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# Dedication



This book is dedicated to a God who keeps His word and does exactly what He says He will do and all the men and women that follow His example and do the same - for they are men and women of good faith.



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# Introduction



As a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a longtime student of faith, I have read literally hundreds of works written by the great men and women of faith whose lives span the last two centuries and to whom God had revealed ever-increasing revelation concerning faith. I was beginning to think that I knew all that there was to know about faith. But what the Holy Spirit has recently shown me, has changed forever how I look at faith.

You have no doubt heard the phrase “can’t see the forest for the trees?” I got lost once during a camping trip with a bunch of other boys in Bastrop State Park. All of us were from the wide open spaces of south Texas where most of the trees are widely spaced, relatively low to the ground and do not block one’s view of the sky, unlike this dense expanse of tall pines. We had been following creeks and gullies through the pine forest all morning and when our stomachs started growling for lunch we headed back to camp. Unfortunately, what little sky we could see clouded over to the extent that we could not even get our bearings from the sun, we had gotten really twisted around and we could not see more than twenty yards in any direction because of all the trees.

After hours of backtracking and still finding ourselves lost, we decided to climb a steep hill that we had come to. From a clearing on the top of the hill we could see the whole forest, including the highway and the campfire smoke that was by that time heating our supper. From that perspective

or vantage point we were able to plot a course to get us all back to camp before supper was ready. We literally could not see the forest for all the trees until I was able to change my vantage point.

Well, the Holy Spirit, through a series of recent revelations, seems to have lifted me to a new vantage point as it relates to faith too, allowing me to view faith from a different perspective, in a different context, and through a different framework than I was previously familiar. And I believe that I am anointed by the Holy Spirit to teach what the Bible refers to as faith in a manner that the body of Christ is so far unfamiliar with.

Jesus asked this question in Luke 18:8: When I return, will I find any faith on the Earth? What is this faith that He is referring to? Is He referring to religions, denominations or church doctrines? Is He referring to an individual's personal set of beliefs? Is He referring to belief in God or Jesus? Is He referring to the belief in what God or Jesus has done or said?

For years I believed that it was the latter. But now, I see that the faith that Jesus was referring to is so much more fundamental and foundational than I ever thought possible. What Jesus is referring to here, and what the vast majority of other references to faith throughout the Bible are referring to is something very common to the legal and business communities and yet almost completely foreign to the church.

When you see how important this good faith is to God and, I might add, to your own very existence, success and perhaps even your survival, I believe you will become just as excited about it as I am. I truly believe that this book is going to take your understanding of faith to a literal "higher level," which will allow you to view faith from a different

perspective, in a different context, and through a different framework than you ever thought possible.

The following is really not a biography, but rather I simply want the reader to understand my background as it relates to faith.

As a child, church is where I went to placate my grandmother. As a young teen I rarely attended church. At age 17, I followed my girlfriend and her parents into a works-based church, which minimized the teaching of “faith.” Still in this church thirty years later, my entire concept of “faith” was that, “the prayer of ‘faith’ would save the sick,” and I hoped the minister who anointed me with oil knew what “the prayer of ‘faith’” was because I did not have a clue.

At age 45 I had a heart attack, I had open-heart surgery, the surgery failed and I was sent home to die. When it looked like death was about to overtake me, I ‘accidentally’ got baptized in the Holy Spirit. And this Holy Spirit, whom I didn’t know even existed, began teaching me what God, through the Bible, said about healing. With the alternative being death, I simply believed what I was taught. And as the result, I incrementally received my healing over a four-month period of time as I learned, believed and acted upon what God said about healing throughout the Bible.

It was at this time that the Holy Spirit instructed my wife and me to begin purchasing and absorbing the teachings of many great faith teachers, most of whom I had never heard of before. So over the following year and a half, seven days a week, for eight to ten hours a day, all we did was eat, sleep and absorb the Bible and more than four hundred books, audios and videos by such notables as Hagin, Roberts, Copeland, Hagee, Kenyon, Hinn, Murry, Capps, Hayford, Savelle, Wigglesworth, Kuhlman, Sumrall and many others on the subject of faith.

Just to reflect for a moment, I still to this day hold these teachings dear, employ them daily and have used them as a foundation of this work. These are all great men and women of faith and I want to make it clear to all that were it not for the fact that I was able to stand upon their shoulders, so to speak, I don't think I could have ever been able to see faith from this new vantage point.

Once I began to receive my healing, I was so excited about it that I told everyone who would stand still long enough. Once I received my full healing, I began to get invited to "share my healing testimony" at various meetings and churches. It was during this time that the Lord, through the Holy Spirit, called me into the ministry and anointed me to teach, preach and heal. Soon thereafter I wrote my first book, "Walking in Faith," the testimony and teaching of my healing, founded Tim Greenwood Ministries and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Marcia and I have been teaching and preaching faith ever since.

In 2008 the Holy Spirit ask me to start retranslating passages of the King James Bible (KJV) by looking up the text in the Greek and Hebrew languages, retranslating the text back into English and then paraphrasing it by His leading. He said that if I would do this, then things that have been hidden for millennia would be revealed. It was through this process that the Holy Spirit revealed the previously hidden concept of good faith, which I am about to share with you.

It is important to state at this juncture that my use of the term good faith in place of what the King James Bible translates as faith is no mere analogy, nor is it some new catch phrase. It is my intent, and I believe God's intent, that every time you read the word "faith" in the Bible, that you stop, meditate and translate it to good faith to express fully what God actually has in mind. It is not so much that

the King James translation is “wrong” but, rather that the common usage of the word faith has become so corrupted, muddled and spin-doctored over time that it has lost its intended meaning.

*Aside: For brevity sake, throughout this work I will refer to these retranslations and paraphrases, mentioned above, as the Tim Greenwood Version, even though it is not an actual version of the Bible. Yes, I am sure that you have already read and heard every scripture or passage that I will cite, however, part of the purpose of this book is to add value to them and help you understand them like never before.*

But there are much larger ramifications. I will do my best to illustrate the importance and fundamental nature of good faith to God as well as all of mankind. I will do my best to show that virtually every element of modern society and commerce absolutely depends on good faith. I will attempt to explained the rock solid relationship between good faith and nearly everything else in the Bible such as: love, law, relationships of every type, mental assent, patience, contracts of every kind, righteousness, integrity, grace, repentance, mercy, forgiveness, remission, the Word of God, the will of God, commitment, fear, betrayal, breaches of contract, wholeness, fulfillment and so much more.

We see all around us a dangerous, escalating, worldwide breakdown of good faith in all areas of society, including the “Church” and “Christian community,” that must be recognized, stopped and turned around by us – Christians, followers of Jesus. When Jesus returns, He will be looking for something to see if we have done our job. And that something is good faith.



## Chapter 1

# What Is Faith?



The vast majority of people have no clue as to what faith really is, and this unfortunately includes most Christians. If you were to stop people on the street and ask them what faith is, you would get as many different answers as the number of people you asked. Common answers include: it's my religion, it's my denomination, it's my doctrines or my catechism, it's my personal set of beliefs, it's my belief in God and Jesus, it's my belief in what Jesus has done or who knows what else.

Now, I'm not writing this to make you feel uncomfortable. There was a time, not that long ago, that I had no idea what faith really was. And the tragic thing about it was that this lack of knowledge nearly cost me my life. I had sat in church nearly every week for nearly thirty years listening to sermon after sermon and the only thing that I had ever gleaned concerning faith, was that the prayers of others, perhaps a minister or a whole group of folks, may or may not help a sick person get well. Needless to say, back when I suffered that series of heart attacks, underwent open-heart surgery, the surgery failed, was given no hope of survival from the doctors and was sent home to die, I had little or

no faith of my own. "Call on the elders of the church," I had been taught, "and the prayer of faith shall save the sick." After having been prayed for by several ministers and untold numbers of others, seemingly to no avail, I no longer even had any faith in the prayers of others. In short order, all hope fluttered away like a flock of escaping birds and my faith tank was bone dry and sitting on empty. It was not until after 'accidentally' getting filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit that He, the Holy Spirit, supernaturally began to teach me about real Bible faith, beginning with Mark 11, verses 22-23. Now at that time He just had me listen to it being read aloud and then pointed out that the mountain being spoken of, in my situation, represented the heart disease that raised itself up to block my path of life and that I was to speak directly to it, taking authority over it and telling it what to do instead of the other way around. When I heard that, hope began coming back to roost and my faith tank began to fill again. He taught me that Mark 11:22-24 is the framework for operating in faith or as I learned later, good faith.

Beginning in Mark 11:22, Jesus instructs us to have and use the same good faith as God. Here and in Genesis 1:3,6,11,14,20,24,26, God made declarations, speaking out loud that which was in His heart, fully expecting everything He said to be performed and fulfilled like a contract. Light be! Firmament be! Seas and dry earth be! Plants be! In verse 26 He said, Let's make man like us, with the same type of authority and dominion over everything so far created.

Jesus continued in verse 23, For without a doubt, trust Me when I tell you, that whosoever says, to any mountainous thing that may attempt to rise up or lift itself up over you to intimidate or block your path like this mountain, 'I command you to get out of my way and to be slung like



ding, out into the sea!’ And says it without withdrawing in his or her heart, but rather trusts, in good faith, that what was said will be performed and fulfilled like a contract, then it surely will be performed and fulfilled.

The King James Bible says, “Who-so-ever.” That’s you and me! We qualify for this! It says, “Whosoever shall say to this mountain,” or any intimidating thing that lifts itself up in front of you, attempting to impede your forward progress. Ephesians 6:12 points out that “this mountain” can refer to “spiritual wickedness in high places,” which includes malicious spirit beings that plot to superimpose themselves as mountains that rise up before you and intimidatingly loom over you. These can be mountains of sickness, disease, pain, degeneration, calamity, storms of life, sin, demons, fear or anything that is included as part of the curse of the law, which is listed in Deuteronomy 28:16-50. Every born-again believer has been redeemed from the curse of the law - spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically and financially, but it is up to us individually to speak to these mountains!

A famous preacher once said, “You don’t have a faith problem, you have a word problem!” This is likely to occur when you have good faith but don’t know what the contract says, don’t know that the contract exists, don’t know how to apply the contract to your situation or just plain old don’t trust God’s good Word.

Talking to God about the mountain is OK - but God says to speak directly ‘to’ the mountain! God will not do it for you. And He didn’t say climb every mountain, tunnel through them or find your way around them. He said speak to them! Not knowing what the Bible says about those mountains is part of that “word problem.”

To speak to the mountain say, get out of my way and go somewhere that you will not hinder or harm anyone else! It says that if you don't doubt in your heart but, in good faith, believe the things that you said will come to pass, and then they will indeed come to pass! This can be an absolute reality when you say what God has already said as documented in the Bible. Just saying something is not enough! When you say something that you don't really believe in your heart could be construed as entering into a contract in bad faith. Good faith is obtained only by hearing of a beneficial offer made in good faith by a person of known integrity.

Because of your authority in the earth, bestowed in Genesis 1:28, when you say something, what you say becomes a legal warrant to bring it to pass. This is especially true when you say something that God has already said. Therefore, if you say something negative, you are issuing the devil a warrant to do something negative.

How can we believe that what we say will come to pass? By sticking to what God has already said in the Bible! Jesus is the high priest of our confession or our saying!

I have spent time in the valley of the shadow of death. I know how deep it is, how long it is and how dark it is. But what is a valley anyway? It's just a low place between mountains! You can't climb out. I know because I tried! The only way out is to move the mountains! A valley without mountains is no longer a valley. And the only way to move those mountains is by commanding them to move in the authority of, and in the name of, Jesus!

Jesus continues in verse 24 by saying, And it works the same way in prayer! What ever you ask when you pray to God, trust, in good faith, that you receive what ever you ask, and it too shall come to you in the same manner. In other words, pray the solution and you will have the solution,

but pray the problem and you will have the problem. All of the top CEO's of fortune 500 companies require their managers to come prepared with viable solutions to every problem they bring before the CEO. Any good leader will ask, "What is the problem and how do YOU propose to solve that problem?" A good leader is a visionary and the creative force whose job is not 'problem solving' but rather providing everything his or her followers need to solve every problem that arises.

In verses 23 & 24 the word "mountain" occurs only once. The word "believe" occurs twice. The word "say" occurs three times. But the word "YOU" occurs six times and is implied four more times for a total of ten times! Therefore the emphasis is on you! You have to believe, you have to say, and you have to move that mountain by speaking to it! It is up to you!

Whosoever can produce whatsoever through what they say in good faith. And whosoever can have whatsoever they desire through what they say in prayer. But, in good faith we must forgive whosoever of their whatsoever, including their breaches of contracts, trusts, confidence and relationship, before Father God can forgive our whatsoever.

Let me ask you a question. How does one express to God that he or she truly does "believe and doubt not" that what he or she said will manifest? Not sure? If you were at a major football game and your team suddenly got the ball and began to run for the goal line with almost no opposition, how would you express your belief that the goal was already on the scoreboard? Yes! You jump to your feet, yell, cheer and shout in celebration! Even before the actual goal is scored! Because you believe and doubt not!

When you say what God has already said, in good faith, in the name of Jesus, and exercise your God-given authority

and dominion, you are signing the contract. And when you begin praising, thanking God and celebrating the victory, even before the victory manifests, you are acknowledging that everything the contract says, already belongs to you.

Ever since that day the Holy Spirit began to teach me about faith, I have learned to walk, talk, eat, drink, sleep and live by faith, as well as how to establish relationships in good faith, develop those relationships and operate in them in good faith. And ever since I began to learn about faith, I have felt driven by the Holy Spirit to teach what I have learned to others.

But there have been some people that we have met who have said, from a religious perspective, "I tried that 'faith stuff' and it just doesn't seem to work for me" and then they go about their life confidently applying and operating in faith, actually good faith, in their every day lives without even knowing that they are doing it.

One of these was a realtor. Later when I asked, "How is business?" He excitedly told me that he had contracts on three homes and, he added, "I've already spent my commission on one of them." So I asked him, "How do you 'know' that you will actually receive any of your commissions?" He told me that he had done credit histories on the buyers, that he had done business with the lenders and escrow people before, and that he trusts that everyone is operating in good faith according to the contracts.

You see, he obviously had great faith, actually good faith, in those contracts! He had been operating through good faith contracts and agreements all this time – without even thinking about it. But then he didn't see any relationship between the faith he heard about in church and the faith he had in those good faith contracts. In fact, the majority of Christians today have more faith in the promises contained

in man-made contracts than they do in the promises made by God contained in the Bible.

The real problem is not faith, but religion. What I am about to say may shock some and get others angry, but Jesus never came here to start a religion. One of the reasons that He did come to the Earth was to re-establish the Kingdom of God in Earth as it is in Heaven as a governmental system and way of life. But almost from the moment He left, mankind began to twist that system into a religion that has blurred, confused and hidden much of God's original intent. Religion has also twisted and spun our language in all kinds of directions as well as attaching a lot of religious baggage when it comes to the Bible.

Therefore, we need to change our paradigm or way of thinking when it comes to Bible terminology to untwist some of the confusion. One way that I have found to do this has been to begin reading the Bible as if it were a collection of legal documents.

Now I'm not talking about returning to Old Testament type biblical legalism or over analyzing everything. You see, I've already been there and done that more than a decade ago. For over thirty years, I kept the Old Testament holy days, dietary restrictions and unending lists of other rules and regulations until I learned that I have a new and better covenant.

One reads a legal document by first determining who the parties are by determining who is speaking, whom the speaker represents, whether it is the speaker alone or someone else, and to whom the speaker is speaking. One also needs to determine the credibility, integrity and trustworthiness of the speaker or whom the speaker represents, based entirely upon testimony and documented evidence, which in the business world is referred to as one's

reputation. For example, in the financial realm one would run a credit check or in the legal realm one would do a background check or check for a criminal record. One must also determine if there is any type of promise, agreement, offer or statement of fact, whether it is written, stated or implied, that could be construed in any way as a contract. If there is, then it must be determined what is being offered to whom, by whom, and what conditions, if any, are required for said contract to be fulfilled for the mutual benefit of all parties.

Sometimes due to the constant hearing of “Christianese” and church in-speak people can get confused as to exactly what some words or phrases in the Bible mean. This may be because the Bible uses some archaic wording or because the same word or phrase seems to mean something different in the everyday business world than it does in church.

For this, technology can often come to the rescue. Many Bible software programs have some way to look up Greek and Hebrew words using Strong’s Concordance. This technology can help you understand exactly what the word means, and also provide you with equally viable alternative English words that the translators could have and likely should have used. Should the Strong’s definition still be unclear, there are usually additional links to take you all the way back to the root definition of the word.

If we read the Bible as a collection of legal documents, we can have the belief, trust, confidence, assurance, faith or good faith, that every biblical text and/or passage that can be construed as a promise or statement of fact can also be received and entered into as a legally binding, good faith contract or agreement and will be fulfilled in the same way that any good faith contract is fulfilled.

The King James Bible in Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Now good faith is the assurance, the legally supported confidence, of the things we expectantly hope for, being the proof of things we do not as yet see and the conviction of their reality or good faith, perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.

Faith, good faith, is now. God looks upon the heart and knows if and when you are acting and /or speaking in good faith ‘at that moment’ in time. People make deals and promises every day with God, many of which are not made in good faith. Faith, or good faith, must always be evaluated as of right now. Each agreement, each contract, each promise, each relationship, each statement of fact must be evaluated as of the moment it was entered.

A good faith contract is the substantive proof of the expected or hoped for legal deed or title. Therefore, hope, or confident expectation, is a prerequisite for faith or good faith. Hope is a blueprint confidently expecting the substance of the actual finished structure. Faith, or good faith, is the belief that the substantive, actual structure will manifest as the fruit of the contract that has been signed or entered into. Faith or a good faith contract produces substance out of the hope or expectation of the fruit of said contract. Faith or a good faith contract is the evidence of things not as yet seen. Faith or a good faith contract is the evidence of a performing deed or title not yet delivered.

If you and the contractor have signed a good faith contract to build your dream home within a specified time frame according to the specifications of the blueprints, you should now celebrate in good faith, because that signed good faith contract is your legal evidence that your dream

home is as good as yours, even though construction of the physical house has not yet even begun.

God expects you to joyfully celebrate your new home from the moment the good faith contract is signed and continue celebrating till after you actually take physical possession of the actual structure. Joy is the expression of something that is on the inside. God continually evaluates your level of good faith by your inward and outward expressions of joy, praise and thanksgiving. This is actually how to use the "Shield of Faith" that Paul referred to as part of the weapons of your warfare in relation to the whole armor of God.

When the Bible talks about faith, much of the time, it is actually referring to what the business and legal world calls good faith. Good faith is the force that attracts and combines individual people, like atoms, into substantive relationships. History has shown that individuals are unable to combine effectively to produce anything of substance without this good faith and one cannot truly succeed in any area of life without good faith. I believe that God created and instituted good faith as the only means by which mankind is able to create relationships of any kind, personal, business, legal and others. The eleventh chapter of the Book of Hebrews has come to be known as the faith chapter, so let's step through it.

*By operating in good faith, the elders obtained a good reputation with God and man. In good faith we understand that all of creation was thoroughly completed by words that God proclaimed; therefore every part of that creation that we can see was made or generated from that which cannot be seen. In good faith, Able offered to God his best as a burnt sacrifice*



*of higher quality than Cain, through which we today have the written testimony as evidence that Able was righteous or reputable, with God testifying of Abel's good faith offering, which was received by God in good faith. Therefore even though Able himself was slain, his offering still speaks to us of his good faith*  
(Hebrews 11:2-4 TGV).

Cain was firstborn and felt that he was entitled to special favor due to being Adam's firstborn son. Even the name Cain implies "entitlement" or a right to benefits specified especially by law or the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.

*In good faith Enoch was translated, or supernaturally transported from one place to another, lest he experience death and his body was never found, because God translated him. But even before his translation the written record testifies that Enoch, "pleased" or had a good faith relationship with God. But without good faith it is impossible to have a good faith agreement, or contract, for he that enters into a contractual relationship with God, even after diligent investigation, must have complete faith, or full assurance, that God always pays what He owes and that God always provides as promised. In good faith, God made Noah a business offer, thereby warning him of things not seen as yet, referring to the mass extermination by flood, by which, God judicially condemned the world, and Noah, being moved by fear, accepted the offer and thoroughly prepared a box shaped vessel, or ark, in which he, according to*

*the offer, was to save his family. Noah became the inheritor of the Earth through the development of a good reputation with God which resulted from the fulfillment of that good faith agreement. In good faith Abraham, or at this time Abram, listened attentively and proceeded not knowing where he was going, after being verbally called by name to go out into a place, which he was to receive as a possession at the journey's end. In good faith, Abraham lived as a foreigner in the land that he was promised, as an alien living in tents with Isaac and Jacob who were now also heirs of the same promise.*

*What Abram expected to receive was a fine walled city with a firm foundation, built and established by God Himself. In good faith, even Sara herself received miraculous power to conceive and deliver a child, even though she was well past that age, because she accounted Him who had promised as making the promise in good faith*

*(Hebrews 11:5-11 TGV).*

*In the final analysis, Abraham offered up Isaac, in good faith. Having already received the fulfillment of several good faith promises made by God, Abraham offered his only begotten child of whom it was also promised,*

*"Through Isaac shall your seed be carried on."*

*Therefore, Abraham just figured that God would raise the boy from the dead and fulfill this promise too, so this was what Abraham pictured in his mind. In good faith, Isaac passed on the blessing of good faith to Jacob and Esau concerning his expectations for their future. In good faith, Jacob, near death, used his staff to bow his*

*face to the ground and passed on the blessings of good faith to both sons of Joseph, and subsequently Ephraim and Manasseh. In good faith, Joseph, just before he died, rehearsed the departing of the children of Israel from Egypt, based upon the good faith promises concerning the promised land, and gave instructions to carry his bones with them. In good faith, based upon revelation from God, the parents of Moses were not afraid of the king's command to kill all male newborns but hid Moses three months because they saw that he was an exceedingly handsome child. In good faith, Moses, when he was grown up refused to be described as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, preferring rather to endure persecution along with his own people of God than to enjoy sin for a time, considering the defamation of the anointed more valuable than all of his wealth in Egypt for he too looked forward to the fulfillment of the good faith promises of God*

(Hebrews 11:17-24 TGV).

*In good faith, the Israelites left Egypt not fearing the wrath of the king for they endured, perceiving Him that is invisible. In good faith, they kept the Passover and the shedding of blood lest the destroyer of the firstborn injure them. In good faith, they passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, which the Egyptians attempted to do and drowned*

(Hebrews 11:27-29 TGV).

You see, without good faith: there could be no such thing as promises, agreements, integrity, co-operation,

engagements, appointments or fulfillment. There could be no marriages, organizations, partnerships, towns, cities or even nations and, there could be no type of contract or agreement. Even today, without good faith there could be no organized trade, business or commerce. The removal of good faith would completely destroy the fabric of today's society, legal system and all commerce. Without good faith there could be no legal transfer of goods and services or legal ownership and transfer of property.

In a world without good faith one could never count upon the fulfillment of any engagement or promise. It would be a world of perpetual disagreement and unfulfillment. In fact, in a world without good faith it would be impossible even to introduce the concepts of co-operation, trust and promise-keeping, much less the complex co-operation and division of employment that are the essential characteristics of modern industry and business in our world.

But in a world where agreements, promises, pacts and contracts, freely made in good faith and effectively sanctioned exist; even the most elaborate of social organization or relationship becomes possible.

What is faith? I have taught for years that faith, real Bible faith, is believing what God has said, so much, that you are willing to step out and act upon it like a contract. It is trust and belief, based upon God's impeccable reputation of His Word always being good, concerning anything that He has offered in good faith. You acting upon your faith and acting in good faith is your voluntary commitment to accept and fulfill every condition and requirement of those offers. This is the foundational basis of our relationship with God. But, it is God's desire for us to extend these good faith relationships with each other and all of mankind. He wants us to operate in good faith and make it a way of life.