ACTS OF OBEDIENCE DISPLAYED TO ACTIVATE MIRACLE

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Acts of Obedience Displayed to Activate Miracle is one of the books written by the author. The book is a product of an inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It reveals the secret keys in accessing your miracle. Enjoy as you read and be ready to receive your miracle through complete obedience and application of the keys outlined in this book.

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Blessing is only released through obedience and miracles are manifested when we do what He says (John 2:4-5).

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Faith is extremely important in our walk with God. That is why the Bible tells us the Just shall live by faith. Besides, without faith, no one can please the Lord. This book is written to strengthen the faith of believers to receive their miracles from the Lord. The author uses many biblical cases to reveal the importance of faith in getting desired miracles. In addition, this book reveals that obedience is crucial for your faith to produce results.

I, therefore, recommend this book. As you read it, may the Lord open your eyes of understanding and feed you with every spiritual blessing that his book offers.

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ACTS OF OBEDIENCE DISPLAYED TO ACTIVATE FAITH FOR HEALING/DELIVERANCE

NOBLE MAN'S SON HEALED:

He expected Jesus to come and touch his son, but Jesus answered otherwise:

John 4:46-54 "So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. 52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. 54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee."

We saw from this passage that the man first made his request to Jesus (John 4:46-49) and specified how he wanted Jesus to help him. Note, there are times that Jesus responded to people based on how they wanted Him to minister to them (Mark 5:23-24), but concerning this nobleman, the opposite was the case. Instead of responding to the specific demand of how he wanted Jesus to minister to his

son, Jesus said to him, "**Go our way, thy son liveth" (John 4:50),** and the man believed.

AT WHAT POINT DID HE ACTIVATE HIS FAITH FOR HEALING/DELIVERANCE?

John 4:50 "Jesus said unto him, Go thy way: thy son liveth and the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him and went his way"

NOTE: It will always go in Jesus' way and not in your own way. This is the way to the miraculous. Many times we demand certain actions from Jesus, but our miracles lie in the carrying out of actions that Jesus instructs us.

INFIRMITY MAN HEALED:

John 5:1-9 "After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.

In verse 9 of John 5, we see the man's obedience to the word of Jesus. He arose by the word of Jesus, let go of his past experiences, and came into agreement with the word of Jesus, and his healing came.

PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW

Matthew 8:14-17, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39. Let's read **Mark 1:29-31, "And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. 31, And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them."**

AT WHAT POINT WAS FAITH ACTIVATED?

[30] But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. KJV

Let's look at NLT "Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away."

NKJV "But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once."

Faith was activated at the point when they informed Jesus about the sickness of his mother-in-law; he did not trivialize Jesus nor the anointing but called on Him to save him.

A LEPER: Matthew 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-44, Luke 5:12-15

Mark 1:40-44 "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. [41]

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. [42] **And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.** [43] **And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;** [44] **And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them."**

We saw here from the Scripture that the leper came to Jesus – to receive from Jesus, you must come to Him. The leper asked or beseeched Jesus – don't assume Jesus sees your problem; speak out to Him. The leper knelt down to Jesus – he worshipped Jesus and acknowledged His Lordship.
The leper made his request known to Jesus, asking if he would be merciful; even though he was unsure of Jesus' mercy, he pleaded for it.

Like many of us, this man's acts moved Jesus. We think the way we approach Jesus does not matter, but my brethren, it does; this man's approach was what triggered Jesus' compassion, and he responded to the man by putting forth His hand and touching him. "And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."

AT WHAT POINT WAS FAITH ACTIVATED?

[40] And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

A PARALYTIC MAN:

Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 2:3-12, Luke 5:17-26

Mark 2:3-12 "And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.[4] And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.[5] When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.[6] But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,[7] Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?[8] And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?[9] Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?[10] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)[11] I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.[12] And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."

AT WHAT POINT WAS FAITH ACTIVATED?

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. *4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.*

1. They came to Jesus
2. They carried their problem to Him for solutions.

3. They were opposed by natural means (the multitude) (Mark 2:2)
4. They did not go back home; rather, they beat over the opposition and made sure they reached out to Him.
5. Made use of every means available through Scripture to get Jesus' attention – prayer, praise, thanksgiving, giving tithes, offering, service, etc.

Mark 2:5 says, "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

WHAT DID JESUS SEE?

He saw the struggle they went through to reach Him; He saw the love they had for their friend by carrying him from home and also having to carry him over the roof and letting him down into the house by removing the roof. All of these are what Jesus saw and raised faith. Every act you manifest that strengthens your relationship with God is caused by faith.

MAN WITH WITHERED HAND:

Matthew 12:9-13, Mark 3:1-5, Luke 6:6-10

Luke 6:6-10 "And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. [7]And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. [8]But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. [9]Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? To save life, or to destroy it? [10]And looking round

about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

AT WHAT POINT WAS FAITH ACTIVATED?

1. Jesus met the man at the synagogue; the man did not let his situation distance him way from worshipping God or detach him from the house of God.
2. The man listened to Jesus' teaching. Sometimes, many don't want to listen to faith teaching which can help their healing manifest, rather,
3. Because he was in God's atmospheric location, Jesus pointed him out for a demonstration of love and power. Examples of Holy Spirit atmospheric location (condition) are worship in the spirit and in your understanding, praying in tongues, the environment where praises give us to the Lord, being thankful, and being around those who are thankful to God. Be with people who share the testimonies of God in them and through them.
4. The Lord Jesus told the man to rise up and stand forth in the midst of the people, the Scripture said without hesitation, "and he arose and stood forth". He complied with the simple instruction. Responding to instructions given by the Lord reflects a demonstration of faith in the laws of the Lord. As long as the Lord has not said sit down, he obliged and remained on the last instruction that was given to him. He also arose and stood; being the only one standing, all eyes were on him. He was not ashamed nor minded what the people were saying about him but paid attention to the commandments of Jesus given to him to stand up. He was not freaking out amidst the people and allowed shame to keep him down; rather, he stood and was different, just as Jesus.
5. Further instruction was given to him, stretch forth thy hand. He did not waste time to resist, "and he did so, and his hand was restored whole as the others."

The man's healing came because of his response to the instructions Jesus gave to him. We must act on the word as we trust God for our healing. These words were simple and were to be ignored, but they are proof of his demonstration of faith in the Lord Jesus.

CENTURION'S SERVANT:

Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10

Luke 7:1-10 "Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. [2]And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. [3]And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. [4]And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this. [5]For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. [6]Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: [7]Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. [8]For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. [9]When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. [10]And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

AT WHAT POINT WAS FAITH ACTIVATED?

1. Verse 2 – The centurion loves his servant: Faith operates by love
2. The centurion knows he has no relationship with Jesus, so he sends the Jews to Jesus. If you have not yet had a relationship with Jesus, you can approach Him through those that have relationship with Him.
3. This man loves the people of God.
4. He loves God also because he built a house for God – a place of worship.
5. Jesus responded to his request because of his heart toward Him and God's people, even though he had not yet come to know Him one-on-one.
6. The man was sincere. He knew his stand before God that he is not yet right with God even despite all his good works. He knew and confessed that he was not worthy.
7. He believed in the word of Jesus.
8. He is a man subject to authority.
9. He believes the word of Jesus is as powerful as Jesus presented.
   Immediately, Jesus heard that your word was as powerful as your presence. Jesus released the word because He saw faith displayed, and the servant was healed immediately (verse 10).

TWO BLIND MEN:

(Matthew 9:27-31) "27 **And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your**

faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. 31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country."

FAITH ACTIVATED

- They perceived Jesus was leaving a town, and they followed Him. Even though the town He came to did not get their healing but they decided to follow Him further.
- They followed Jesus beyond church service. Jesus took them a longer walking distance (more intimacy).
- They prayed to Him along the way, but He did not respond; they were not offended that He did not respond yet.
- They followed Jesus right to His next destination and re-approach Him again.
- Jesus asked them if they believed He could open their eyes, and they said yes, and Jesus said to them, "be it according to thy faith".
- This time Jesus touched their eyes, and their sight was restored.

When Jesus asked them if they believed he could do it (able to open their eyes), their response was the release of their faith; they said yes. And as Jesus chose to touch their eyes, they did not oppose, that's an act of faith displayed. They allowed Him to touch them.

DEAF AND DUMB MAN HEALED:

(Mark 7:31-37) "And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. 32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon

him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; 37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

FAITH ACTIVATED

- They brought a man to Him, believing He was able to solve the problem.
- The man did not resist Jesus separating Him from the crowd. He followed Jesus (verse 33)
- The man did not resist the multiple touches of Jesus upon him; Jesus touched his ears, and tongues (verse 36)
- The man allowed Jesus to anoint him with spit (verse 33)
- Jesus spoke, looked to heaven and spoke the word of faith over that situation (verse 34)
- The man was patient with Jesus, and he ended up receiving a complete miracle.
- The man remained with Jesus, did not rush out of His presence back to the multitude, but remained with Him one on one until his miracle was complete, then Jesus returned him back to the people or multitude.

BLIND MAN AT BETHSAIDA:

(Mark 8:22-26) "**They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. [23]He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" [24]He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." [25]Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. [26]Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village**."

FAITH ACTIVATED

- They brought a blind man to Him. Seeking/praying to Him to touch the blind man.
- You can bring your friends and neighbors to Jesus and intercede that Jesus touches them. Jesus is glad when He sees people doing this on behalf of their friends, neighbors, family, community, etc.
- Jesus took the man by the hand, meaning the man allowed Jesus to lead him.
- The man followed Jesus even outside the town, which means Jesus took him on a longer walk, deeper relationship, intimacy, etc.
- Jesus took him out of the crowd and town; some people's miracle is outside the town they are, meaning attending crusades or services outside their town, etc.
- He allowed Jesus to anoint him with spit on his eyes.
- He allowed Jesus to put His hands upon him.

- Jesus asked him a question, and he replied with sincerity, not denying the fact of the beginning of the miracle but if it's not yet how it should have been (verse 24)
- Jesus touched the eyes again despite anointing the eyes with His spit and touched them for the first time; he laid hands on the eyes again. The man did not resist nor stop Jesus laying His hands on him again.
- Jesus made him look up. He obeyed everything Jesus asked him to do
- The man received a complete miracle because he paid attention to Jesus. Did what Jesus asked him to do, and did not give up on Jesus neither the process as he was with Jesus.
- Jesus gave him final instruction after receiving his miracle, and he obeyed and went straight to his home as Jesus told him (verse 26)

THE MAN IN JERUSALEM:

(John 9:1-7, 11) "**And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. [2]And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? [3]Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. [4]I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. [5]As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. [6]When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, [7]And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. [11]He answered and said, a man that is called Jesus made clay, and**

anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

FAITH ACTIVATED

Jesus had compassion on him; he accepted Jesus' compassion towards him. Jesus anointed his eyes with clay made out of His spit. Jesus instructed him to go and wash in a particular pool, the man obeyed and washed in the particular pool. Jesus asked him to the man stood and defended Jesus before the Pharisees, which wanted to ridicule the work of Jesus done in his life (John 9:13-34). He did not deny Jesus before prominent people and accredited the miracle to something else or someone (John 9:24-25)

He met Jesus again and believed Him, worshipped Him, and followed Him (John 9:35-38).

THE WOMAN WITH EIGHTEEN YEARS INFIRMITY:

(Luke 13:10-13) "**And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.** [11]**And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.** [12]**And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.** [13]**And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight and glorified God."**

FAITH ACTIVATED

- She comes around where Jesus was
- She was still coming to church despite her problem

- When Jesus sighted her and called her to come close, she obeyed and came close (deeper relationship, intimacy, etc.)
- Jesus spoke to her problem, and she accepted the word of Jesus
- Jesus laid His hands on her, and she accepted Jesus laying hands on her
- She immediately glorified God, and she gave glory to God. Thanksgiving is an act of faith being displayed.

THE WOMAN WITH HERMORHAGE:

(Matthew 9:20-22) "**And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: [21]For she said within herself, if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. [22]But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour."**

FAITH ACTIVATED

She decided to seek Jesus

She said if she can touch the hem of His garment

She pushed her way through despite the crowd and the state of her weakness

When she had the chance she did what she said by touching the hem of the garment

She allowed Jesus to see her after touching Him, meaning she identifies with Jesus

MAN WITH DROPSY:

(Luke 14:1-4) "**And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath day, that they watched him. [2]And,**

behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. [3]And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day? [4]And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go."

FAITH ACTIVATED

- Seek Jesus where he was
- Came to Jesus
- Expecting to be healed even on Sabbath day
- He allowed Jesus to take him and pray for him before the opposition.

TEN LEPERS:

(Luke 17:11-19) "And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. [12]And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: [13]And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. [14]And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. [15]And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, [16]And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. [17]And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? [18]There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. [19]And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

FAITH ACTIVATED

- The ten lepers came to meet Jesus.
- They stood afar off, and even though they didn't feel worthy to come close to Him, they still went ahead to cry out to Him for help
- They did not allow distance to be a barrier to reaching out to Jesus.
- Jesus responded to them by giving them an instruction, 'Go and show yourself to the priest'. Their miracle is not going to happen by showing themselves to the priest but will happen by responding to Jesus' instruction. Faith is demonstrated by acting on the instruction given by the Lord (Luke 17:14)
- Faith also has an ingredient called thanksgiving. The Samaritan displayed it immediately after he discovered he was healed. He turned back to meet Jesus and thanked Him.
- Jesus only said to him among them all, 'Your faith hath made thee whole' Why?

1. Because he followed Jesus' instruction
2. When the result manifested, he returned to give glory to God by looking for Jesus.

Two ingredients of faith he displayed:

- Obedience
- Gratitude (Thanksgiving)

BLIND BARTIMEUS:

(Luke 18:35-43) "And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: [36]And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. [37]And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. [38] And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. [39]And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace:

but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. [40]And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, [41]Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. [42]And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. [43]And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."

FAITH ACTIVATED

Immediately he got the news that it was Jesus passing by, and he started crying for mercy and His intervention in his life. The man refused to agree with his situation despite this condition being with him for a long while. The more he cried, the more the people wanted to silence his faith, but he did not allow external forces to determine how he should and when he should act in faith; rather, he cried out more. Jesus finally gave him attention after passing the test of faith. Some of the ingredients of faith are a demonstration of a lack of offense and boldness. The man was not offended by the people; rather, he concentrated on Jesus and wept, calling Him for intervention, and also, he was bold to call on Jesus to help him publicly.

As we see in the previous illustration, some ingredients of faith.

- Obedience
- Gratitude (Thanksgiving)

  Here we see other ingredients
- Lack of offense
- Boldness

  We also see
- Fellowship

Faith turns you from a seeker of miracles to becoming a follower of Jesus.

TAX MONEY:

(Matthew 17:24-27) "And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? [25]He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? [26]Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. [27]Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

FAITH ACTIVATED

Peter followed Jesus' detailed instructions and immediately did what Jesus asked him to go and do, and then the miracle manifested (Matthew 17:27).

THE SYRO-PHENICIAN'S DAUGHTER:

(Mark 7:24-30) "And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. [25]For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: [26]The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. [27]But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto

the dogs. [28]And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. [29]And he said unto her, for this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. [30]And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter lay upon the bed."

FAITH ACTIVATED

She does not have relationship with Jesus but she strongly believed that Jesus had answers to her problems

She came to Jesus beseeching Him to deliver her daughter

She was not offended in Jesus' word, the way He addressed her

Even though Jesus told her 'I can't give you this bread' she insisted on the crumbs and she got her miracle.

When Jesus said 'go home your daughter is delivered' she didn't doubt Jesus' word, immediately she turned and took the way home and met her daughter delivered.

Faith was activated immediately she took Jesus for His word and turned to go home just as He said.

When Jesus speaks concerning that matter, just take Him by His word and do as He said, don't wait for evidence before acting but act on His word and the evidence will follow.

CHAPTER TWO

SOME SCRIPTURAL METHODS OF HEALING BY JESUS AND THE APOSTLES

1. Administering the anointing oil to the sick people (Mark 6:13, James 5:14)
2. Placing of hands on the sick, and they got their healing (Mark 6:5)
3. Administered healing through His robe (Matthew 14:34-36)
4. Administered healing by His spoken word (Mark 10:46-52, Luke 5:23-25)
5. Administered healing by touching the fellow (Luke 5:12-16)
6. Administered healing through speaking word and touching the fellow (Luke 13:10-13)
7. Administered healing through spoken words even while the recipient is not close (Mark 7:29-30)
8. Administered healing through His finger and saliva(Mark 7:29-30)
9. Administered healing through shadow (Acts 5:15)
10. Administered healing through the name of Jesus (Acts 3:6, 4:10, 30)
11. Administered healing through the resident anointing upon the servant of Jesus by taking clothing materials that came in contact with the servant of God (Acts 19:12)
12. Administered healing through the shadow of the one that carries the anointing of Jesus (Acts 5:15)
13. Administered healing through the power of the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38)
14. Administered healing through the bread and cup (communion) (Acts 2:42, 46, Luke 24:35, Deuteronomy 8:4, John 6:31-35).

CHAPTER THREE

EXAMPLES OF FAITH EXERCISE IN JESUS

1. Faith in His name (Mark 16:17, Matthew 18:20, John 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:26)

2. Faith in His person (John 14:11, 1:14, 1 Timothy 1:15, John 16:25-28)

3. Faith in His word (John 14:10, Matthew 8:8-13, Luke 7:6)

4. Faith in His blood (Hebrews 10:19, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 John 1:7)

5. Faith in miracles (John 6:2, 7:31, 9:16, Acts 2:22, John 2:23, 3:2)

6. Faith in His instructions (John 2:5, 9:7, 11, Luke 5:5)

7. Faith in His cloth (Matthew 9:20, 14:36)

8. Faith in His hand (Matthew 8:3, 17:7, 20:34, Mark 1:41, Luke 22:51)

9. Faith in His servant (Luke 9:48, Mark 9:41)

10. Faith in His promises (John 14:16-18, 20:24-30, 11:38-44)

11. Faith in His work (John 10:25, 38, 14:11, 12, Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:19)

CONCLUSION: The object of their faith is Jesus, so anything that is connected or that is of Jesus, as they believe and act on their believe, the power of God flows through to reach them.