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GIG293 – Faith Is Spiritual Gravity

Welcome to this podcast. Today I want to talk to you about faith. The title of this podcast is, *Faith Is Spiritual Gravity*. I want us to think about faith in a different way than maybe we have in the past. This is born out of a Scripture that we read in Matthew the ninth chapter, at verses 27-29. It says,

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.”

I know these verses from the Scriptures are very common to us, but I want to look at how we think about these ideas and maybe how we apply them many times in our lives. Because I feel like we tend to talk about faith as something that we exercise during a time when we are believing for miracles, maybe when we are praying over somebody, as Christ was. So we are believing for a healing, or we are praying for specific things, and in our prayer we are exercising our faith and looking for that faith to manifest in the appearance of what it is that we are praying for. When we are laying hands on someone for a healing, we want to see that healing actually manifest in their physical body. I think that many times we tie faith, the concept of faith, our faith, to something that we are looking to see happen by virtue of us exercising that faith at the moment we are needing it, or at the moment we are projecting that faith to manifest something through prayer, or prophecy, or whatever. I want us to think about that for a minute and see if it really is completely valid. I am not saying it is invalid, but I think there is a huge limitation to that type of exercise of faith, or to what faith really is all about. Because I think that when Yeshua was healing and saying, “Be it done to you according to your faith,” we need to look at faith as maybe something that is more permanent of a level in our lives, twenty-four hours a day.

That is why I had this concept when I was waiting on the Lord about this idea that faith is like a spiritual gravity. I think gravity is a great example, because gravity does not just turn on and off according to what we are looking to accomplish. When we try to get out of bed in the morning, we do not expect to float off into space; gravity is just there. And from the moment we wake up till we go back to bed in the evening, gravity is always there. We are not thinking about it, it is not something that we exercise, it is something that exists. It exists to us in relationship to our body weight, and so forth. It is a part of our existence on this earth. And I think that really paints a picture that is accurate also about faith. I think that from the time we wake up in the morning until we go back to bed at night, that faith is at whatever level that it exists in our lives, and it is manifesting around us all day long. We know that gravity is dependent upon our body weight, and there is a pull upon us by that force of gravity all day long. We do not exercise it, we do not have to think about it. So if we would relate to faith the same way, it is just there. It is not there because you are exercising it to heal somebody, or exercising it just to pray over something, it is always there. Faith is in you, and it is in you at the level that it exists in your heart twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

So you could say that there are levels of faith that different people seem to attain to, and I think that would be accurate. We have faith, and that faith is manifested in us. What Christ was saying to these

blind men is, "According to the faith that you have in you, then this is going to take place, this miracle you are looking for is going to take place." So does faith trigger miracles? Of course faith is able to trigger miracles for us, but it is not something that we build up at the moment we need a miracle; that faith is in you at the level it exists in you because of where you have reached in to draw faith in your walk with God, to the degree that you have matured in that faith. Because, as we know from the Scriptures, faith can be tested, faith can be tried, and faith can grow. It is something that is not necessarily stagnant, and it is not something that just manifests at the moment when we want something to take place. It is there, in your life, at the place where you have matured to, grown to, in your faith; and I think we need to relate to it more that way. I think if we relate to faith that way, then faith is almost like a mirror that we are looking into in our world around us. When we look around our lives, when we look around ourselves in the way we live, in the things we accomplish on a daily basis, in how we walk with God, are we walking in the Spirit? Are we walking in the flesh? Are we aware of Him and aware of that faith on a moment-by-moment basis? Or are we not? So if we look at our lives, we really can see reflected back to us from our lives, from the material world around us, what our faith is.

Those blind men were about to see how much faith they had. It was not faith just in a moment; it was not the moment that Christ laid hands on them and said, "Do you believe I am able to do this?" It was something that was already in their hearts. They had been pursuing Him, so that faith was there. It was not the moment when He touched their eyes; their faith had existed before He touched their eyes. It existed out in the street when they were following Him. And we need to see that our faith is always emanating from us at the level that we have faith, as Christ challenged them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" That was the issue of their faith: "Do you believe I am able to do this?" So as we are walking through our lives, we are emanating constantly the faith of all that we are believing for related to the word over us, about us, about the world, about the prophecies of Scripture; that faith is there, and it is emanating, and it is effective. It is fruitful, it brings fruit. But it only brings fruit to whatever level it exists within us and emanates from us.

It is not like you can take a bicycle pump and you pump and you get the air to go into the tire, and then the tire is hard enough to ride the bicycle down the street. That is not the way faith is. It is not something that we pump up because it has gone flat because we have not been thinking about it, we have not been exercising it, or whatever. We have not been growing it, and we have not been recognizing it in our life, and now all of a sudden we need it and so we attach the bicycle pump and we pump it up, pump it up, pump it up, until we are hoping that it works and we have enough faith pumped up in order to accomplish something, either through prayer or laying on of hands, or whatever the manifestation would be. We do not walk that way through our day believing for the Kingdom; we have as much faith for the Kingdom of God to manifest at every given moment that we have faith in our lives. So as we see His Kingdom manifesting, the fruit of His Kingdom manifesting, the fruit of His salvation manifesting around us on a daily basis, we can literally look out around us and see, how flat is that tire? How much air is really there? Because unfortunately, you cannot pump up your faith. You can only build and grow that faith in a consistent walk with God.

Let's look at what faith really is. We go to Hebrews the eleventh chapter, verses 1-3, and I will read it out of King James: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. 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." I will read it now in the New American Standard Version: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds

were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.” These verses are very much tying this idea of faith to what we see around us. In other words, when we see the created world around us we see the result of faith, the faith that God moved in when He spoke the Word that created all things throughout the universe. So we understand that what is seen is made out of things which are invisible, and what triggers that is faith. Faith is that which makes the unseen visible, it makes it manifest in our world. And that is what I am saying. Whatever faith we have in us as we are walking through our day, that faith is emanating from us, and it is going to manifest into the visible realm that which is from the invisible realm. It is going to be creative. Faith is always creating that. We do not try to use faith just in the moment. Whatever our faith is as we walk through our day, it is manifesting into the visible world that which is coming from the Spirit; because things of this world were not made out of things which are seen, but they are made out of that which is unseen. So it is the world of spirit that is manifesting into this material world around us.

We need to be very clear with that, because what faith is doing through us is the manifestation. Christ manifested the miracles that He did, but you notice how often that was done by the faith of the one receiving it:

“Do you have faith?”

“Do you believe?”

“As you believe, let it be done unto you.”

So this faith that we have in our lives is a faith that manifests that which does not yet appear in the material world; and thus will be the Kingdom manifested, because the Kingdom to us right now is invisible, but it will be manifested into the visible world where Christ will reign in this earth. Therefore, it is important that we have faith. We could look around ourselves and ask, “How much is the Kingdom of God manifested to us in this material world that surrounds us?” And instead of being upset at maybe how little we are seeing in the visible world, we instead could seek to grow our faith because we say, “Hey, if I am not seeing it, it is a lack of faith.” And I cannot pump up that faith to try to make it. We cannot just say, “Hey, let’s have a prayer meeting and really pray to manifest the Kingdom of God into this visible world right now.” Then we get together and we just try to pump up our faith, pump up our faith, until something manifests.

We do not want things to just appear for a moment. And many times what we talk about as a miracle happens that way, where it just appears for a moment. Well, that is because we only have a momentary faith. We need to have a faith that the Kingdom of God surrounds us, is in us, and is to manifest before us on a visible level; and the emanation of that faith must be constant. It must be on a level high enough to see those manifestations take place, because faith is the substance of the thing that is hoped for. Faith is the substance of what we want to see manifest in our lives and in our surroundings. Therefore, if we do not have the substance, then we need to go back and check the faith and say, “Do I need to grow my faith?” Not pump it up, not try to just for a moment build up enough faith that it happens. No, we need to grow the faith. We need to appropriate a greater faith. Like the disciple said, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:24) Where there is unbelief, we need to see that gotten rid of from our being and replaced with a consistent amount of faith that we move in all through our day.

There is so much that God has spoken to us about what we have. And I think that as I apply this, I want to apply it to the Presence of God the Father, the Presence of Yeshua, the Presence of the Holy Spirit that is in us, and realize that there is so much that we need to build our faith and grow our faith

surrounding what the Word of God has said already is. In other words, it is reality in the realm of spirit, but we need to see it manifest in this visible world. For example, let's look at John the fourteenth chapter, verses 16-21. Christ said,

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

Now, to me these are radical, radical verses, because we have to believe and have faith that what is being said here, Yeshua means. He means what He says and He says what He means. Each of these verses is a radical expression of the manifestation of the Godhead within us. And if we are not seeing that mirrored back to us in our daily life in the world around us, then really it is saying there is not the faith in us that these are true, because faith is the substance of the thing hoped for. I hope for these verses. They must be my reality. And they must be visible, they must manifest; the reality of them must manifest in my life. Christ was our example. He lived these realities in the earth. He lived the manifestation of the Father who was in Him. He said, “I and the Father are one.” The Father was in Him, He was in the Father. The two of them were one, and that reality manifested surrounding Him in the physical world around Him. It became visible all of the time, because His knowing that, or faith for that, was consistent, constant. He never had a flat tire of faith, it was always there. Therefore, the Father was always being manifested into the earth visibly through Christ, because of the faith that Christ had. His faith was the substance of the Father manifest.

I hope you are really getting this. I know it is challenging, it is challenging me. That is why I am talking to you about it, because this is something so deep in my own heart that I am driven to walk in, and I am driven to grow in my faith to the place where these verses become visible surrounding me in my daily life. The reality of the Holy Spirit of truth, who the world cannot see because it does not see Him or know Him, but I know Him because He abides with me and will be in me; the Holy Spirit is with me and in me. Yet I look at my life, both internally and externally, and I have to say, “How much manifestation, how much visible manifestation, is there?” Not at some moment when I pump up a bunch of faith to try to accomplish something or to move in faith, but throughout my day. Is the Holy Spirit of truth manifested through my life, coming out of me as a vibration of faith constantly manifesting in the world, visibly, the works of the Holy Spirit?” Christ said, “I will not leave you as orphans, but you will see Me.” Am I manifesting that reality in the world around me when I look in the mirror of my visible world surrounding me and my life surrounding me? Am I seeing the manifestation of Christ? Am I living because of His life? Is my life coming out of His life, or am I just living because of the human reality of life through my physical body?

Of course, as we know, the physical life at some point runs down and wears out and gives out, and so when I look in the mirror, I tend to see that life dwindling. I have to question, “Is it therefore His life? Is it the resurrected Christ's life in me that is manifesting in this world? Do we have the Father dwelling in us?” The Scriptures talk about the fact that if the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead is dwelling in us, then He will transform our physical bodies. (Romans 8:11) There is a lot being said here, and what we have to recognize, and what we have to really look at very carefully, is to say, “Is what is

lacking in my life, in my surroundings, in the visible reality around me that we call this material world, reflecting back to me the truth of these verses, or is there something missing?" Because one thing we all know, the problem is not the Word. The problem is not what Christ promised us or He has said to us. The problem manifests in our lack of faith. And we could go on and on.

I want to read one other Scripture out of Ephesians the third chapter, and then we will be done. This is Paul speaking, but it is interesting how he grasps this same concept. Verses 13-19,

Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory. For this reason I bow my knee before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge [in other words, there is no human knowledge that can grasp it], that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

There is a knowledge that comes through this faith. I will read verse 19 again: "And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God." That is what we are looking for. How does that manifest? Verse 17, "...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." Is there the faith that we have that Christ dwells in us, that the Father dwells in us, that the Spirit of God dwells in us? We can measure that faith by looking at both our inner and outer world, using it as a mirror. And we can take this verse 19 and say, "If we have this faith of Christ dwelling in our hearts, then through the surpassing knowledge of that reality, we will be filled up to all the fullness of God." That is what we are moving into and moving for in our walk with God, that we might grow in Him until we are filled up to all the fullness of God; that as we are, the vibration of that faith will minister out from us to the world, and the Kingdom of God will become more visible day after day in a greater measure.

Amen.