The Dynamics of Hope, Faith, & Love

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AN ARCHER OF GOD

TO GET THE WORD OF GOD TO WORK EFFECTIVE IN YOUR LIFE, YOU NEED A CLEAR AND CONCISE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE WORD WORKS. IN PARTICULAR, HOW HOPE, FAITH, AND LOVE WORK TOGETHER. THESE THREE, WORKING THROUGH YOU, CAN BRING GOD'S WORD INTO PHYSICAL FRUITION IN YOUR LIFE:

I Cor 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Gal 5:5-6 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

LET ME SHARE AN ILLUSTRATION WHICH THE LORD GAVE ME CONCERNING HOW THESE THREE WORK TOGETHER TO BRING RESULTS INTO YOUR LIFE. IN THE SPORT OF ARCHERY, YOU HAVE THREE MAIN ITEMS YOU ARE CONCERNED WITH:

- 1. A TARGET
- 2. AN ARROW
- 3. A BOW.

THE TARGET IS YOUR GOAL. IT IS WHAT YOU DESIRE TO HIT OR HAVE. THIS REPRESENTS YOUR HOPE. THE ARROW IS YOUR FAITH. IT MUST BE ACTIVE TO BE OF ANY BENEFIT TO YOU, NOT JUST SITTING IDLE IN YOUR QUIVER ^{1.}

THE BOW IS THE LOVE OF GOD SHED ABROAD IN YOUR HEART. IT IS GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU, AND YOUR CONFIDENCE IN HIM, WHICH GIVES THE STRENGTH TO THE ARROW OF FAITH TO CONTINUE ON UNTIL THE HOPE IS ATTAINED.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS:

(1) YOU MUST BE STRONG IN YOUR CONFIDENCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU, AND THAT HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. HE SEEKS TO BLESS YOU AND DELIVER YOU FROM TROUBLE, FEAR, AND DEFEAT IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO TAKE A COMPLETE PULL ON THE BOW OF LOVE, ENSURING YOUR ARROW OF FAITH DOES NOT FALL SHORT, AND ENSURING YOUR ARROW OF FAITH IS NOT SHAKEN BY THE WINDS OF DOUBT BLOWING AGAINST IT.

(2) YOU MUST HAVE DEVELOPED YOUR ARROWS OF FAITH. YOU CANNOT RUN OUT AND BUY THEM. NOR CAN YOU PRAY THEM UP. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO OUT TO THE TREASURE FIELDS OF GOD ², AND COLLECT INTO YOUR QUIVER ³, TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM TOWARDS YOUR TARGETS OF HOPE AND AGAINST YOUR ENEMY ⁴.

(3) YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO HUNTING FOR YOUR TARGETS YOURSELF. JUST LIKE GOING HUNTING FOR GAME, IT IS NOT GOING TO COME AND LAY DOWN IN YOUR LAP AND SAY "HERE I AM"! YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT IT IS YOU WANT ⁵. YOU ARE

- ¹ that is, your heart or spirit.
- ² the bible
- ³ your heart
- ⁴ the devil
- ⁵ promises of god

GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF FAITH ARROWS FOR THAT GAME. (AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A FULL ASSURANCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS YOU TO HAVE THAT PROVISION.)

(4) YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE SINGLE-EYED TOWARD YOUR TARGET, BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER YOU FIRE YOUR FAITH ARROW, OR IT WILL NOT LAND ON THE MARK. IF YOUR SIGHT IS DRAWN OFF FROM THE TARGET, AS PETER WAS AS HE WALKED ON THE WATER, TAKING HIS EYES OFF JESUS, AND ONTO THE WIND AND WAVES OF DOUBT, YOU WILL MISS YOUR TARGET.

Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

BY LEARNING GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU, THROUGH THE HOPE OF HIS WORD, AND THEN WALKING IN FAITH, YOU A BE AN "ARCHER OF GOD".

HOPE

WHAT IS IT:

Romans 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

IT IS SOMETHING NOT SEEN. THAT IS, IT IS SOMETHING THAT I DO NOT NOW HAVE MANIFESTED IN THE NATURE REALM, AND THEREFORE CANNOT SEE IT, TOUCH IT, NOR SMELL IT. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T POSSESS IT IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM. FOR IF IT IS ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL, WHICH HE HAS ALREADY STATED AND MADE PROVISIONS FOR, AND YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IT BY PRAYER AND RECEIVED IT IN FAITH, THEN YOU POSSESS IT SPIRITUALLY. BUT YOU MUST HAVE PATIENCE AND STEADFASTNESS UNTIL IT IS PHYSICALLY MANIFESTED. ONCE YOU POSSESS IT PHYSICALLY, YOU DON'T HOPE FOR IT ANYMORE. YOU HAVE IT!

How do I get it:

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

THE ONLY WAY TO GET HOPE IS TO GET INTO THE WORD OF GOD AND FIND THE PROMISES OF GOD FOR THAT DESIRE OF YOURS. THEN START MEDITATING ON THE PROMISES.

THE MEDITATION WILL CAUSE THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO HAPPEN:

(1) IT WILL SOLIDIFY YOUR HOPE/VISION/EYESIGHT ON THE TARGET

(2) IT WILL BUILD UP YOUR FAITH BY HEARING THE WORD

(3) IT WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR CONFIDENCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU

AND THAT IT IS HIS WILL FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR DESIRED TARGET.

How do I use it:

Romans 4:16-21 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, (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. 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. 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 Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

YOU USE YOUR HOPE BY HOLDING ONTO IT. YOU HOLD THAT TARGET, THAT VISION, THAT DESIRE, UP TO GOD, IN YOUR HEART, AND CONTINUE HOLDING IT THERE UNTIL IT IS MANIFESTED. YOU USE YOUR HOPE AS AN ANCHOR. YOU USE THAT WORD OF GOD THAT YOU HAVE FASTENED ONTO AS ANCHOR TO PREVENT THE WAVES AND STORMS OF DOUBT AND UNBELIEF FROM CARRYING YOU AWAY FROM GOD'S WILL IN YOUR LIFE. HIS WILL IS FOR PERFECT AND TOTAL VICTORY IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE.

YOU USE YOUR HOPE BY MAINTAINING A SINGLENESS OF HEART, NOT DOUBLE-MINDED, NEVER RECEIVING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS. I DID NOT SAY THAT THE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS WOULD NOT COME! I SAID DO NOT RECEIVE THEM, NOR MEDITATE ON THEM. WHEN YOU MEDITATE ON THEM INSTEAD OF THE WORD OF GOD, FEAR AND DOUBT COME IN! WHEN FEAR COMES IN, FAITH GOES OUT. BUT PRAISE GOD, WHEN FAITH COMES IN, FEAR GOES OUT! YOU CHOOSE WHICH ONE! YOU CHOOSE LIFE OR DEATH!

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

CONTINUE IN YOUR HOPE:

Hebrews 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

IF YOU DO NOT UNDERGIRD YOU HOPE OR CONFIDENCE WITH PATIENCE, IT WILL EVENTUALLY COME FALLING TO THE GROUND. WITHOUT PATIENCE, YOU WILL GROW WEARY IN YOUR MIND AND FAINT:

> Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

THAT IS WHY YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR MINDS DAILY (RM 12:1-2). UNLESS YOU FAINT, THEREBY RELEASING YOUR HOPE, AND NEVER ATTAINING IT:

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

THE RESULT OF LOST HOPE:

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Ezekiel 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off from our parts.

FAITH

WHAT IS IT:

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

FAITH IS THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCK OF THE SPIRITUAL REALM. LIKE ENERGY WHICH CANNOT BE DESTROYED, BUT ONLY CHANGES FORMS⁶, AND LIKE ELECTRONS, WHICH ARE NOT DESTROYED BUT ONLY CHANGE ATOMS AND EFFECT - SO FAITH IS THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCK IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM. IT COMES OUT OF YOUR SPIRIT MAN, AND GOES FORTH TO PERFORM WHATEVER WORK YOU DESIRE.

How do I get it:

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

THE ONLY WAY TO GET FAITH INTO YOUR HEART IS BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. THE HEARING IS INTERNAL AND IS IN YOUR SPIRIT MAN. THE HEARING CAN COME FROM CONFESSING THE WORD, READING THE WORD, MEDITATING ON THE WORD IN YOUR MIND, ETC.... THE PHYSICAL CONFESSION IS THE STRONGEST BECAUSE IT FORCES ALL OF YOU ⁷ TO LINE UP AT ONE TIME.

Luke 17:5-6 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

FIRST OF ALL, YOU CANNOT GET FAITH BY SOMEONE PRAYING IT INTO YOU! JESUS DID NOT PRAY FOR THEM TO HAVE FAITH! SECOND, JESUS DID ANSWER THEIR REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF FAITH. HE SPOKE THE WORD TO THEM, AND BY HEARING AND HEARING AND HEARING, THEIR FAITH INCREASED. NOTICE FAITH COMETH IN BY HEARING "WORDS", AND GOETH OUT BY SPEAKING "WORDS". JESUS SAID IF YOU HAD FAITH, YOU WOULD "SAY"!

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

⁶ material, light, and heat

⁷ spirit, soul, and body

ONCE YOU HAVE THE FAITH BUILT UP IN YOUR HEART, THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE "SPEAK" FORTH A THING, BELIEVING, AND IT WILL TO PASS. WHY? BECAUSE OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD IN YOUR HEART!

How do I use it:

Mark 11:22-24

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

AGAIN NOTICE THAT JESUS SAID "SAY"! HE INSTRUCTED US TO (1) ASK AND RECEIVE AND (2) SPEAK TO THE "MOUNTAIN". WHATEVER IS THE OBSTACLE IN YOUR LIFE, SPEAK TO IT! THAT IS HOW YOU USE YOUR FAITH! JESUS SAID SO! WHEN YOU CONFESS THE WORD OF GOD, SPEAKING TO THE MOUNTAIN, YOUR SPIRIT MAN STARTS DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THAT RESULT. YOUR ANGELS START WORKING TO PRODUCE THAT RESULT. AND YOUR GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD, WHICH YOU SPOKE, TO PERFORM IT! HALLELUJAH!

Proverbs 16:23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

Romans 10:6-10 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

NOTICE THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF FAITH "SPEAKETH"! WHAT DOES THE RIGHTEOUS OF FAITH "SPEAK"? THE WORD OF GOD! WHICH IS IN YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR HEART! AMEN!

Matthew 12:35-37 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

HOW MANY WORDS WILL BE JUDGED? EVERY! HOW ARE YOU JUSTIFIED? BY YOUR WORDS! LIFE AND DEATH, VICTORY AND DEFEAT, ARE IN THE TONGUE! YOU CHOOSE YOUR WORDS. THEY ARE CREATIVE IN FORCE. YOU CHOOSE WHAT YOU WILL HAVE!

CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH:

Hebrews 11:6 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.

FAITHFULNESS, BEING "FULL" OF FAITH, THAT MEANS CONTINUALLY BELIEVING AND CONFESSING FOR A "LONG" PERIOD OF TIME. YOU MUST BELIEVE GOD IS ⁸, AND YOU MUST BELIEVE HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO "DILIGENTLY" SEEK HIM. REMEMBER ABRAHAM? GOD PROMISED HIM A CHILD. ABRAHAM WAS 75 YEARS OF AGE. HE BELIEVED GOD AND CONTINUED IN FAITH FOR 25 MORE YEARS BEFORE RECEIVING THAT PROMISE. HE CONTINUED CONFESSING THE PROMISE OF GOD, CONVINCED OF GOD'S LOVE TOWARD HIM, FOR 25 YEARS BEFORE HE GOT THE REWARD! FULL OF FAITH! FULLY PERSUADED! ARE YOU? NOT WITHOUT CONTINUALLY RENEWING YOUR MIND, REFRESHING YOUR SPIRIT MAN, INCREASING YOUR HOPE HOLD, AND BUILDING UP YOUR FAITH!

Hebrews 10:38-39 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

John 8:30-32 As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

HOW DID JESUS SAY YOU WOULD GET FREE? BY KNOWING THE TRUTH. HOW DID JESUS SAY YOU WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH? BY CONTINUING IN HIS WORD. NOT ONLY HEARING IT, BUT DOING IT. THAT IS WHAT MAKES A DISCIPLE.

LOVE

WHAT IS IT:

I John 4:16-17 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God,and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

GOD IS LOVE! AND THE LOVE HE HAS HAD TOWARD US IS TO GIVE UP THE MOST PRECIOUS THING HE HAD, HIS SON - JESUS, FOR US!

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

I John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

THAT WE MIGHT BECOME SONS OF GOD, FULL HEIRS OF GOD'S RICHES, WITH CHRIST JESUS! WHATEVER YOU HAVE NEED OF, HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN IT TO YOU THRU JESUS, BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU! HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

HOW DO I GET HIM:

I John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

YOU RECEIVE HIM! RECEIVE HIS LOVE FOR YOU TODAY! HIS LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE, IN YOUR FINANCES, IN YOUR TOTAL LIFE! HE LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE! HE SEEKS TO BLESS YOU AND COMFORT YOU! HE DESIRES TO MEET YOUR EVERY NEED! CALL UPON HIM TODAY!

How do I use love:

I John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. YOU DON'T "USE" LOVE IN THE CONTENT OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOVE OR OF SOMEONE. BUT YOU "USE" LOVE BY CALLING UPON IT. YOUR CHILDREN DON'T USE YOU. THEY CALL UPON YOU TO HELP THEM, BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU LOVE THEM AND CARE FOR THEM. LOVE IS AN OPEN, HONEST, SINCERE NEED AND DESIRE TO BLESS ONE ANOTHER! WE "USE" LOVE BY OPENING UP OUR HEARTS TO IT, AND GIVING GOD FREE ACCESS TO COME IN AND MEET THE NEED. IF YOUR CHILD REFUSED TO RECEIVE HELP FROM YOU ⁹, THEN HE IS REFUSING YOUR LOVE, AND THERE IS NO OPEN ACCESS. KNOWING GOD'S LOVE FOR US ALLOWS US TO HAVE THAT COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM, THAT HE WILL NOT FAIL US. THIS ALLOWS US TO HOLD ONTO OUR HOPE, AND MOVE IN FAITH. IT TOTALLY REMOVES FEAR!

THE LOVE OF GOD GIVES STRENGTH TO FAITH TO TOTALLY DRIVE FEAR OUT! PRAISE GOD!

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Isaiah 43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

THE WAY TO PUT LOVE TO WORK, JUST LIKE YOUR CHILD WOULD PUT YOUR LOVE TO WORK, IS BY MAKING A CALL UPON IT. IF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY WAS COMING UP, AND THEY CAME AND ASKED YOU FOR A LITTLE RED BICYCLE, YOUR LOVE WOULD CAUSE YOU TO SAY "YES". SO GOD'S PROMISES ARE "YES" AND "AMEN". YOUR CHILD WOULD NOT COME UP TO YOU THE SECOND DAY AND ASK FOR A BICYCLE AGAIN. "PLEASE, PLEASE, GIVE ME A BICYCLE?" OR THE THIRD DAY WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES, HEARTS IN ANGUISH, KNEELING ON THE FLOOR, CRYING OUT TO YOU! THAT WOULD NOT BE PROFITABLE. IT WOULD ONLY CONTINUALLY TEAR YOUR HEART UP AND THEIRS FOR SOMETHING WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. BUT IF YOUR CHILD CAME UP THE SECOND DAY AND SAID. "I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE THE THINGS YOU ALWAYS HAVE DONE FOR ME. AND I SPECIFICALLY THANK YOU FOR THAT BICYCLE! MY JOY IS FULL BECAUSE OF IT AS I WAIT IN ANTICIPATION FOR IT!" THEN THE THIRD DAY YOU GO OUTSIDE AND HEAR YOUR CHILD SAYING TO THEIR FRIENDS, "I LOVE MY PARENTS SO MUCH! THEY ARE BUYING ME A BRAND NEW RED BICYCLE FOR ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY! JUST BECAUSE I ASKED! THEY REALLY CARE FOR ME AND LOVE ME!" IT WOULD FILL YOUR SPIRIT WITH JOY! SO IT DOES YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S!

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Psalms 42:8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Ezekiel 16:60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

⁹ maybe do to anger

Jeremiah 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

Acts 10:4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

A MEMORIAL! A REMEMBRANCE! GOD REMEMBERS YOU. HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT. HE LOVES YOU!

Deut 7:13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

WHAT IS HIS WILL FOR YOU? THE ABOVE VERSE SAYS "AND HE WILL"! THAT IS HIS "WILL"! WHEN YOU SAY YOU "WILL" DO SOMETHING, IT IS BECAUSE THAT IS YOUR "WILL". WHEN YOU SAY YOU "WILL NOT" OR "WON'T" DO SOMETHING, IT IS BECAUSE IT IS NOT YOUR "WILL". GOD TELLS US CLEARLY IN HIS WORD WHAT IS "WILL" IS. FOR HIS "WILL" AND HIS "WORD" ARE ONE. GLORY! IT IS GOD'S WILL TO PERFORM HIS WORD IN YOUR LIFE. HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO PERFORM IT. WE NEED TO CALL UPON HIM, TO CONFESS HIS WORD BACK UNTO HIM. HE HAS SENT HIS WORD. HE EXPECTS IT TO DWELL IN US. AS WE "SPEAK" HIS WORD, IT WILL NOT RETURN VOID TO HIM, FOR HE WATCHES OVER IT TO PERFORM IT. HE LOVES YOU!

Psalms 57:2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

Isaiah 44:26

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Jeremiah 11:5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O Lord.

COMPASSION:

GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED AS COMPASSION MOVES MEN TO FAITH. THAT IS, GOD'S LOVE AS COMPASSION WORKS FAITH:

(1) GOD'S COMPASSION TOWARDS MEN DRAWS MEN:

Psalms 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

(2) JESUS MOVED BY COMPASSION:

Matthew 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

SEE: Mat 9:35-36, Mat 15:32, Mat 20:34, Mk 1:41, Lk 7:13-14.

(3) OTHERS MOVED BY COMPASSION:

Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

Luke 15:20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on

his neck, and kissed him.

Matthew 18:27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

SEE: Mat 18:33, Exodus 2:6.

DYNAMICS OF LOVE:

(1) GOD'S LOVE IS OUR HIGH TOWER:

Psalms 18:1-2 I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

AS WE DWELL IN THE LOVE OF GOD, NO STORM, NO AFFLICTION, NO ATTACK OF THE DEVIL CAN TOUCH US. THOUGH SATAN MAY CAUSE ALL AROUND US TO BE IN TURMOIL, THOUGH HE MAY HAVE THOSE CLOSE TO US SAYING HURTING AND CRUEL THINGS, AS LONG AS WE DWELL IN THE LOVE OF GOD, SATAN CANNOT TOUCH US. THEN FROM THIS HIGH TOWER, WE CAN SEE HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE, MOVED BY COMPASSION TOWARD THEM, MOVED BY LOVE TOWARD FAITH. WE CAN SEE HOW THESE PEOPLE, WHO ARE BEING USED BY SATAN AGAINST US, ARE IN UTTER DARKNESS. WE CAN SEE HOW THEY ARE HURTING, WITHOUT HOPE, REACHING OUT AND EVER GRASPING. FROM THE HIGH TOWER OF GOD'S LOVE, WE CAN REACH OUT TO SIGNING, DYING, CRYING HUMANITY AND EFFECTUALLY BRING THEM INTO THE LOVE AND HEALING POWER OF GOD.

(2) GOD'S LOVE PROTECTS US FROM INJURIES WHICH CRIPPLE OUR FAITH:

Psalms 18:29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

ONE OF SATAN'S TACTICS IS TO CAUSE EMOTIONAL HURT AND DESPAIR, OR ANGER AND UNFORGIVENESS, OR EVEN EMPATHY AND INDIFFERENCE. MANY TIMES THESE COME THRU WORDS AND ACTIONS OF OTHERS. SOMETIMES THESE ARE THE VERY PEOPLE WHO WE ARE TRYING

TO HELP. ONLY THRU DWELLING IN THE LOVE OF GOD CAN WE RUN THRU THE TROOP OF EVIL SPIRITS ATTACKING US ON EVERY SIDE, AND NOT RECEIVE CRIPPLING EMOTIONAL INJURIES WHICH CAUSE US TO FALL FROM A PLACE OF FAITH.

THEN GOD'S LOVE, THRU US, WILL ALLOW US TO LEAP OVER EVERY WALL SATAN THROWS UP TO STOP AND HINDER US. GOD'S LOVE, THRU US, WILL EVEN LEAP OVER THE WALLS OF HURT AND FEAR IN OTHER

PEOPLE, ENABLING US TO REACH THEM. GOD'S LOVE WILL TEAR DOWN THOSE EMOTIONAL SEPARATIONS, AND ENABLE US TO DRAW THOSE HURTING PEOPLE INTO THE LOVE AND DELIVERING POWER OF GOD.

CONTINUE IN HIS LOVE:

I John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.