FAITH FACTS "THE FAITH OF GOD" 06/10/07

I. Introduction

- A. Last week we talked about learning to see with your heart. I want to continue on this very important point.
- B. We have actually exercised that ability in a bad sense. We need to learn to use it towards God and His Word.
- C. God works through the hearts of people. If God can get his ideas and plans into your heart he then can get them in the Earth by your faith
- D. God wants to do so much more in your life than He is doing now. Many are waiting on God but God is waiting on us!
- E. I want to talk today how we can cooperate with God's plans for our lives to see them manifested in our lives.

II. The heart

- A. The heart is the seat or sense of self. Your heart is where you see yourself and God. The Word is to impact your heart not just your head. This is called mental assent. How do you know when the Word of God has impacted your heart? It is when you see yourself differently- like the Word shows you to be.
- B. Our life is guided and controlled by the heart. Prov. 4:23. Issues- boundaries- Our life is controlled and limited by what our heart sees. The problem with most is that what governs what their heart sees is what their natural eyes sees!
- C. There is more than meets the eye! Hebrews 11:3- Things that are were made from things unseen
- D. 2 Cor. 4:18- We can look at things not seen
- E. Ephesians 1:18- Three areas God wants you to see with your heart.
 - 1. Who you are in Christ
 - 2. What you have in Christ
 - 3. What you can do in Christ

F. These are the order of importance. Who you are is more important than what you have or where you go, because who you are determines what you will have and where you will go. G. We are to use God's gift of imagination to see ourselves the way God sees us. We are to see ourselves having what the Word says has been given. We are to see ourselves doing what He has called us to do.

III. The Faith of God

- A. Mark 11:22- We are called to operate in the God kind of faith. That is the kind of faith we have been given from Him B. How does God operate in faith? How did Jesus operate in faith?
- C. If we pattern our faith after theirs we will see their results.
- D. If our faith is to be operative we need to follow the principle of "The end from the beginning"
 - 1. Isaiah 46:9-10- God declares the end from the beginning
 - 2. God is outcome focused. God processes outcomes.
- E. God operates on the principle of the end from the beginning. He sees completion in His mind and heart and speaks it and it becomes.
 - 1. Light be and light became- light exist and light was
- F. We must operate the same way in all things for our faith to be operative. We must be outcome focused and not process focused.
- G. Look at Jesus. Jesus always spoke outcomes. He thought and had the inner picture of outcomes. He declared them and they were processed.
 - 1. Peace, be still, light be, be cleansed
- H. The outcome contains the process. Jesus spoke outcomes and the processes took place to bring about the outcome.

IV. God's Faith in Us

A. In the garden of Eden Adam and Eve were created beings not doings. God made them what they were and they were

- complete. The enemy convinced them that they were not complete and that they needed to become. They then became incomplete.
- B. Religion and the Law are based upon the idea of trying to become complete. Jesus came and died and gave us grace as a gift. Grace brought us completion.
 - 1. Colossians 2:10- In Him we are complete.
 - 2. Hebrews 10:14- He has perfected those who are now being sanctified
- C. Most people spend time trying to become and try to use our faith to become something. They focus on the process to get to the outcome. Instead we need to see the outcome in our mind and heart from the Word and Spirit and when it is clear we declare it and then God's Spirit is released to process that to fulfillment.
- D. Too many of us are trying to get free from sin, bondage, hurts, poverty, and defeat. We are trying to become healed. We are trying to become wealthy. We are focused on working the process to get to the outcome. We will believe we have reached the outcome when we physically see it with our senses. We will not ever see it this way. We will just spin our wheels year after year. We must start using faith the way God did.
- E. What is the outcome and result of the cross- we are holy, righteous, set free, healed, and prospered. God says these are done and given to us in Christ. How are we to experience these outcomes of the cross? It will be by getting a clear blueprint of them in our heart. We do this by meditation and using our hearts ability to visualize. Once they are clear and we have inner assurance that it is so we declare it and power is released to process it.