

Faith no 1
What is Faith?

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This morning I would like to begin a new series dealing with Faith for Living. we have been taught by Christianity for 2000 years to have faith for dying, but I would like to examine Faith for Living, because this encompasses a whole lot more than getting up in the morning and doing our daily activities, and then going to bed.

Faith for Living encompasses many, many aspects such as *Faith for healing, faith for our finances, faith for our relationships, faith for our Home environment, faith for our work environment, Faith for our School environment,* and *faith for our everyday encounters.* It also encompasses faith to do what sons of God are ordained to do: The Bible tells us that ***Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.***

Brother Branham preached many sermons on Faith, some having Faith in their titles and others not, but the subject was faith.

Brother Branham preached 56 sermons where the word ***Faith*** was in his sermon title, including:

5 sermons simply called "***Faith***"
3 times he preached "***Faith Once Delivered***"
3 times he preached "***Faithful Abraham***"
A fourth he called "***Faith of Abraham***"
3 times he preached "***Have Faith in God***"
3 times he preached "***Contending for the Faith***"
2 times he preached "***Faith without Works is dead***"
then he preached "***Faith and Africa report***"
and "***Faith cometh by hearing***"
and "***Faith in Action***"
and "***Faith in the Son of God***"
and "***Faith is our Victory***"
and "***Faith is the sixth sense***"
and "***Faith is the substance***"
and "***Works is Faith Expressed***"
and "***Perfect Faith***"
and "***Wisdom vs. Faith***"
and "***Time tested Faith***"
and "***Tested Faith produces Goods***"
and "***Fundamental Foundation for Faith***"
and "***Exploits of Faith***"
and "***By Faith Moses***"

In another 60 sermons brother Branham preached where Faith was the main subject of the sermon but the word "**Faith**" was not even used in his title. These were:

22 times he preached ***Jesus Christ the Same yesterday, today and forever***

15 times he preached "***Expectations***"

2 times he preached ***Expectancy***

5 times he preached "***God Keeps His Word***"

4 times he preached "***At thy Word***"

and 4 times he preached "***At Thy Word Lord***"

and 3 times he preached "***Speak to this rock***"

and 2 times he preached "***New Ministry***"

and 2 times he preached "***Speak to this mountain***"

and one time "***Speak to the Rock***"

And then without going into specifics, there were countless other sermons where brother Branham pointed the people to the Faith of Christ, and in fact he used the word Faith at least 12,532 times, which would be at least an average of 10 times in each of his 1200 sermons that he preached. and there should be nothing strange about that being we are told in ***Malachi 4*** that the end time prophet of Malachi who was to come in the Spirit of Elijah ***would turn the hearts or understanding of the children back to the faith of the Fathers.***

From his sermon **Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:100** brother Branham said, "*And you notice, to make it sure now that it's not... But how the Holy Spirit wrote it by this prophet, He said, "**He will turn the hearts of the fathers, first, to the children.**" See? That was John's first coming. He turned the hearts of the fathers, the old patriarch fathers to the Message of the children, which was the new generation then, Jesus, in that generation. Then and, conjunction, it ***tying together the hearts of the children back to the fathers, which means the Message of today will turn the hearts of the children in the church age back to the original Pentecostal faith of the beginning.*** So it will be two different--the one messenger, but it differentiates there the first coming and the second messenger, Elijah.*

And then in his sermon, **Court trial 64-0412 P:46** brother Branham said, "***Malachi 4*** said just before the great time when the Gentile world will be burned up, just like Sodom was burned, and then the righteous will walk out upon the wicked, "***I'll send to you Elijah, anointed with the Spirit, and he will turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers.***" Return back, always, each one of the times He comes, that's what it was."

So we see that this end time Elijah ministry had one main task and that was ***to turn the hearts or understanding of the children back to the Faith of the Fathers.*** So it was not only a "Faith ministry", but it was to teach Faith that it might "produce Faith in the people". And yet it seems that you can barely find real genuine faith among the people anymore.

In fact that is what Jesus said in **Luke 18:8** *"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

So to begin our series on Faith this morning let's open our Bibles to the Faith Chapter, which is **Hebrews 11**.

We see in **Hebrews 11: 1** *Now faith is **the substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* So we see that Faith is both a substance and an evidence. Now, the substance is not the evidence, but the Substance is the Person, God Himself who has revealed to you His plan for you, and the evidence is your stepping forward into that plan, that which God has revealed to you by His Personal Presence.

Notice that Paul said Faith is not **a** substance but is **The** Substance. And that word **the** is the article **the** which changes it from a thing to a person, God Himself. In Scripture when it speaks of The Spirit it is speaking of the person of God Himself, but when it speaks of spirit it speaks of the essence or life. SO the article The is very important in understanding what or who it is speaking of. So Paul is not speaking of faith as a substance but THE SUBSTANCE.

And this word **substance** was translated from the Greek word **hupostasis** which was also translated in **Hebrews 1:3** as the very person of God. *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, (person, hupostasis, the very substance which is God) and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;* And again we see this word hupostasis translated as confidence. Not confidence as an adverb but confidence as a person. **Hebrews 3:14** *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

Not hold our own **confidence** in ourselves, but our **confidence in Him** and what he has done. That is the **confidence** Paul is speaking of. **Confidence** in a person, Christ. Now as I said before, Faith then is having a **confidence** in **The person**, not a thing. **Abraham by faith** started walking because God told him to walk. *"Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God." "We walk in the light as He is in the light."* We walk in the light from day to day and from week to week not knowing exactly where we are going but **knowing with Whom we are going**. And that is what Abraham did, he was 75 years old when he began walking with God, and he walked with God for 100 years. and Enoch walked with God for 300 years.

Genesis 5:21 *And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.* So Enoch was 65 years old before he began to walk with God.

Noah walked with God as we read in **Genesis 6:8** *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and **Noah walked with God.***

Now, the Scripture does not tell us when Noah began to walk with God, but it was before he had children. But we know He walked with God. And does it really matter where He is leading you as long as He is walking with you.

Genesis 5:32 *And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

Genesis 7:6 *And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.*

Now, we can see he had been walking with God for at least 100 years before the flood, and Peter called him a preacher of righteousness.

2 Peter 2:5 *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

1 Peter 3:20 *Which sometime were disobedient, when once **the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

Hebrews 11:7 **By faith Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Notice that Paul speaks in **Hebrews 11:7** that Noah moved with fear to prepare the ark for the saving of His house. It is generally noted that God gave Noah 120 years to get the ark built because we see in **Genesis 6:3** that God told Noah he will only give man another 120 years before he destroys them from off the face of the earth.

Genesis 6:3 *And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.*

So we can reasonably say that Noah preached and worked on his ark for 120 years before the flood came.

Now, for those who have finally quit counting down the days until the resurrection, the words of Jesus in Luke 17 and in Matthew 24, if we put them together with this idea of Noah having 120 year to get the ark ready, it might put things into a different perspective than we are accustomed to seeing it.

Luke 17:26 *And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.*

Matthew 24:37 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*

I certainly hope we do not have 120 years to wait to get out of here, but the main thing is that Noah moved with fear. He knew he had a 120 years to get the ark built but he didn't think he had any time to waste so he moved with fear the bible tells us.

Now, that might add a dimension to our understanding how Noah walked with God. **He walked with God in Godly fear.** And what about us? how are we **walking in the Light as He is in the Light?** He is in that Light and He was seen in that picture over brother Branham's head. And Br. Branham saw him in the three rainbows that merged into one rainbow when he was out hunting, and br. Branham said that was the pillar of fire. We saw that same manifestation of the pillar of fire over in Mbanza Ngungu in 2007 which was 46 years later. The same manifestation of the light as the prophet saw. The same God of light walking with his children. The same presence is still here. Are we walking like Noah walked?

Now, let's continue in our study of **Hebrews 11** and pick up at verse **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. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 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. 7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up,*

even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. **20** By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. **21** By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. **22** By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. **23** By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. **24** By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; **25** Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; **26** Esteeming (Notice he valued the things of God above what Egypt could offer him wealth wise) Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. **27** By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. **28** Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. **29** By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. **30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. **31** By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. **32** And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: **33** Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **34** Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. **35** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: **36** And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: **37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; **38** (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. **39** And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: **40** God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Notice the apostle Paul types our sojourning here as one who is running a race, but this is not a sprint, it is a race of endurance, and like a hurdler, we must not look at the obstacles that are set before us but we must focus on the finish line. And the focus is on Christ. For all that have been buried with Christ Jesus shall also be raised with him.

The Apostle Paul also speaks much in Romans 4 concerning Faith as well. **Romans 4:1** *What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? 2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. 3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. 9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the un-circumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in un-circumcision? Not in circumcision, but in un-circumcision. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but **who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham**, which he had being yet uncircumcised. 13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: 15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 As it is written, I have made thee a father of **many nations**, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it (his Faith) was imputed to him for righteousness.*

And we can look at more men in the Scriptures concerning examples of faith. Take the case of Job. When loss after loss came his way, what did he do? Did he complain about his "**bad luck**"? Did he curse the robbers? Did he murmur against God? **No; he bowed before him in worship.** There is no real rest you until you can learn to walk by faith and see the hand of God in everything. But for that, faith must be in constant exercise. **And what is faith?** Is it a blind gullibility? Is it a giving in to fate? **No**, far from it. **Faith is see what God sees, and resting on the sure Word of the living God**, and therefore says, "**We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the**

called according to his purpose" Romans. 8:28 and therefore faith will give thanks always for all things, because active faith will "Rejoice in the Lord always" Philippians 4:4.

In fact brother Branham said in his sermon **Why cry speak 63-0714M P:65** *Now, watch what takes place now. Moses saw this by a vision and Pharaoh said that, "This is great." God said, "It's an abomination." So Moses chose what God said. Now, notice, faith sees what God wants you to see. See? Faith sees what God sees, and reasoning and senses see what the world wants you to see. Notice, reasoning. "Why, it's only human sense; it's only reason it's this. This is... Well, ain't this just as good." See? That's just exactly when you use those senses which is contrary to the Word (See?), then that's what the world wants you to see. But faith don't look at that; faith looks what God said. See, see? You don't... **You cast down reasons.** Reasoning sense sees what the world wants you to see:*

In John 17 Jesus prayed that we might be one as he and God were one, and he said he has given us the same doxa God gave him in order for us to be one even as He and God are One. We've talked about our being one with God as Jesus Christ was one, and that comes by receiving the same Doxa that Jesus received. And we know the doxa or glory is the opinions, values, and judgments of God. What God says we say, what God values we value. So we see what God sees, and value what he values.

And brother Branham said in his sermon **Why cry speak 63-0714M P:62** *When faith looks on God's worst... Remember, here was the glamour now, the world, oh, the highest, king of the world. And where was God's promised? In the mud hole, a mud daubers, but when faith, when faith looks at God's worst, it esteems it greater and more valuable than the best the world can show (Yes, sir.), when faith looks at it, when faith can see it. When faith in the Word can see the Word made manifest, it's more than all the glamour and archbishopry and everything else you can speak of. Faith does it. See? You can see the worst, the despised, the rejected, the whatever it might be; let it be at its worst, and yet faith will esteem that a million miles higher than the best the world can produce. Amen.*

Third Exodus 63-0630M P:90 *But unbelief will catch reason. That's what it did... Now, you get it? Unbelief relies on reasons, present day things. Faith won't do it; faith looks at the Word; but faith places itself upon the unmovable Rock: God's eternal Word. Amen. **Faith don't look at reasoning.** I don't care how much you can show it would be better; if the Word says, "**No,**" faith rests there. That is the sanctuary of faith's resting place.*

And from **God hath a provided way 56-0108 P:18** *A good man wouldn't give you a check with no money in the bank; an honest man wouldn't. Well, God wouldn't give you His check for your salvation or healing, 'less there was a deposit for it. God has prepared it. He told Abraham that he was going to have the child. That settled it. He told Noah; He said, "Noah, I want you to build Me an ark. **Build to the saving of your house, an ark.**"*

And Noah... Isn't it good in God? **Before these great disasters happen, God always gives a warning and makes a way of escape.** He prepares it. He said, "Now... Noah, look at it. ***I want you to build an ark.***" Why, they'd had no water on the earth, just little springs. It never did rain. There was no rain up in the skies. And **how foolish sometimes it seems to the carnal mind, when God gives a person a promise, how the world can't understand it.** There's no doubt, but what when you receive God's blessing and was born again, you... The people thought you were crazy. They said, "That person's just a little bit off." You see, you're moving by faith. Oh. You're making preparations for something that the world knows nothing about. **They only live just as far as they can see. But we live by things we don't see, that we believe that God said was true.** Faith doesn't look at a thing that you can see. **Faith looks at things you don't see.**

Why cry speak 63-0714M P:63 That's the way we sing that song, "***I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few...***" See? Oh, my. For, you see, **faith sees what God wants done.** Oh I hope this goes in. **Faith doesn't look at the present time. Faith doesn't see this here. Faith looks to see what God wants, and works accordingly. That's what faith does. It sees what God wants, and what God wants done, and faith operates through that. Faith is a long range vision.** It don't lower its sights. It holds to the target. Amen. Any good shooter knows that (See?), that it's long range; it's a telescope; it's a binocular that you don't look around here; you don't use binoculars to look to see what time it is. See? You don't use that, but you use binoculars **to look away off, and faith does that. Faith picks up God's Binoculars, both of them, both sides, the New and Old Testament and sees every promise that He made, and faith sees it out yonder.** And **faith chooses that,** regardless of what the present tense says here. **He looks at the end.** He don't drop his sights down to look this way; he looks out yonder. He keeps the crosshair dead center on the Word. ***That's what faith does.*** That's the faith that's in a man that does those things.

Perseverance 63-0113E P:42 This little woman, she was a Greek, and a Syrophenician. And she'd heard about the fame of Jesus. Now, ***how does faith come?*** **By hearing, hearing of the Word.** She'd heard of Him. And you know, she might've had a lot of things to hinder her by her being a Greek. ***Faith cometh by hearing.*** We know that. And she had a lot of things to hinder her. But **faith finds a source no other knows anything about. Faith finds this source that no one can explain it.** It's something that you know. ***Others can't see it, but faith sees it. Faith sees that, where the natural eye doesn't see it. But the inside eye sees that thing.***

Perseverance 63-1116E P:59 This little woman, she was a Greek from the country of Syrophenicia, and we find out that she must've heard about the praises and glory of the Lord Jesus. "***Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word of God.***" She heard, and when she heard... You know, **faith finds sources that others don't see.** Now, if you don't have faith, well, then there's no need of trying to show it to you. Because **faith can see it.** "**Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" **Faith sees what the blind people doesn't see.** Faith is the sixth sense. Five senses are fine, as long

as they don't disagree with the sixth. But **the sixth sense is faith**, "**It's the substance of things hoped for**," you don't see, taste, feel, smell, or hear, but yet you know it. **Faith tells you so**. And it's so sure that it's real, that it comes to you a substance, not just imagination, it's something you have. I see people come on the platform, say, "Brother Branham, I've got all faith." "Well, what are you doing up here then?" See, see? See?" I don't have it."

Power of decision 55-1007 P:22 But after death, **faith sees the resurrection, a God of resurrection**. That's the power of faith to believe. When he asks--standing over behind the dark cloud that you can't see with your natural eyes, but **faith standing by you directs you to that God of resurrection**, and a God of all wisdom, Who has ordained our path, **He's standing just behind every trial**. Oh, I love it, don't you? To know that Peter said that **every trial is worth more to us than gold**. For it's working. "**Every son that cometh to God must first be tried, scourged, chastised**." And if you get a little heartache after you get born again, a little trial that upsets you somewhere, and you run back into the world again, it shows you wasn't a child to begin with. You become a illegitimate child and not a child of God. If a man once anchors his heart against the heart of Calvary, all devils in hell will never shake him no more; he's there. Notice, **for he that cannot stand chastisement is a illegitimate child. He claims God to be his Father when He's not, just tossed about by every wind of doctrine**, not stable, and don't know where you're going, double minded, and a lot of times double tongued, and don't know where you're standing or what you're talking about. Then a man that's born again of the Spirit of God knows exactly where he's at. That's right. Nothing fazes him, because something inside of him has already witnessed Somebody outside the cloud yonder. And **by faith he sees Him**.

Perseverant 62-0719E P:56 This poor woman might've had many hindrances, but **her faith didn't have any**. No. You may have a lot of hindrances. Maybe your doctor says it can't happen. **But if you've got faith, it don't make any difference what anybody else says; your faith don't have no hindrance. Your faith sees it. It's the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Abraham called the things which were not as though they were, because God said so**. Could you imagine Abraham, that old man? Now, he's seventy-five years old before God ever calls him. Sarah was sixty-five. That's about twenty years past menopause. God said she's going to have a baby, and He's going to... "through him I'll bless the world. With him, all nations... Call you the father of nations..." Could you imagine an old man seventy-five years old, and a old woman sixty-five, going down now to the doctor, and saying, "Doctor, we'd like to make arrangements for a hospital room: going to have a baby." The doctor'd say. "Sir, how old are you?" "Oh, just seventy-five." "How old is she?" "Sixty-five." "Oh, oh, sure, sir. I'll tell you. You slip out." He'd call the psychiatrist, and go down, and say, "Examine the old man's mind. There's something wrong. Don't let that man on the street. He's dangerous." Why? **Everybody that ever takes God's Word is considered that way. God takes the foolishness of preaching to manifest Hissself by: His Word, believing His Word**.

Results of decision 55-1008 P:24 We find out many times that people rely on their symptoms, if they're prayed for. I was going to find the report from Brother Joseph, see how many went away last night with really... after a full week of Gospel teaching how to be healed, that went away and say, "Well, still got it." See? And you'll probably always have it (See?), if you feel that way. Faith don't see that thing. Faith sees what God says. Faith don't see any symptoms at all. Faith refuses to see symptoms. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, if they are there, shouldn't we say they're there?" "No. No, sir."

Book of Exodus 2 55-1006E P:14 Think. We have an Anchor (Amen.) that's in the veil. We can't see it sometimes, but we know it's there. Like the little boy was flying the kite. They said, "Where is it?" Said, "I can't see it." Said, "I know it's still there, 'cause I can feel it." So that's right. We may not be able to see it; times gets dark. The clouds may hide His blessed face for a spell. But remember, the clouds may hide His face, but it don't hide Him. It can hide the sun from you, but it's still shining beyond the clouds. And faith sees the sun beyond the cloud. And here was Moses' mother in the conflict of testing of her faith. And every child, every son that cometh to God, first must be tried. God tests your faith. Now, look like God could just simply bypass the whole thing and don't have any--appropriate a way, and just cut the thing off, but it's better that He gives you a test, and then comes to you when you're in the test. I like that, don't you? The greatest experiences of my life, is when I come up against a mountain that I can't get over it, under it, or around it. And just stand still, and God will move the thing back. And He will move... No matter how dark the cloud is, faith pierces it yonder with a eye that looks beyond anything that the Devil can set before you. 'Cause God is our victory. Amen.

Power of decision 55-1007 P:21 So the devil usually starts that little flare, and so watch it. He tries to cut off the move of God. Every time he will do that. And he's still the same devil, use the same techniques that he did in the old days, he still uses them today. We could only read the Old Testament, then we'd learn the tactics of the devil, how that he does. So we found out that his power... He had power, and that power was death. But he had no power beyond that. Just death ends his power. Then beyond death, faith sees the God of resurrection. Faith... After the devil's end of the power of death, then he's finished, the devil can do no more.

Rapture the 65-1204 P:40 But to the church, the Bride, the rapture is a revelation to her. It's revealed to her, that the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the rapture. Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him as though it wasn't so. Now, faith... That's what faith is, is the revelation of God. The church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire body.

Let us pray...