Sermon Summary for SUNDAY, 5th May, 2019

"THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES FAITH" Genesis 22: 1 - 19: James 5: 14 - 18 Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips

The Gift of Faith is when the Holy Spirit gives a supernatural ability that enables a person to believe what God has said even when there is no evidence to support that belief, or even if the evidence is contrary to what one hopes for. This is **Overcoming Faith**. Hebrews 11:1 says "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Abraham, our Father in Faith, exhibited this faith when he believed God's promise about the birth of Isaac when "his body was as good as dead—since he was about 100 years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead." (Rom. 4:19 b). The climax of Abraham's Overcoming Faith came when he went to sacrifice his only son Isaac in obedience to God's command. In the end, God provided a lamb as a substitute for Isaac but He was highly impressed that Abraham obeyed Him. That was when God said, "I'll bless you—oh, how I'll bless you! And I will make sure that your children flourish like stars in the sky, like sand on the beaches...because you obeyed me." (Gen 22:17a, MSG)"

1. Overcoming Faith is an Obedient Faith. <u>Note:</u> i. Abraham's obedience was prompt. "Early the next morning Abraham got up..." There was no procrastination. ii. He was diligent in obedience. 'He cut enough wood'—no excuse to postpone his obedience. iii. God's blessing came after he obeyed. No obedience, no blessing. If you desire God's blessings then "do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

2. Overcoming Faith is based on the spoken, written or revealed Word of God. It is neither wishful thinking nor positive thinking. Abraham obeyed God's spoken command. All Heroes of the Faith, listed in Hebrews 11 and elsewhere relied on God's Word.

3. Overcoming Faith relies on God alone. God must be the one and only God in your life with no rivals. Faith that adds or reverts to traditional religion or other powers, is syncretic (mixes religions); cosmetic (superficial); instead of being authentic. Relying on God alone and obeying his word, Christians can, through prayer, obtain healing from sickness and forgiveness from sins that oppress us. (James 5:14—16)

4. **Overcoming Faith is passionate about God's Glory.** Tired of rising idolatry and evil during the time of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, Elijah prayed that drought will bring the people's attention to God. (I Kings 17/James 4:15). **Overcoming Faith is Courageous faith.** In a dramatic showdown on Mount Carmel, (I Kings 18:16-39) Elijah, the lone prophet of God stood against 850 prophets of Baal and Asherah and triumphed through faith in God's power! In our day, the Church is the most precious institution on earth because it was instituted by Jesus, purchased by his blood and it has been "blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."(Eph.1:3) Therefore, going beyond our personal needs, let each of us pray for the gift of overcoming faith, to believe and request great things from God, through a revival in the Church in Ghana. That way, we will restrain evil and wickedness in the land, to the glory of God, and the advancement of His Kingdom. **Amen!**

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This Week's Prayer Topics

- Pray for all believers: that the Lord will be merciful and pardon our stubbornness; that He will restore all who have fallen away and instruct us in His will. Ask that the Holy Spirit will set us on a path of growth unto maturity (1 John 1:9; 2 Chron. 7:13-14)
 Pray for Pastors & Church Leaders: Pray that they will make time for God's Word; studying, obeying and teaching it in truth (Ezra 7:10; Eph. 6:18-20)
- Pray for Ghana: Pray against the heightened levels of crime and perversion (bribery & corruption, robbery, homosexuality, kidnappings, drug abuse etc.). Pray that the Lord Himself will rid the country of all of such evil, planting in us a desire for godliness at all times (Matt 7:7-8)

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SUNDAY 12TH MAY, 2019

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Half-Year Theme: "The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer"

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