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POWER IN THE WORD FOR MATURE FAITH!

As we go through life, we have faith in something or someone. Non-believers have hope or faith in all kinds of things. But as Christians, our faith is in God and His Word! They go together! You can't believe God and not believe His Word. Just as the Spirit and the Word go together. The Word was made flesh (Jesus). The Spirit is the Person of action to bring forth the Word. God is the Creator of all things. God is the **Author and Finisher of our faith Heb.12:2**. He begins with a tiny grain of a Mustard Seed and finishes it to Maturity. **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 Heb.11:3**. As Christians our faith is not always where it needs to be. That's why seeds grow as its watered the right way. I say the

right way because seeds can be stunted and not grow to get its best results. It can grow and still be rotten on the inside.

For two or three years my husband has had a garden he has tended. One year he grew watermelons. They weren't the big ones but the small ones that they charge \$5 for in the store. Well, most of them didn't come to maturity; they busted or bugs got in them. He hoped they would come up. Hope is not sure, there is an "If" that it may happen or it may not happen! **Faith is a "Knowing!"** The Weather Man makes a prediction "It will rain." My husband hopes his prediction is right. He can't be sure because the Weather Man hadn't always been right with his predictions. Is that how we are with our faith? Hope steps in instead of faith; we are not sure?

God told Noah, it's going to rain; build an Ark; put the animals in it along with your family.

He put action to his belief. They hadn't even seen rain but he believed the Author and Finisher of his Faith! Hope is good but faith is even better. Faith will stand when hope is shaky.

Women/ men when looking at that person you're interested in or about to marry, you hope they will fill your desires. But looking at Jesus Christ, you "**know**" He will fulfill all your desires and more because He has proven it all through the Bible time and time again in our lives even when we had fallen short. Why are we settling and not faith? Somehow, we let our faith get weak and it turns to —"*not sure*"—"*I hope God will come through!*"

You might be saying, I lost my job; my finances have dwindled down; I lost my husband, he was my rock; I lost my house; I lost my transportation; I lost my child, my father, even my hope. I can't go on, I'm stuck! Those things can happen in the world because Jesus said we will have tribulation (**Jh.16:33; 1Thess.3:4; Acts 14:22; Rom.5:3, 8:35-37**) and

they will happen to Christians! You are not to park nor stay there. It's just like a tree that has been cut down and sometimes cut down to the stump. You can't see what's going on on the inside but after-while you will see growth come back because God is the Author and Finisher of that tree. He's been watering it and pouring sunlight on it everyday. It's still rooted in the soil of life! He springs it back and rises it back to life! That's you, you still have breath in you. He wakes you every morning. There is still a mustard seed of faith in you. This is only the pruning season. According to your actions,

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growth will sprout back up. Don't allow any ounce of death to seep in and deteriorate that which has been spared! It might be slow. The branches have been cut back, but now new branches are able to come forth and appear. The leaves were withered and cut off, but now there are new leaves coming forth. All for a reason!—**New Growth! Mature Growth! Mature Faith!**

I'll say that there are six stages of growth to maturity: 1) baby 2)

child 3) teen 4) young adult 5) adult 6) elder. And even in the elder stage, some return back to baby stage. But I will only speak of four at this time. Well you know how **babies** act. They always want their way and they get their way. They want milk because that's what their bodies can digest (1Corth.3:1-3). Their development is slow. They are a tender plant. Once God give the increase and they accept it they grow to the stage of child (1Jh.2:12). **Children**

are like sponges. When you feed them right they sustain much. They are often very truthful and don't cut any corners. They repeat everything you tell them and say it at the time you least expect it because they like attention. Out of the first two, do you see any Christians like that? Children desire to grow up fast and whatever it takes to grow, they catch on fast. The third stage we come to is **young adult**; almost grown but not quite there; kind of strong-

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willed; think they have it together (1Jh.2:14-15). They are still learning, still attaining, and can bring back to remembrance things learned. When the Word is planted in them,

they can be powerful foes against the enemy. Now to keep them on the right track would be for them to stay in the Word, however, some don't, and

therefore, you just have to give them to God. Somehow when we get to the **adult** stage and life has brought set-backs. This is where we need to remember Paul's words, *1Corth.13:11* "**When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.**" Life is not going to be perfect and on this side of heaven we all will not act in the perfect mature way. Our faith may dwindle but there is a rekindling from the

fire of the Word and Power of the Holy Spirit. Placing our faith in the only One who has proven Himself faithful and awesome will keep us on the right track and will take the "**IFS**" out.

Don't allow the enemy's attacks to keep you from maturing. Let's look at Peter when Jesus tells him, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy**

brethren Lk.22:31-32. Now Peter's been with Jesus and he's going gong hoe about being ready for anything. We know that Peter denied Jesus just as Jesus had informed him that he would do. Even as Jesus had prayed for him, he still had to make up his mind to come from under the enemy's grip of depression with

the faith he had in Jesus. His faith did falter; it was shaky, but it was restored, renewed, refreshed, and developed by Jesus so much that he was the one Jesus used to declare His message for the church to come about. He was forgiven and he was the one who strengthen his brethren. Peter learned many

lessons because when it was time to step forward it was the power of the Holy Spirit mixed with the Word deposited in him to keep him on the right track. That's what faith does; it just keeps maturing for even bigger opportunities!

You can't stay a child, you

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have to mature. We are still children when we act like children! Some haven't been to church because they had put their trust in the Pastor and the Pastor has failed them. Pastors are mere men, not God. Put your trust in the God of men. When you take your eyes off of God and place your trust in a man or woman or a system, God does not stop you. There will be a lesson to learn when you do it that way.

Some have put their trust in the teacher or school system and we see some teachers have failed and at times so has the system to

teach our children. They are not God but mere men and women who have faults. There is only One God to put our faith and trust in! There is only One system to put our faith and trust in—the **Holy Bible!** He has not proven to be wrong. He has proven that He will not fail or forsake us. We are the ones that turn from Him. He has been there all along. He made us, He knows us, and know what it will take to grow us and mature us! As Paul said, **when I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a**

child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish (foolish) things 1Corth.13:11. You have to put away foolish things that will not grow you. ...**Lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us Heb.12:1b.** You have to cast down those old thoughts that hinder your growth (**2Corth.10:5**) because the level of your maturity will stem from the level of your faith. Your walk of faith will not be by sight or feelings. Sight means I have to see it first before I believe it and I have to bring my reasoning into play (feel it). It hasn't been done like

POWER IN THE WORD WON'T STOP TILL YOU MATURE IN FAITH!

that before. There are too many **"IFs"** that will make me change my mind. Sight concurs with self. Faith concurs with God and His Word. Sight steps on what I see. Faith steps on nothingness and believes while not seeing it beforehand! Faith looks at the One who has given the promise through His Word! Faith sees the

Son on the Cross and says **"It is Finished"**, it's a done deal. There comes a different level of trust when your faith matures (**2Corth.5:7**). I'm not hoping that my Father will catch me when I fall. I know He will. Parents teach their children at the level of understanding they know, but God will teach the lessons of life that will come about through tests and trials that will encounter our faith to

be stretched. Some hearts are weak and fragile because of poor maintenance. Maintenance is constant and therefore needs consistency. You never get too old to learn. Lately going to a college graduation at the University of Houston, there was a man at the age of 86 to graduate and the youngest was 16 (with a double degree) at the same college. I applaud them. I also read of one in Baltimore gradu-

ating from college at the age of 15. The Manual in which Christians go by is the Word of God. The Manual has been strategically prepared for us to go back to during our entire life. There is **Power In The Word of God.** It has the answers to the questions you ask. It shows the results of many that have gone by it. It enhances our

faith to believe when it's enveloped with the Spirit. It will endure for a lifetime. We can recover from the battle through faith in the **Power of the Word of God.** The contingency is, knowing where to look. That's another topic, but I will say, that as you water the Word, faith comes alive to believe that Word you have spoken, medi-

tated on, and prayed about; it will spring forth. As you water by the Spirit, faith comes alive. **The Spirit teaches and guides you into all truth of Jesus Christ Jn.16:13.**

- Watering might take a session of Praise: Praising the only True God. Therefore, He will be your only

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focus.

- Watering might take a session of speaking in tongues for those who do speak in the heavenly language. God comes alive in you because it is a well of life springing up by His Spirit giving this language. The flesh does not always know what to say. You're talking to God not to anyone else. Sprouts of discernment come alive to bring about an understanding and a knowing of what to speak or pray about.
- Watering might take a ses-

sion of prayer to bring about the power needed for the obstacles ahead, while putting on the whole armor of God.

As I said, God and His Word go together just as the Word and the Spirit. It is all a marriage! A marriage has to mature. It just does not go along fine everyday. There are many obstacles and circumstances to go through. Two mature people do not start off in a marriage. Two immature people start off to obtain a mature marriage. And mind you, some

do not make it, but the end of the story is to get your faith to its maturity as an individual. It might be a quick process for some, but mostly for all, it a long process. As it goes to the distance, let your faith be in the One that is the **"Author and Finisher!"**

Our maturity may still be at different levels. I might need to continue to forgive others. Yours might be to trust because you've finally learned that no one is perfect! For others it may be to love in spite of how you were treated.

You might need to take tiny steps and then at times, giant steps;

CONTINUE TO WATER THE WORD IN YOU TILL FAITH MATURES!

either way you have to deal with people because that's who God uses to deal with us. If we never go through anything we would never learn anything. I know Jonah knew

he couldn't run away from God. I know Peter knew his mouth got him into trouble. I know kings finally knew that there was only

One True God and attested to that. The Israelites couldn't trust God for the supplied manna for each day. God showed them their vulnerability. Some were head-strong and some were prideful. You will never come to know about yourself if you stay aloof, don't mix or not be challenged. I've tried it several times but God will put me right back into challenges.

Has it taken you a long time to

know that what you go through is not because it's someone else's fault? But it's something within you that you have to deal with. As you continue to read and meditate on God's Word you come to learn God's Will. Yes we still haven't taken control of the mouth and we say things we're not supposed to. Well that tells you right there, the **Power of The Word** has not matured in us for us to remember to **be swift to hear, slow to**

speak, slow to wrath Jam.1:19b. We're not where we used to be but we're getting to be where God intends us to be—a **glorious church, not having spot, wrinkle, or blemish but holy** (Eph.5:27).

Out of Faith, Hope, and Love—Love is the greatest. Whomever you need to love, faith in God and His Word will mature you to

that love. There is **Power In The Word!** Mature your faith in it, grow in it; that it will carry you the distance to a fruit-filled life! That's what we all want to display, the Fruit of the Spirit, causing the Word of Faith to mature. It matters that you mature in the faith of God's Word! It mattered to your Mom and Dad to teach

you the best way they knew how, and it matters to the one that it will be released to, to receive matured faith. Don't get me wrong, I'm still maturing too! I'm in it till my actions change for the better! What will your faith give to others?

God Bless!

PRAYER: Father, thank You for another opportunity to come before Your throne of grace. Forgive me of my sins and cleanse my heart of unrighteousness. You have endowed your Spirit in me to cause my faith to be stretched. Sometimes I need stretching but it doesn't always feel good. I know You want me to walk by faith and not by sight, so I place all my trust in You and You alone. Take a hold of my tongue because I seem to have a greater problem in that area. Whatever I'm holding on to, if its pride, don't want to be shamed, don't

want to be rejected, talked down to; whatever it is Lord, I want my life to mature in areas I seem to go in circle in. You seem to always put me back around those I should have learned the lesson from before.

I don't give up easily! For what You need me to do it will take great faith and I know that it will be done. I rest assured on Your counsel to allow me to repent and forgive others. My faith is not in myself to do anything without You. Continue to lead so I can be the person You created me to be. Whatever people

see in me, may they always see the potential to do better instead of talk about me; may they see the hand of God to take me where I'm trying to go; and may they pray for me as they take this journey in fulfilling what's needed in their lives.

I speak matured faith to come to those reading this Newsletter. May you abound after stumbling and may the Peace of God cover you to stand on God's Word alone! Be blessed In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Health Awareness Wellness For Life From The Kelsey Korner by Sis. Esther Corners

Being overweight increases your risk for high Blood Pressure, Heart disease, Stroke, Diabetes, and some forms of Cancer.

WAYS TO LOSE WEIGHT

A GOOD WEIGHT PLAN INCLUDES A HEALTHY DIET.

- Choose unlimited amounts of vegetables and salads, only use small amounts of dressing and sauce to these foods.
- Choose lean meats, poultry, fish or soy protein; Baked or broiled meat, fish or poultry; salad dressings containing little or no oil.
- Non-fat dairy products.
- Legumes (lentils, peas, and beans).
- Whole wheat bread, oatmeal, whole grain cereals without sugar,

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

brown rice, and low-fat popcorn.

- Raw fruits and canned fruit in their own juices, water, or light syrup.
- Drink plenty of water each day. Take water with you when in the car, at your desk, and when you exercise. Water is also needed to keep your digestive system working smoothly.

WATCH YOUR CALORIES

To lose weight you should reduce the number of calories in your diet. The average man needs 2500 to 3000 calories a day. The average woman needs 1800 to 2300 calories a day. Weight reduction diet suggest 1500 to 1800 calories a day for men and 1200 to 1500 calories a day for women.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY

- Exercise burn calories.

- Exercise increase your metabolism (the speed at which your body burn calories).
- Exercise may increase the amount of muscle in your body. Muscle burns calories faster than fat.
- Regular exercise help your body work better.
- Regular exercise give you more energy and curb your appetite.
- Exercise decrease stress, improve mood and help you sleep better.

TYPES OF EXERCISES

- Take an aerobic class.
- Take a dance class
- Bike riding.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Walk around the block once 3days a week.

"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" Hebrews 12:1.

The Book of Hebrews These you will have to search for like I did. All are in the Book of Hebrews. For those that are not able to find them, read, use your concordance, ask a friend and get them involved. You can do it!

- 1.) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he _____
 1. redeemed creation, which groaneth waiting for God's sons to come into their inheritance.
 2. made the earth and all that is therein.
 3. made the worlds.
 4. redeemed mankind.
- 2.) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of _____. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
 1. hidden things.
 2. the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 3. everything, whether it be good or evil.
 4. wickedness.
- 3.) How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, _____ according to his own will?
 1. both with signs and wonders
 2. with divers miracles
 3. with gifts of the Holy Ghost
 4. All of the above.
- 4.) But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for' _____
 1. every man.
 2. the righteous.
 3. the wicked.
 4. sinners.
- 5.) Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such _____ who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
 1. a friend
 2. an high priest
 3. a counselor
 4. All of the above.
- 6.) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto _____
 1. all.
 2. all sinners.
 3. all who hear him.
 4. all them that obey him.
- 7.) And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto _____
 1. judgment.
 2. purgatory.
 3. salvation.
 4. damnation.
- 8.) Follow peace with all men, and _____, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;
 1. holiness
 2. humility
 3. hospitality
 4. haughtiness
- 9.) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking _____ as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
 1. charity
 2. peaceable conversation
 3. the law and the prophets
 4. the assembling of ourselves together

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ANSWERS:
1.3 2.2 3.1 4.1 5.2 6.4 7.3 8.1 9.4 10.3 11.4 12.2

POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

SCRIPTURES ON FAITH

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

My MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

My VISION: Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

My MISSION: Use the God-given gift for His glory!

My VISION: Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them!

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Bible Quiz:

10.) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of _____

1. the spirit-filled life.
2. true repentance.
3. things not seen.
4. God's faithfulness.

11.) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is _____

1. holy.
2. merciful.
3. the everlasting father and the prince of peace.
4. a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

12.) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us _____ every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 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.

1. deny
2. lay aside
3. meditate on
4. pray earnestly about

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter

WORDS

signs heads glory watch
lift clouds careful pray

| 1ST WEEK | 2ND WEEK | 3RD WEEK | 4TH WEEK |
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| S o then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 | I f ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. Matthew 21:21b | B e for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Romans 1:17 | T he word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach. Romans 10:8 |

Meditate on these for 30 days.
Get them into your heart.

"Fight the good fight of faith; Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called."

1 Timothy 6:12a

Dates to Remember - June 2011

- JUNE 14 Flag Day
- JUNE 19 Juneteenth
(Emancipation Proclamation)
- JUNE 19 Father's Day
- JUNE 21 Summer Begins



Christ Is Coming Again

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| 6. | U | J | G | K | Z | E | | A | T | C | H | J | L |
| 7. | H | Q | H | E | A | D | | I | B | W | A | A | S |
| 8. | M | J | E | F | C | P | | L | O | U | D | S | C |

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory Luke 21:27 (NIV).