#### SINGLE ALLIANCE Faith Facts "What Do You See?" 060307

#### I. Intro

A. Last week we talked about faith begins with the rhema word of God and the importance of inner assurance. We also talked about faith is now, and needs to be acted upon.
B. This week I want to talk about your part in receiving rhema and having and operating in faith in your heart
C. Faith is important but it cannot work without having a blueprint first. You must be able to see that blueprint of a thing clearly in your heart before you can experience that thing in your life.

#### II. Hope is the blueprint for our faith

A. Hebrews 11:1- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for
B. Hope must be developed first before faith can be exercised.

C. Hope is seeing things in your heart that God has for you. This is in the realm of potential. It is available for you to experience. You know this by the Word of God.

1. Meditating on the Logos will first bring hope or blueprint of something future that God has for you.

2. When rhema comes then you see that that thing is yours now!

D. Faith is the assurance of those things being yours now

E. Faith allows God to make real spiritual things real natural things.

F. Hope is like the conception of an unseen baby in the womb. You cannot see the baby, but it is there and it is real! Faith will bring a birth of it out in the world as it is incubated.

G. What are you pregnant with?

H. Our heart is the place of spiritual conception and birth. It is our spiritual womb.

I. Faith is of the heart- believe with the heart...

### III. Our heart has eyes

A. Ephesians 1:18- Your heart has eyes. It sees the invisible

B. There is more than meets the eye!

1. Hebrews 11:3

2. 2 Cor. 4:18

C. You must see things in your heart before you will ever see them in the natural

D. Prov. 4:23- issues- lit. boundaries. What we see in our heart will determine the boundaries of our lives. We must get a greater vision on the inside before we can expand on the outside.

E. God wanted Abraham to get a vision for having a child in his heart-

- 1. Gen. 13:14- Lift up your eyes from where you are
- 2. Gen. 13:17-Walk the land- 6,400,000 acres
- 3. Gen. 15:5- look at the stars

F. We have developed the ability to see with our heart in the wrong direction- towards Satan's kingdom

G. We can easily picture ourselves failing, getting sick, running out of money, doing sinful things, and everything else Satan wants for our lives. Our heart has been exercised to see what the devil wants us to see and it is most easy to speak them and act on them and see those things manifest H. However, most have not been exercised at all to use their heart to see what God wants them to see. This seems awkward and difficult at first. This is like living right handed all your life and then trying to do everything left handed. It takes time and practice to be able to do it well.

I. Many people have wishful thinking something good will happen to them but they do not have a clear vision of themselves being good, having, or doing good.

J. The heart is the seat of self- You know the Word of God has impacted you at the heart level when you see God and yourself differently. Animals act from instinct and senses; man was created to act from what he believes and sees in his heart. Don't act like an animal! K. We must cooperate with God in our faith walk. We are to use our imagination to visualize what God wants for our lives. We get that vision from the Word and from the Spirit by prayer.

L. Imagination is not make believe or childish. God gave it to be your image maker. Use it in line with the Word of God.

M. Gen. 11:6- Nothing will be restrained that is imagined.

N. 2 Cor. 10:5- The devil is busy about using our imaginations against us!

O. We must use our imaginations to see what God sees about us!

P. Ephesians 1:18- order of importance- It is more important who you are than what you do, because who you are will determine where you will go!

## III. A vision for who we are

A. Very few people really have a clear vision in their heart of who they are in Christ.

B. You must visualize yourself as a holy, loved, righteous, child of God before it will manifest on the outside

1. (2Co 3:18 NASB) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

- C. Visualize yourself being a successful person, wealthy person, healed person, liked person. These are the will of God for you. Until you start seeing yourself like God sees you, no one else will either!
- D. Illustration- Man thought he had committed the unpardonable sin and was thinking about suicide and decided to imagine himself loved and accepted by God and it changed his life. God presence filled the room!
- E. Eph. 3:20- Our job is to ask and think! God operates upon multiplication! If we give Him nothing then when it is multiplied, we get nothing! We must give him something to work with. God does move soveriengly at times out of mercy!

### IV. A vision for what God has given to you

- A. He has given you authority over the devil and his workers
- B. He has given you all the resources you will ever have to do what you are called to do
  - 1. Ephesians 1:3, 2 Peter 1:3
  - 2. Keith Moore- airplane
- C. He has given to each of you gifts to do what you are called to do
- D. Do you see that the gift He has given to you as mighty and effective and will bring promotion? You must see it in your heart before you will see it in the natural
- E. You must see what God has given to you in your heart before you will ever see it with your eyes

# V. A vision for what you are to do in Christ

- A. God has called you to do great things for Him 1. Ephesians 2:10
- B. Do you see yourself doing great things in God and being used in a great way? If not you will not see it on the outside to the degree that God wants you to.
- C. Illustration- Andrew Wommack needed to get a bigger vision on the inside of himself for his ministry before it took off. He did and confessed out he would have a very large ministry. Now it is the fourth or fifth fastest growing charismatic ministry in the country.
- D. If the vision on the inside of you does grow you will not on the outside. Keep expanding the vision of your heart and you will see expansion in your life.
- E. Many are asking and asking God to change their outward lives but they do not realize they must change on the inside first.
- E. Pray