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Deep Faith with God

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Let's give it up for S.O.S. one more time everybody! All the young people praising God, lifting up his name! Oh! Beautiful, beautiful! All right! Can we go deep today? Can we go deep? Can we go deep; deep, deep? We need to go deep, okay! We need to go deep today! Let's go deep!

Let's talk about "Deep faith with God" and let's start in **Hebrews 11** and let's look at that from **verse 1** to **3** and then we'll jump to **6**. Let's read together:

✚ *"1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 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... 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"*

Whoo! Amen! My goodness! All right we want to go in deep! I've been told to "please, speak a little slower," I don't know, I'm from New York, so we speak fast; we'll try to stay slow.

I really want to meditate on some of these words because it is so important. But you know as we're battling and as we are fighting on the battleground, and as we're facing the enemies and as we're having those kinds of fights in our life, which is really essential, you know what's so empowering? To see these young people seeing praising God! They're the next generation of warriors of Christ, and they have their own journey to go through to discover Christ, and that's so it's so amazing that they're walking down that path.

When we see this now, "*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,*" I mean we could just literally stay on that for the whole period; but before that I want to talk about generally the context here.

Under Han Mother's leadership

- ❖ *Changed True Father's Scriptures (up to 80% redacted Cheon Seong Gyeong)*
- ❖ *Changed Cheon IL Guk nation's National Anthem*
- ❖ *Changed Family Pledge*
- ❖ *Changed Blessing Vows*
- ❖ *Changed from Monotheism to Ditheism*
- ❖ *Excluded Divine Principle from Constitution*
- ❖ *Left her position as faithful, obedient Object (NOT SUBJECT) proclaiming herself as God, Messiah, Only Begotten Daughter*
- ❖ *Promotes Han Tribe lineage over Messiah's lineage*
- ❖ *Dethrones True Father*
- ❖ *Erases True Father's lineage from the Covenant Blessing*

We all know that under the Han Mother's leadership, unfortunately, all these things have happened: the redaction of text, the Cheon Seong Gyeong 80% has been changed; the national anthem, family pledge, Blessing vows; changed from monotheism to ditheism on a quest to be God. You've all heard me talk about this millions of times; if you haven't, go watch the videos. Excluded DP from the Constitution!

All these things that we have seen before our eyes; literally history has been unfolding while these desecrations have been taking place.

We see her leaving her position as faithful obedient object; she's not the subject. Proclaiming herself as God, Messiah, only begotten daughter! We see her promoting the Han tribe, her tribe, which is by definition of Satan's lineage, because anything outside of the Messiah has satanic lineage. So we see her promoting the satanic lineage.

We also see her dethroning True Father and all of you have seen these pictures, right, in the last three years. This is just this year; she's now sitting in Father's throne in total defiance.

And every time I talk about this, it's painful for me to see on a personal level because that's my mommy, right, but on a principled level, it's very clear what's happening. That's the dethroning of the king!

Okay, so we see these kinds of things happening. We didn't even know but we found out that during the 2013 Foundation Day Blessing, of course everybody knows the rings; but look what happened on the inside of the ring: only Han Hak Ja's name! Father's name has been taken out from the Blessing ring! On the ring that you wear on your finger to signify your everlasting covenant with God; only her name, the fallen lineage's name is there! That is unbelievable! Just even that in itself, that in itself is a clear sign of what she has done.

So, we're in this context, we're in this situation, and I think one of the biggest questions is "How could this be?" right, "how did this happen? How did this manifest? How did this occur?"

How could this be?

- *We must investigate how she could have fallen from grace*
- *How did she digest the dark nights of the soul*
 - *When her believing and faith was shaken?*
- *Could she distinguish between believing (her 5% responsibility) and faith?*
- *What can be learned about how to deal with dark nights of the soul?*

So we want to look into, we want to investigate, because these are important things to learn from, not only in your own lives, but in how you raise your children, how you will raise the next generation. It is important to learn from her fall, to learn what happened to provoke her to do this.

So the question is here, "how did she digest the dark nights of the soul?" In any life of faith and in any life moving towards Christ, there are always dark nights of the soul, always; it's a part of the path. Amen! Dark nights of the soul are inevitable, you cannot run from them; you will have them, they're absolutely essential. How you deal with them will determine where you will end up.

So, how did she deal with the dark nights of the soul, when her believing and her faith were shaken? Could she distinguish between believing which is her 5% responsibility and faith? What is the difference between belief and faith? Isn't that a good question? What is the difference? Is there a difference between believing and faith? It's a very serious question and it's a very important one for all our spiritual lives. Amen! Very important!

So, what can be learned about how to deal with the darkness of the soul?

Faith

- : *Strong belief or trust in someone or something*
- : *Belief in the existence of God: strong religious feelings or beliefs*
- : *A system of religious beliefs*

Let's look at the standard definition: this is from Marian Webster, and let's look in here "Faith" Who wants to read the definition of faith? I'm going to ask you guys to read some definitions; who wants to read? Come on!

So what does that say? (*Reading*) So, here we see the common definition of faith which is absolutely one of the bedrocks of our lives. "Faith is a belief; it's a belief in something or someone. It is a belief in existence of God. It is a system of religious beliefs." This is how we commonly understand faith, is it not? Right, that's how we usually understand faith, as being a belief in something.

The Dark Night of the Soul

- *We all struggle with belief and faith*
- *When we struggle with believing and faith, we ask, "God, what have I done wrong?"*
- *What does this imply?*
- *What are the differences of believing and faith?*
- *Are they the same?*

So, we all struggle with belief and faith. And notice that when you struggle, when you are facing a dark night of the soul, when you're struggling in your faith, what is the question we ask? The question we usually ask is, "God, what have I done wrong? What have I done wrong that I'm experiencing this dark night of the soul?" Amen!

Right, how many have done that? All right, see; there we go! So, when we have difficulty in our faith, our common response is to ask, "What have I done wrong, God?" But notice what this implies: this implies that when we were doing something right, we had consolation in our faith, right; and now that we're doing something wrong, we have this dark night. Do you see? It's predicated on me because we believe faith is a belief.

Calvin

- *Faith (pistis) enables the believer to know God's preferred-will (cf. J. Calvin; see thelcma). Accordingly, faith and "God's preferred-will" are directly connected in Scripture.*

So, what are the differences between believing and faith? Are they the same? This is Calvin: he talked about faith and he said (*Reading the above quote*) Faith is not just a belief; it is a type of knowledge! Isn't that interesting? Faith is not just a belief. It's not something you attest to, or something you say, "Yeah, yeah; yeah! I believe in that!" That is not faith!

Faith is a type of belief; it said, "*It enables the believer to know God's preferred will.*" The will of God! It is almost like a super knowledge, in the sense that, through faith, we can understand God's preferred will. We can understand what He wants to be accomplished, what his mandates are. Do you see how that would be absolutely supreme in our lives? Right, that would be the highest type of knowledge.

Faith

- ✚ *Faith (pistis) is always received from God, and never generated by us*
- ✚ *Romans 12:3: "For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith (pistis)".*

✚ Ephesians 2:8,9: "8- For by grace you have been saved through faith (pistis); and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9-not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

So, faith is also always received from God; it's never generated by us. You know, this is going to work out your mind; it's going to stretch your mind. I want to work you today a little bit you know; I mean it's going to stretch your mind. Think about faith, how we usually work with faith. Think about faith: that it is generated by us, it's a belief that we attest to; it's coming from us. We think that's faith. But faith is received from God; it is never, never, never, generated by us! Isn't that interesting? How so?

Let's look at Romans 12:3. Let's read this together: "As God has allotted to each a measure of faith!" In other words, God has given to each a measure, a span, an amount of faith. Isn't that interesting? It's not something that we generate; isn't that interesting? It is something that God allots to us; gives to us. It's a radically different view of faith, right; it's actually 180 degrees different from how we normally think about faith.

Ephesians 2:8 and 9, who wants to read that? This is like a Bible study right here. (Someone reading that quote) See, this is the common trap of faith. Look at that, right there: "not as a result of works so that no one can boast" Usually in our faith we're thinking, "Oh, I did this," or "I am believing hard," or "I'm doing prayer conditions, I'm fasting and so my faith is growing!" We're thinking that we can generate the faith; do you see what I mean? And the problem with that is that we will end up, as Paul writes here, we will start boasting; we will get what is known as 'self-righteous.'

So it's important to understand that, "by grace you've been saved through faith, and that not of yourself." Look at this: "Faith is the gift of God!" It is a gift from God! So, in other words, faith is not something that comes from within; it's something that comes from without. Isn't that interesting? It enters into us; it's not something that we produce, and then shoot out.

Faith

- ✚ Faith= Gift of God
 - Type of knowledge: the knowledge of God's Preferred Will
- ✚ It is a gift of "Divine Persuasion"(peitho)
- ✚ Faith is not generating belief/knowledge but receiving knowledge of God's Will
 - Waterfall: not grasping but opening up hands and receive water
 - Believing is like knocking, Faith like being allowed to come in

"Faith is a gift of God. It is a type of knowledge; it is a type of knowledge of God's preferred will" What does that mean? The original word, the root word for, in this case *pistis*, is *peitho*, and the word *peitho* is where we get 'piety' right, filial piety in English, or *pietas* in Latin; in other romance languages, it will be pretty similar. But this is the word for 'persuasion'.

Faith, literally, is the word for 'persuasion', 'to be persuaded', 'to be persuaded to trust in'. So, notice that it's not us persuading ourselves; it is God persuading us. It is a knowledge of His divine will! And that is what's so incredible, when we understand faith, what faith is.

"It is not generating a belief" It is not something I'm manifesting through my own efforts but it is a knowledge that we're receiving from God. Isn't that interesting? Isn't that interesting?

I kind of visualized it like this: like there's a big waterfall, and we're not trying to grab the water of faith, but we're opening our hands and letting the water fall right in, and we're thanking God for that gift of faith! You see what I mean? Does that help visualize it a little bit? Or like you are knocking on the door and that would be belief -your belief is your knocking on the door- but faith is when you are given the gift of coming in, when He says, "Come in!" You now have the gift of faith to come into his presence! Isn't that interesting? It's a totally different view of how we see faith; faith is not manifested!

I know there are a lot of people who may even struggle with the idea of God; we many times struggle because we think that it's coming from within, "I'm not being faithful enough" or "I'm not ..." We've heard this, right? "I'm not being religious enough," or "I have too little faith," right? But if we understand that faith actually comes from God, that it is a gift of God, it totally reverses, flips it over.

Charles Price on Faith & Belief

✚ *" We have made faith a condition of mind, when it is a divinely imparted grace of the heart... we can receive faith only as he gives it... you cannot manufacture faith, you cannot work it up... you can believe a promise, and at the same time, not have the faith to appropriate it... genuine, Scriptural faith is not our ability to 'count it done', but is the deep consciousness divinely imparted to the heart of man that it is done, ... it is the faith that only God can give...do not struggle in the power of the will... what a mistake to take our belief in God and call it faith... Christ, the living word, is our sufficiency... (Charles Price, the Real Faith, Logos/publications)*

I found an incredible passage by Charles Price, a theologian on faith; let's read this together (*Reading the passage above*) Let's read that one more time: *"What a mistake to take our belief in God, and call it faith!"* Isn't that interesting? That's a mistake! It's a mistake to call our belief in God, faith! Faith is not generated from within.

Belief to Faith

- *A person's believing (belief- man's responsibility) is vital (cf. Heb 11:6).*
- *However, a personal encounter with Christ (a true connection with Him and his Word) is always necessary for believing to be transformed into faith.*

This is a sort of synopsis: “A person believing” ... Let's think about when we're believing, when we're trying to believe on God's promises in our own lives, in our prayers; they can be large Metta prayers, they can be very large, grand prayers, they can be small prayers for ourselves or another. But let's think about how we usually believe! “A person's believing”: so, here belief is man's response; that's my responsibility to believe on the promises of God. That's *vital* okay; that is *vital*. That is part of the picture.

(Reading) “However, a personal encounter with Christ (a true connection with Him and His Word) is always, *always, always, necessary*- it's always necessary- for believing to be transformed into faith!” Isn't that interesting? Isn't that interesting? So, just as we saw, faith is not just believing in God; it is the gift that God imparts onto the soul of man. It's the deep consciousness of knowing that his promise is done; do you see what I mean? You see how powerful that is? You see how confident and strong that is?

It's not something we are generating from within, but it is a gift that is imparted onto our soul. As if God is etching, right; it says, “He writes the Epistles on our heart” God etches this divine impartation, consciousness, solid faith, as gift to us. Look at this: “through a personal encounter”

This is why we miss it all the time.” I'm trying to believe, I'm trying to have faith, I'm trying to seek Him; I'm trying to do. What am I doing wrong?” Right! What are we doing wrong? We're trying to muster it up, we're trying to create it, generate it; that's the problem. In other words, that is our belief but that's not faith!

In order for the belief to transform into faith, it must come in contact to Christ through his Word. It must; otherwise it's not faith! Isn't that interesting? If it doesn't come, if you do not have a personal relationship with him and his Word, an encounter with him and his Word, that's not faith. That's you believing, trying to believe. You see the difference? Isn't that interesting in the context of absolute faith, love and obedience? Isn't that interesting!

Divine Principle p 9

✚ “The reason why people who believe in God continue to commit sins is because their faith in God has been merely conceptual. It (faith) has not touched their innermost feelings. Who among them would ever dare to commit sin if they experienced God in the depths of their being? Would they not tremble if they felt the reality of the heavenly law that those who commit crimes cannot escape the destiny of hell?”

It's absolutely critical to understand what our faith is, because it's fundamental; it's absolutely fundamental. Let's look at the Divine Principle, what it says. This is on page 9; this is the first reference of faith in the Divine Principle, and let's read what it says. Let's read this together: (Reading the above text)

So you can see very clearly! Look at what Father's talking about here: "*touched, experienced!*" There has to be in an encounter with Christ, otherwise it's just you believing; that's not faith! What did the scripture say? It said, "*If you have faith the size of a mustard seed*" Now you can see why that can move mountains, right, because that seed is not something you're generating. Isn't interesting! It's a divinely imparted gift and that tiny seed as small as a mustard seed, if that gift of faith that small was given; that tiny seed is from God, and thus in that tiny seed there is the power of the entire universe, right, more than the universe.

So when we understand faith in this way, we can dissect it from belief, we can separate it from our belief because faith is radically different from belief.

Matthew 8

- *5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus said unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

Let's look at Matthew 8 here: this is the story of the centurion; everybody knows the story. This is a story where Jesus goes to Capernaum and he meets the centurion. He basically has troops under him, and his *servant is lying at home of palsy, grievously tormented, and Jesus says to him, "I will come and heal him, "and the centurion says, "Lord I'm not worthy that thou should come under my roof" ... and he says, "I have soldiers I tell them to go, they go."* He's basically saying, "I know if you just say it, it's going to be done! If you just say the word, I know he's going to be healed." Right!

Notice the centurion's belief: when he's coming to this area where he knows Jesus is, he's walking there, he's believing, right? He's walking to this place where Jesus is and he's walking to him, and in that moment he's believing in Christ, right; he's believing. Do you see what I mean? But then when he encounters Christ, when he encounters Christ, this type of faith appears. It's not from him; it is from God! (Reading) "*The centurion answered, "Lord I'm not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed!"*"

What did Jesus say about him? "*I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel!*" See, faith is directly connected to an encounter with Christ; it cannot be separated from an encounter with him or his Living Word! Right, because, "*In the beginning was the Word, There was God, and with Him was the Word, and the Word was made flesh.*" Christ is the Living Word! So, without encountering him, without encountering him through the Word, we cannot have faith. It stays at belief; it doesn't transform into rock-solid faith. Isn't that interesting?

So, in our life that's the same thing; that's why we seek to have an experience with the Holy Spirit, with Father's spirit. Amen! Because when our faith is shaking, or every time we go through a season, we're not just mustering this with our belief, right, because that has limitation. We're trying to make that belief come into contact with Christ, and by his grace at the right time that he chooses, he will transform that belief into faith. And when you have that faith, now you have power to overcome that mountain. Isn't that interesting?

It is directly connected to encountering Christ! We have to encounter Christ in order for us to even have a mustard seed's worth of faith! It is essential! So, maybe the prayer we should be asking, "Oh God, help me believe in You!" NO! "Help me encounter You!" Amen!

Matthew 9

- ❖ *20 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.*

Let's look at Matthew 9. This is the story of the woman with the issue of blood. We covered that last week with the *tallit*, and the kids drew Jesus with the *tallit* correctly. That's how a Jewish man looks in the ancient world; he doesn't wear the Roman colors of gold and red and white. He wears the *tallit* with the hems, right, the *kraspedons* and the *kanaph*.

Look at the same thing: she comes, she's wrestling through this crowd, she gets to him; she touches the *kanaph* of his garment, the *kraspedon* of his garment, she touches him. And in the scripture right above, it said, "Jesus felt virtue leave his body." When she touched him, Jesus felt something leave his body. There were thousands of people around there, all bumping into each other; it's like when you're in a big crowd, right, and they're bumping, bumping, bumping.

But then he feels somebody, because the scripture says, "virtue left him," so he felt something leave him. So he turns around, "who touched me?" and then he has this conversation with her." *She said within herself, If I may touch his garment, I will be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith has made thee whole!*"

See, again we make the mistake of saying, "Oh! Thy faith has made thee whole! All I have to do is believe!" Wrong! Wrong! Believing will not get you the healing or the blessing! Isn't that interesting? It is an important part of it, but it is not faith; isn't that interesting? It's not faith! When the woman is walking up to Christ, she's believing; she's believing on the promise of God. She knows he's the son of God, "I will touch him; if I touch him I will get whole. I believe, I believe, I believe," but she has to have the touch. Amen!

How many want the touch of God? Yeah! See, we need the touch. We don't have the touch, we can't have faith; it's not possible! Belief is so different from faith! So different; it is totally different! It's connected, but it is totally different!

Romans 9

✚ 31 *But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith (as a gift from God), but as it were by the works of the law (only human responsibility). For they stumbled as that stumbling stone;*

Let's look at Romans 9: (Reading)

How many Unificationists stumble at this stumbling stone, right? "By my effort, by my believing, my faith; I will set my foundation of faith!" Do you see how already that's misunderstanding faith? Do you see that? This is why we stumble! What we see is that we don't attain righteousness, "*we have not attained to the law of righteousness because we sought it not by faith but*" by our works, by our effort, by our human will. We sought it; we thought we could be righteous by our own effort, and that we don't need a touch from God to transform that.

Galatians 3

✚ 21 *Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

This is Galatians 3: 21 and 22: (Reading the above quote) Look at this: "Faith of Jesus Christ might be..." What's that word? *Given!* Notice that it didn't say, "And my faith be given"; it said what? "The faith of Jesus be given." Who had absolute faith? The Messiah has absolute faith! It's not something he's generating; it is given. "*It might be given to them who believe,*" and believe is a part of it.

It's a part of it, but when we think that just by believing... What's that movie where it says, "Just believe and it will become", something like that; I can't remember what it was. Peter Pan or some kinds of movie like that, right? And then they got all these New Age books, like *The Secrets.* "All you've got to do is believe in it and it's going to come; the universe is going to send it to you!" Right!

"*The faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*" Believing is our responsibility, but it is not the faith. The faith is when that belief is transformed into a divinely imparted consciousness that knows that it's done. It's a rock! Isn't that interesting? It doesn't shake; it's a rock.

The Dark Night of the Soul- Continued

- *Han Mother, believing God forsook her, ignored her, broke faithfulness, promises,*
 - *Led to constant habit of self-pity --- self-righteousness---dominion of Satan to erase True Father*

So when we look at this picture, when we see the Han Mother, when I actually think about my time with her in our house, I can see now the pattern which happened. We always knew that it was not a healthy pattern, but the reason why you would end up at this type of fall; because every time she had dark nights of the soul, every time she had dark, dark, days, she had a habit. She would even talk to the kids about it. She would call us in and say, "Why is Father like this?" Or "why is he doing like this?" or "Why doesn't he ever keep his promises? Why is he not faithful?" All this! Always! Constant!

So, this type of continual, habitual, thinking, believing God forsake her... you see, no touch even though she's right with Christ! Because the faith comes from her generating it, and how she's loyal, and how she is faithful; you see she's doing all the work. Not realizing that actually that gift is a gift given by the encounter she has by being with Christ!

And this leads to a habit of self-pity, which then transforms into a habit of self-righteousness, which is, "I did it! I made Father! I've suffered this much! He didn't really suffer; I suffer, and I made Father. I made him!" It becomes self righteous, then it becomes easy for Satan to dominate, and then you see all those demons surrounding her and then taking control of her.

In the Dark Night of Faith

- *Don't ask, "What have I done wrong?" Ask, "God, what are YOU doing/working on in me?"*
- *Teresa of Avila: Not time to pull "weeds"*
- *Don't try to generate an experience*
 - *Too many seek pleasures of the relationship with Christ and not Christ*
- *2 Corinthians 12:9: "For my strength is made perfect in weakness."*
 - *God purposefully opens up weakness to reveal a new dependence on God.*

So, in the dark night of faith, which every single one of us had, has, and will have, the question is not, "God, what have I done wrong?" Because you're implying that if you do it right, you're going to get consolation, right; it's not about that. It's about, "God, what are You doing now?" It's not about, "What am I doing wrong?" but, "God what are you doing? Where are you taking me now?"

We want to run away from the darkness, we want to run away from the dark nights of the soul when we are shaking; we want to run from it, we don't want to face it.

Teresa of Avila talked about, "When you're in the dark night of the soul, it's not time to pull weeds." Isn't that interesting? When you're struggling with faith, it's not time to start pulling weeds. You know what she said? "It's time to go into the weeds with the Gardener!" You see what I mean? Because there's a reason why God shakes you in your faith; it's not always an attack from the devil. Amen! Many times it's God shaking you like a *shmita* and a super *-shmita* to wake you up, to make come back, right.

So, when we have those nights, when we have those struggles, we ask God, "Where are You leading me? I want to go see the weeds, right; I want to go see the weeds! Show me the weeds!" Go in with the Gardener! Let him show you the weeds, let him show you the roots, let him show you the structures, let him show you these things; these things are critical for your life, critical, inescapable, critical. If you don't deal with them, they will haunt you forever. So, God gives us dark nights; just like this now, we have daytime, and we have nighttime too.

It's not our job to be 'spiritual' addicts okay? We only want the high from praising God, right! Even when we're praising doing the praise songs, we're not trying to generate a high, "Oh! Yeah, yeah! I could feel it now! I can squeeze out a little experience!" When we're praising God, that's not what we're doing. Wherever you are, wherever your soul is, that's the time to see the weeds.

Maybe you feel like worshipping, you feel like just, "Oh yeah," you feel the spirit. Maybe you don't! Feel how you feel without the spirit! Experience the non- experience, right; and then you'll have an experience. But don't generate it yourself! You can't! Surrender to Him! Too many people in their relationship with Christ, with Father, with Jesus, they seek the pleasures of that relationship, the pleasures, the benefits of that relationship.

And I can see that. I can see how there are different type of demons, archangels, that surround Mother; they don't seek a relationship with Christ, obviously. They seek the pleasures; they seek the benefits, the houses, the cars, the luxury, the mansions, the palaces, the shopping, the restaurants, all the benefits, you see, not the relationship.

This is like if you were married to somebody, right, and if I just sought the pleasure of my relationship with my wife, I didn't seek Yeon-Ah, I didn't want Yeon-Ah; I just wanted the pleasure of that relationship. It's like having a relationship and just wanting the accoutrements of that relationship, the benefits, but not wanting that person: that's all!

- 2 Corinthians 12:9: "For my strength is made perfect in weakness."
- God purposefully opens up weakness to reveal a new dependence on God.

God tells us that in the moments of weakness, really when we're in the dark nights of the soul and we're struggling, our faith is struggling, our belief is struggling; that point of weakness can be our strength. It's a place where God can take us deeper, deeper, into Him. Look at that! God purposefully,

purposefully, opens up weakness, purposefully, purposefully, opens up weakness, to show, to reveal, a new dependence on God, a new way we can depend on God.

See, those dark nights of the soul, if we don't run for them, what does the Scripture say, "*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil!*" Even though you're in the valley, even though you're in the dark night, don't fear, don't fear. God is purposely opening up weakness. It's a time of revelation; if you stay with Him, if you stay with the Gardener in that time, it's a time of revelation, amen! It's a time of revelation, new insight, new depth!

Let's read:

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 *With absolute faith, you will find one position. You will find the absolute position, the place where God resides. From there everything will start to be resolved.*

Amen!

Let's all rise! My wife's not speaking today; she was busy with the summer camp. But let's all rise, and let's pray today. I want to ask everybody who wants to come down and switch their mind from belief to faith, to make that declaration right here. Come on up right here! You want to switch your old- man thinking of belief, to faith. Let God touch, it let God touch it. Come on down! We want to pray with you and for you at this altar. The temple of God is right here; the church is right here, in amongst his people.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You this day. Father, we want to explore and go deep. Father, we want to get rid of misconceptions, weeds, not so that we can pull them, but so You can show us how they look like. Father, You can show us the roots, the root systems, the stem systems, the leaf systems, so we can understand and have knowledge of your purposeful will, so we can have a greater knowledge of You, Father.

And Father, today we pray that You would touch us, so that we would change from believing and be divinely imparted with faith.

Father, let us have faith that can move mountains!

Father, let us have faith that is solid, like a house built on a rock!

Father, let us have faith that can push through adversity, infirmity and weakness.

And in that time of darkness of the soul, Father, we know You are with us, You walk with us, You lead us as a shepherd, as our Father, You hold our hand, guide us through it; You bring us into a new

gift, a new gift of faith. Father, as we reclaim this faith, as we stop just trying to believe and think that's what we do by mustering it up in ourselves, Father, let us surrender our belief to You.

Let us ask for the encounter with You, the divine touch of the Spirit, so that, Father, that belief, that 5%, can be transformed by the 95%. Father, we know You are moving this world church; everybody now from the world wide church, more and more are waking up at this critical hour, and, Father, it is so important that we understand properly how to come close to You.

Father, we pray that every single one of the brothers and sisters here, would have a new infilling, indwelling, revelation, time of revelation, into the knowledge of your purposeful will; that You would persuade us in your goodness and grace, that we'd be gifted with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience.

We thank You so much, and we give You all the praise, glory and honor, as we report these things in our own names, and we pray in your Holy Name. Amen! Aju!

Let's give God some praise everybody! Hug your neighbor and say, "Belief to faith, baby!" Amen!