28

In my last writing “Trust YHWH in the Storm” I wrote that we should not just depend or trust in YHWH in the midst of bad circumstances. Storms are unpredictable but if we place our trust in Him, we can rise higher than any storm and walk on the water in faith. Good circumstances are only an illusion of security where as bad circumstances are only an illusion of a lack of security.

Immediately after I read this the following verse came to mind.

“to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to YHWH, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” Acts 26:18

Before Yeshua calmed the storm He said to them: “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Yeshua went up into the mountain to go and pray. Upon His return he walked on the water towards the boat. The disciples seen this happening thought it was a ghost and started crying out in fear. But Peter questioned if this was really Yeshua and knew that if this really was that He would help him to walk towards him on water.

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Yeshua. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Yeshua immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of YHWH.” Matthew 1:28-33

Often we cry out and pray that the Lord must help us and afterwards still wonder if He hears our prayers, becoming faithless and doubting. Even if He has to walk on water, calm the storm, ceased the winds and kill the fires, the Lord will come through for us if we submit yourself to Him in prayer, repenting about your sins, ask for forgiveness and place our full trust in Him.

History has demonstrated that the most notable and noble winners usually encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they experience triumph over it. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. A dignified or honorable man would not stop to serve their Lord. A noble man is dignified with self-control, sound in faith, in love and in steadfastness. No battle flied has been won without sacrifice and endurance.

There are many ways to go forward in life, many roads you can take to success, but you need to make an effort and sacrifice on your way there. You will not reach the top of a mountain or the other side by standing still. Mountains are created to be conquered; adversities are designed to be defeated; problems are sent to be solved. No mountain makes it lower by itself and it is better to master one mountain than a thousand foothills.

The experienced mountain climber is not intimidated by any mountain; he remains inspired by it; see it as a challenge and glorify the Mighty Hand who created it. The persistent winner is not discouraged by a problem; he is challenged by it because he knows that everything is possible with YHWH and after every challenge is a victorious crown.

Most successful people did not achieve success on their first try. They tried and tried and did not get discouraged. It is through faith they picked themselves up and went back at it and every time, their approach was an even stronger with a set minded persistence when they achieved their goal. Do not be discouraged if your plans do not succeed the first time. No one learns to walk by taking only one step. It takes hardship, effort, endurance and sacrifice to master something.

To become a master of something you need to understand what is required from a master. Being a master you require dignity before you can become a leader. A leader leads by example, have a caring heart, faithfulness, righteous, wise in understanding, and experienced.

Whoever tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who guards his master will be honored.

Proverbs 27:18

Abraham became a master and he achieved great success with being in YHWH's care and grace came upon him. Clearly he also served his Master (YHWH) by living in obedience, become righteous; put all his trust and faith in the LORD. By pleasing his master he was recognized and rewarded greatly. YHWH made a (covenant) with Abraham promising that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. Abraham's generation was blessed through him.

Later the scriptures teaches us how Joseph after being brought up in good morals by example of his father Jacob continued to serve the LORD in Egypt and he was blessed abundantly and even became the overseer of all. Even though he lived where other YHWHs were served, he

remembered and treasured the teachings of his father. Because he was faithful the LORD made sure he received a blessing.

The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. Genesis 39:2-4

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” 1 Peter 3:12

The Righteous Shall Live by His Faith

Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of YHWH, because YHWH is not man, only through acceptance of Yeshua Christ and his righteousness are we saved by His grace *through obedience to YHWH's commandments*. It is a confidence through Christ on YHWH; it appears that faith in Christ comprehends two things. First, we confide not only in YHWH but also in Christ. We are obedient unto YHWH, not in those things only which He has commanded in the law delivered by Moses and are not abolished by Christ, but also in those things which Christ has fulfilled in the law.

but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him. Hebrews 10:38

The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed. 1 Samuel 26:23

Repentance and Forgiveness

“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your YHWH has driven you, and return to the LORD your YHWH, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the LORD your YHWH will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you” Deuteronomy 30:1 -3

The Choice of Life and Death

“For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your YHWH that I command you today, by loving the Lord your YHWH, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your YHWH will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other YHWHs and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You

shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your YHWH, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. Deuteronomy 30:11 -20

The Bible is full of promises and Yeshua tells us several times in John 14-16, "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:14; see also 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23-24, 26). Psalm 37:4 pledges, "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

And Yeshua answered them, "Have faith in YHWH. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:22-25

Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'" Luke 13:35

Have Faith and Trust in YHWH

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. Galatians 5:5

YHWH's will and desire is for us to walk in health, prosperity and wisdom. You'll find this indicated in many places throughout Scriptures, but consider Proverbs 3 as the scripture where it is laid out all in a row: health, wealth and wisdom.

Blessing in Health

YHWH wants to bless you with health. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Proverbs 3:7-8

"Do not be wise in your own eyes." Our eyes give us a very superficial understanding of the world. There is more to life than what our physical senses can tell us, or even what our ability to reason can show.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

Wisdom does not come by what we see, or even by what we think. Paul said that we walk by faith, not by sight *2 Corinthians 5:7*. This means that some things are known only by revelation—that is, YHWH must show us. Do not be wise in your own eyes, but *"fear the LORD and depart from evil."* How different YHWH's way of wisdom is from our own. We judge externally, with our eyes. Consequently, our wisdom is shallow. But the Bible says, *"The fear of the LORD is the*

beginning of wisdom" Psalm 111:10. Fear of the LORD is an action of the heart and is based upon YHWH, not on our own understanding.

that you may fear the LORD your YHWH, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Deuteronomy 6:2

To fear YHWH is to treasure His favor above all else and avoid whatever displeasure His at all costs. It is to love what He loves and hate what He hates. It is total dependence upon Him, turning away from evil and everything that does not come from Him being aware of how risky it is to treat it lightly.

The fear of the YHWH is a pathway of healing, respect for power of prayer, recognizing the great benefit it brings. **"It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones."** The Hebrew word for "health" comes from the word *rapha*, which means "to heal." There is, of course, healing for the inner man the forgiveness of sins, and release from bondages and strongholds. YHWH also promises healing for the body: health to the flesh and strength to the bones. The flesh includes all the soft tissues and internal organs, and the bones are the structural framework. YHWH wants to heal every part.

Yeshua is our healer. Speaking of Messiah, the prophet Isaiah said, "Surely He has borne our grief's literally "sicknesses" and carried our sorrows literally "pains" ... ***He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed"*** Isaiah 53:4-5

Blessing in Wealth

YHWH wants to bless you with wealth! ***Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10***

The word for "honor" means "glory" and literally refers to weightiness. YHWH's glory is the weight of His goodness. ***"Honor the LORD with your possessions."*** YHWH wants to bless us with wealth, but first, He wants us to bless Him with our spirit.

To honor YHWH is to glorify Him. There is essence or substantiality to it. It is not merely a thought or intention, but a bringing of acknowledgment through praise and worship. We must honor YHWH with our possessions, ***"and the firstfruits of all increase."*** Increase is fruit that has been produced, or income that has been gained.

The Bible says, ***"And you shall remember the LORD your YHWH, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers"*** Deuteronomy 8:17. YHWH gives us the ability to get increase and wealth because He has a promise to keep, a covenant to establish the world. We remember Him by bringing Him our "firstfruits." This is not just a portion, but the *first* portion. It belongs to the LORD. Honoring the LORD with our possessions is a pathway to abundance and prosperity. The Hebrew word comes from a root which means "to heap together." A barn is a storehouse. ***"So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."***

When we give YHWH our first and best, He fills our storehouses, heaping them up to overflowing. It is just as Yeshua said, *"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you"* [Luke 6:38](#). Paul added, *"YHWH is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."* [2 Corinthians 9:8](#).

The riches of our wealth come through the Lord Yeshua Christ. *"For you know the grace of our Lord Yeshua Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich"* [2 Corinthians 8:9](#). *"And my YHWH shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Yeshua"* [Philippians 4:19](#).

Blessing in Wisdom

YHWH wants to bless you with wisdom! *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.* [Proverbs 3:13-18](#)

"Happy is the man who finds wisdom ... Happy are all who retain her." How do we find wisdom and how do we retain it? There is nothing on earth like the wisdom of YHWH. It can do more for you than all the silver, gold and precious stones. True wisdom comes from YHWH and is imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. Paul prayed for the Ephesians that YHWH would give them *"the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him"* [Ephesians 1:17](#)

YHWH is happy to share His wisdom with whoever wants it. All we have to do is ask! James said, *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of YHWH, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him"* [James 1:5](#). YHWH gives His wisdom freely but you have to ask in faith. James continued, *"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"*

After Yeshua went into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights He was tempted by Satan.

The tempter knew that Yeshua had not eaten and tempts Yeshua to change the stones into loaves of bread, but Yeshua answered him with the scriptures out of [Deuteronomy 8:3](#) *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of YHWH."* Satan tried to tempt Yeshua into throwing Himself down from the Pinnacle of the Temple using words from the scriptures [Psalm 91](#) *"He will command his angels concerning you,"* Yeshua said to him, *"Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your YHWH to the test.'"* Yeshua answered him with the scriptures from [Deuteronomy 6:16](#) *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Yeshua said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,* Yeshua reprimanded Satan with the first of the 10 commandments in [Exodus 20](#) and [Deuteronomy 4:35](#) *"You shall worship the Lord your YHWH and him only shall you serve."*

Yeshua began His Ministry by calling the first disciples and ministers to great crowds. *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!* *Matthew 7:7-11*

Yeshua taught us the “Golden Rule”

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Matthew 7:12-14

We continue in wisdom by continuing in the fear of the LORD, by walking in His ways and depending upon Him. We continue in wisdom by faith in Yeshua Christ. *"But of Him you are in Christ Yeshua, who became for us wisdom from YHWH-and righteousness and sanctification and redemption" 1 Corinthians 1:30*

YHWH wants you to be healthy, wealthy and wise, and He has already made every provision for you. The Bible says,

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:2-5

For the LORD YHWH is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

This provision is found in the Lord Yeshua Christ, who said, *"I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly" John 10:10.* It is through Him that we are made righteous with YHWH, and made eligible for every blessing and promise.

"For He (YHWH) made Him (Yeshua) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of YHWH in Him" 2 Corinthians 5:21.

We reap rewards as it brings:

- Length of days. This is life-long life, and full of health.
Deuteronomy 30:20, Job 12:12, Psalm 21:4, Psalm 23:6, Proverbs 3:2
- Riches and honor. Wisdom brings forth the substance of heaven, transfusing the tangible riches of earth. This is the same kind of honor with which we honor YHWH. When we honor Him, He honors us.
1 Kings 3:13, 1 Chronicles 29:12, 1 Chronicles 29:28, 2 Chronicles 1:12, Proverbs 8:18, Proverbs 22:12, The book of Proverbs, 1 Corinthians 1:30; Revelation 5:12
- Pleasantness. Wisdom is a pathway of beauty, delight and sweetness. *Deuteronomy 4:6, Job 12:12, The book of Proverbs, 1 Corinthians 1:30; Revelation 5:12*
- Peace. This is the “shalom” of YHWH-wholeness and well-being.
Romans 5:1, Romans 14:17, Romans 15:13, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 1:20
- Tree of life. Wisdom is life-giving, offering fruit for every season and situation.
Genesis 2:9, Proverbs 11:30, Revelation 2:7, Revelation 22:14
- Happiness. The Hebrew word for "happy" is Asher. It means to be straight and level, honest and right, to go forward and prosper. The wisdom of YHWH causes us to go forward and prosper.
Deuteronomy 29:9, Deuteronomy 30; Jeremiah 33:6

Let every day be a day where love conquers all , let each day be a day that we stop waiting for the world around us to change but change our world inside instead to enable Yeshua to be the light shining through us into the world. Allow every day and every moment to be enjoyment that brings us to our purpose.

Father, I thank You that Your will and desire is for me to be healthy, wealthy and wise. I thank You for the Lord Yeshua Christ, who bore my sin that I might be made righteous before You. Who bore my sicknesses and pains, that I might be made healthy and whole. Who was made poor, that I might know every provision of heaven upon the earth. Who has become for me the very wisdom of YHWH in my life. I receive Him now, by faith. In Yeshua's name, Amen.