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Discipleship Groups — Level 4

WEEK 3 The Gift of Faith

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the fourth level of discipleship groups.

I want to talk to you about the Gift of Faith. The theme of Level 4 is Spiritual Gifts, and they are the gifts bestowed by the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 12:4 (NLT) says, *“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.”*

These spiritual gifts can be said to be demonstrations of God's power. They are visible and supernatural actions that the Holy Spirit produces through believers. They are not talents; they are supernatural evidences.

Spiritual gifts are grouped into two categories:

1. **Gifts of Revelation.**
Pastor Kyle, in lessons 1 and 2, has talked about these gifts of the word of Wisdom and word of Knowledge.
2. **Gifts of Power.**
Among the gifts of power are Faith, Healings, and Miracles.

Today I want to talk to you about the FAITH GIFT.

The Bible speaks of different types of faith:

- a. Faith for Salvation,
- b. Faith that comes as a fruit of the Holy Spirit,
- c. And the Gift of FAITH

The apostle Paul writes about spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. In these verses he highlights two very interesting points about the Gift of Faith:

1. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives it
2. And the Holy Spirit decides to whom he gives it.

What is the Gift of Faith?

We can define it as the ability to believe and declare that God will perform a supernatural miracle, above human logic.

Here are some BIBLICAL EXAMPLES of the Gift of Faith:

1. Moses in front of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:13 - 21 NLT).

The story tells us that the people of Israel were fleeing from Egypt, and they arrived at the Red Sea. Behind them came Pharaoh's army. They were trapped with no apparent way out.

Here Moses demonstrates the gift of Faith given by the Holy Spirit.

"But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. —Exodus 14:13-14 (NLT)

And just as Moses said, it happened. The people of Israel supernaturally crossed the Red Sea on dry ground and gained victory over their enemies.

Another biblical example of the gift of Faith:

2. The prophet Elijah and the drought (1 Kings 18:41-45 NLT)
In this biblical account the prophet Elijah demonstrates the gift of faith given by the Holy Spirit. The people of Israel were in a terrible 3-year drought. For 3 years it had not rained. A supernatural miracle was needed. Let it rain.

There were no clouds in the sky, drought for three years, so the prophet Elijah declares: "A great rainstorm is coming."

The Gift of Faith allows the prophet Elijah to announce something supernatural. He declares with certainty and conviction "It's going to rain." And a supernatural miracle happened.

1 Kings 18:45 (NLT) says, *"And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm..."*

A New Testament biblical example of the Gift of Faith:

3. The Apostle Peter and the lame man at the gate (Acts 3:6-8 NLT)
The story says that there was a man, lame from birth, and every day they put him by the door of the temple so that he could beg alms from the people who entered.

This man saw that Peter and John were coming in and asked them for money. Peter said to him, *"I have no silver or gold for you, but I will give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"*

At that moment a supernatural miracle occurred. The man lame from birth got up and walked. What did Peter have? The Gift of Faith given by the Holy Spirit.

Peter, in faith, gives him the order and Acts 3:7-8 says: *"...the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! "*

Four Important Aspects of the Gift of Faith

1. The Gift of Faith is given by the Holy Spirit,
2. The Holy Spirit gives the Gift of Faith to whom he wills,
3. The Gift of Faith is given to fulfill divine purposes,
4. The Gift of Faith is activated at specific moments.

What would those divine purposes be?

1. Releasing a supernatural miracle so that many will see God's power and believe. As we talked about in the examples of Moses, the prophet Elijah, and the apostle Peter, supernatural miracles occurred, and many saw God's great power and believed.
2. Proving Who God Is
The prophet Elijah on Mount Carmel was facing the prophets of the god Baal and all who were there challenged the prophet Elijah to prove to them who the true and only God was.

1 Kings 18:36-37 tells us that the prophet Elijah prayed to God and asked Him to work supernaturally to prove to everyone that He is King over Israel and over all the earth. God did it, showing them who He is and His great power.

Today we need to see God's power

We need to see supernatural miracles. If you have the Gift of Faith, the Holy Spirit will open up opportunities for you to activate this gift. God will use you at specific times to accomplish His will.

The Holy Spirit will activate the Gift of Faith for a specific moment to accomplish God's purpose. Remember this gift is spiritual. You must listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and be led by Him to act.

Something very important to remember:

The Gift of Faith is not active all the time. It's not a button you press, and It is not something you activate at will. It manifests when the Holy Spirit determines it and activated when God wants to work supernaturally through you.

Recommendations:

1. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit,
2. Be guided by the Holy Spirit,
3. Be willing to be used by God,
4. Obey.

When the Holy Spirit directs you, obey and do what He tells you to do. That is the time to see the supernatural.

If you don't have the gift of faith, what should you do?

1. Ask the Holy Spirit.

Pray, "Holy Spirit, if you want to use me with the gift of Faith, here I am, give me the gift of Faith."

2. Constantly seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
3. Crave this gift.

Allow me to share a personal testimony

I was in Arizona and a couple of friends who were here in the San Fernando Valley called me. A relative of theirs had just died in the hospital from an overdose. Medically, the doctors declared him dead. In the call I asked them what they wanted me to do, and they asked me to pray for him. I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit who told me to declare life. At that moment I activated my Gift of Faith and said, "I declare Life on this dead body in the name of Jesus."

Then we hung up. Five MINUTES later they called me again and they were overjoyed. They told me he was alive! They said they went to the room where he had been declared medically dead and he was alive. Something supernatural happened.

In closing, I want to pray for you

I pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you and pour out his anointing upon you. I pray that the Holy Spirit will give you the Gift of Faith now in Jesus' name.

Love and a thousand blessings,
See you next time!