

Believe!

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INTRODUCTION

The woman in Matthew 9:20-22 was desperate. Ostracized from the community because of her disease, she had never met Jesus. Yet, she believed that if she could just get to Him, He would heal her. With just a touch of His garment, in the midst of the crowd, healing virtue went out of Him. Jesus turned, looked at her, and said, "Daughter, take comfort. Your faith has made you whole."

Few believers really understand healing. They pray, and they are sincere, but so much more is involved. Consider it. If that woman had not touched the hem of His garment, would she have been healed? If Peter had not honored Jesus Christ when He bid him to come (Matthew 14:28-29), would Peter have walked on the water?

I believe that God wants to move and work to show us how deeply He loves us. He is responsible for His children. You are His daugh-

ter. You are His son. He loves you dearly, and He wants His grace to bless you freely.

I believe that as we place our faith in that kind of God, virtue will go out of Him as it did toward that woman with the issue of blood. A blessing will come into our souls as we touch Him with our trust and absolute faith.

This booklet reveals that believing in God is far more than mental assent. It means that we stand firm, depending wholly on Him, trusting Him implicitly, and remaining absolutely certain concerning Him and His plan for our lives.

Chapter One

BELIEVE GOD, THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH

“Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith” (Romans 3:27).

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:2).

It is possible for everyone to be healed instantly in a meeting where the presence of God is so real. Still, it is not that people should look at their faith, but that they begin to understand the law of faith.

This is how healing works. In church, during the song service, we listen and respond by faith to the words we sing. This starts to build up our response in faith, and that faith continues to build. Then the pastor speaks, bringing a specific message that God appoints for that hour. We enter in to prayer for the sick, and by

that time, without striving, the faith fields of individual believers are established. Healing is promoted through meekness of the soul, humility of the heart, and concentration of the mind as we worship God in our human spirit.

In the healing process, just as there are physical laws in place when God uses doctors, there are spiritual laws to be exercised when it is supernatural. First, we are to think on the healing we desire. Without striving, we must dwell on that faith vision, no matter what it is. If it is physical, emotional, marital, or financial, we must learn to build up our faith response, which in turn will erect fields of faith around our soul.

Tuning In with the Law of Faith

Like fine-tuning radio frequencies to get a better signal, the more we enter into faith fields, the more accurate the frequency is, and as a result, the signal with God becomes clearer and more precise.

The law of faith is recorded in Romans 3:27. With the law of faith, we have the spiritual law of life, in Romans 8:2. These laws are just as real as the law of gravity, from the physical aspect of scientific reality.

Some people teach, "Where is your faith?"

They emphasize personal faith as the deciding factor in God's act of healing. We teach the importance of having a response system by the law of faith, and there is a big difference. You see, if my faith is the issue, then that would mean that healing is not by grace. But in fact, healing *is* a gift of grace.

My faith is not the issue; the issue is my focus on the Object of my belief—that is, Jesus Christ. My faith does not depend upon me believing. My faith depends upon the One on whom I am focused. He promotes my faith. My faith cannot heal me. It is He who heals me.

For the Body's Sake

Amazing frequencies are happening all around us. Air traffic controllers are continually monitoring certain frequencies on radar screens, constantly checking for anything out of the ordinary that could disrupt the flow of air traffic. Split-second decisions must be made when incompatible signals come into the picture.

Likewise, the Holy Spirit indwelling the Christian is responsible to quicken us to truth and alert us to anything that goes against the law of faith and the law of life. As much as these are spiritual laws, objective reality is involved.

So when the Spirit of God begins to move, as in a healing service, it is vital that we do not become distracted from the Object of our attention and affection. Start right in believing God, because even if you do not need a healing, you are going to express something to others who do need to be healed. You can promote the frequencies that will bring health to another believer. So let us believe God.

When a singing group is anointed and sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to the laws of faith and life, they will sing to the glory of God with all their heart. Pure and godly, they will sing the songs that can release and neutralize a negative capacity. They help us to worship in joy and praise, which is so important at the beginning of a service.

We depend upon Jesus Christ, the Object of our faith, as we seek to understand the law of faith. Ask Him to bless the frequencies of our response patterns, because God designed every person to respond to faith frequencies. May there be an abundance of faith-field frequencies to see cancer and every type of disease healed through the grace of God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can believe God for divine reversals in fi-

nances. We can believe God for marital revival. We can believe God for revival in local churches.

If proper nutrition can heal certain diseases, so can God. By obeying practical physical laws (which include proper rest, exercise, and a healthy diet) plus practical spiritual laws (which include praying without ceasing and letting the Word of God dwell richly in your soul), you might live to be very old—unless God wants you to go home as Enoch did (Genesis 5:24).

Chapter Two

HOLD ON TO WHAT
YOU BELIEVE

“But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

“And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship.

“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

“Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me” (Acts 27:21-25).

Chapter 27 of the Book of Acts describes a harrowing high seas adventure from the view-

point of Paul, who survived it. To put it simply, the apostle Paul was in trouble for preaching the Gospel. Julius was a centurion, a member of the cohort responsible to King Agrippa, whose courts heard Paul's plea to be tried by Caesar. Apparently, the centurion had been at the trial with Paul. He liked Paul, and he was assigned to be in charge of the ship that would carry Paul to Rome.

They began to travel in three different ships on their way to Rome. They went up the coast of Asia Minor and arrived in the port of Sidon. The winds were increasing, and there was no light of the sun in the day and no moon or stars at night. According to Acts 27:4, "The winds were contrary." They were in trouble.

Winter was coming, and as they continued to travel, the winds increased. When they came to Crete, the winds were fearful, taking them everywhere, until they found relief. When they reached Myra, a city in Lycia, Paul and the other prisoners were transferred to a ship bound for Italy.

At that point, Paul warned the sailors (Acts 27:9-10), "Do not go. The ship, the cargo, and even lives may be lost if we set sail at this time. Do not go." But the men listened to the pilot and

to the captains of the boat, instead of taking heed to Paul, and they set sail anyway.

At first, there was a gentle wind, but soon it became so intense, they could not navigate the ship. The Mediterranean Sea was a tempest. They were all in a panic, and the Bible makes it very clear that no one expected to survive (Acts 27:20).

Nevertheless, God had a plan, and Paul believed God.

Change of Plans? Believe the Planner

Paul stood in their midst, determined to encourage the crew. He said, "Though the ship will be destroyed, there will be no life lost on this ship." He said, "This very night, an angel of the Lord stood by me, whose I am, and whom I serve. He said that I will indeed appear before Caesar. And not only that, but all that are with me shall arrive safely."

Paul faced the group and said, "Sirs, be of good cheer. I believe God, and it shall be even as He has told me."

Still the storms threatened the ship. The crew continued to travel until they finally came to a place where, by sight, there was absolutely no hope. Pretending to deal with the anchors,

several of the sailors tried to abandon ship. But Paul stopped them, saying, "We need you." So they hearkened to Paul.

Later on, he comforted them by telling them to break the fast. "It's been fourteen days and you have eaten nothing. This food is for your health. And by the way, not only will your lives be saved; you will not lose one hair of your head!" Then Paul prayed and gave thanks to God, and they all were of good cheer—all two hundred and seventy-six of them!

At daybreak, the ship ran aground. Not knowing where they were, the centurion gave orders that everyone who could swim should swim. Those who could not swim took hold of the ruins of the ship, grabbing boards and planks. The ship was demolished.

Through turbulent, tempestuous, raging winds, rain, cold, and darkness, there they were. They all believed that death was certain—except for Paul who believed God when He said, "You will *all* survive."

No loss of life—just the ship. Contrary winds, tempestuous, turbulent, raging winds. Rain. No sunlight. No stars. Fourteen consecutive nights of traveling way off course. No means of navigation. The boat completely de-

stroyed.

“But sirs, be of good cheer. I believe God, it will be even as God has told me.” And all 276 souls finally arrived on the island of Malita, safe and sound.

I Believe God

What I love about this story are those three words: *I believe God*. It was not an obscure belief. It was a belief based on the Word and the promises of God. Furthermore, Paul declared, “I believe it will be even as God has told me.”

When the Bible says in Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life,” I believe that with God it has been that way all these years, and so it shall remain.

The Lord Jesus Christ said that if we continue in sin and do not find the will of God, we will be chastised. And I believe God it will be as God has spoken. But God says, “If you rebound, and repent, and use recovery (1 John 1:9), you will be forgiven and restored.”

The Word of God says that we are to bring our tithes into the storehouse, and He will rebuke the devourer (Malachi 3:8-10). That word is for us today and for every age.

God never changes. He is the same yester-

day, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Speaking of giving tithes, Jesus said in Matthew 23:23, “Do not leave it undone.” You do not have to tithe, but if you do not, you may suffer. You may think it doesn’t matter. But I believe God, and I believe it will be as He has said. When we tithe, God takes care of our needs. When we don’t tithe, the devourer seems to take even what we do have.

Proclaim What You Believe

In Psalm 126:5-6, the Word of God says that he who goes out sowing the seed of God—the Gospel—weeping as he sows, he “shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

So many precious people have been faithful soul winners. Through ice storms, and snow storms, and rain, you keep going. I commend you, and I am so thankful for you. You have sown beside all waters, and you did not observe the wind nor regard the clouds (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

We sow the seeds of the Gospel when it is so cold, you think you might freeze out there, and when it is so hot, you think you will faint. But we go, and we sow the precious seed, many times weeping as we go.

Pertaining to the Great Commission of soul winning, I believe God. I believe that if we just sow, and water, and invest while it is today, the souls will come in. I believe God.

We were called to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Before He went to heaven, Jesus said, "Go" (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:20-28; Acts 1:8). Therefore, we must go. God sent the Holy Spirit, and now we must go into all the world, into every country we can possibly reach.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:24, Paul said, "Faithful is he who calleth you, who also will do it." We must preach the Gospel, disciple people, and let them reproduce the life of Christ. Let them reproduce in Iran, in Turkey. Go into Africa, Europe, Asia, and South America. "Go!" He commands us. "Please go, and I will go with you, even to the end of the world. I will give you power, and peace, and joy, and wisdom. I will protect you (Mark 16:15), but go."

Every missionary, every servant, and every believer-priest can say of the Great Commission, "It works." We see the fruit of it all the time, and we can say, "I believe God. It works."

God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). It is impossible for Him to lie (Hebrews 6:18). He is not a man, that He can lie (Numbers 23:19). Whatsoever He says, He will do (Ezekiel 12:25). Not one of His promises will fall to the ground (1 Kings 8:56). All of His promises are yea, and none of them are nay (2 Corinthians 1:19). I want to tell you something, and here it is: I believe God.

Chapter Three

BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT ETERNITY

Jesus Christ said, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this, the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27), and I have not seen anyone beat death yet (except for Enoch). But for the believer, we can say as Paul did, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

When a Christian dies, the angels take him to heaven. When that day comes, we will enter into the portals of glory, never to be confronted with sin, with death, with disease, with failure or with any type of evil again. And glory to God, "we believe it will be as God has said."

I thank God for the golden streets of heaven. I can hardly wait to see the New Jerusalem, above the mountains of Zion (Isaiah 2:2 and Revelation 21). The Lamb of God will be there, and we will rejoice, because we have made ourselves ready for the Bridegroom through His

own righteousness. His bride forever, we will be honored at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-10).

We will come back to the earth with Him on white horses, and we will land on Mount Olivet as He ends the great battle of Armageddon in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. He will end it by speaking words and without weapons. Then, we will enter into the Millennial Reign: one thousand years with Christ, the King of kings, reigning over the earth.

Believe What God Says about Heaven

May I say this about heaven? Thank God that we will not spend a moment in the grave. The beggar died in Luke 16, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. His physical body went into the grave, but his soul-body went up to be with God instantly (Ecclesiastes 3:21). Up through time, up through space, and still today, there he is, present with the Lord. No sickness, no disease, no hospitals, no sin, no failure, no aging, no end. Just love, happiness, joy, worship, serving God with the angels.

Heaven! Oh, I believe, God. Heaven is so precious. With all my heart, I believe it will be just as He said. We believe God.

We believe what the Word of God says about the Bema Seat evaluation, which will happen while the Tribulation is happening on earth. We believe that every saved person must appear alone before the Father (2 Corinthians 5:9 and 10, and Romans 14:10 and 11). He will test our works by the fire of the Holy Spirit, and then we will receive rewards.

Maybe we will receive the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8), or the crown of life (James 2:10). Or perhaps it will be the incorruptible crown because we overcame sensual lust (1 Corinthians 9:26, 27). It could be a crown of rejoicing (1 Thessalonians 2:18,2:19) because we were soul winners.

Perhaps your reward will be the Morning Star Order (Numbers 24:17; Matthew 2:2; 2 Peter 1:19-21). You may have suffered because you proclaimed the Word of God and identified with the Body of Christ, but you overcame victoriously. This is the reward of the Morning Star Order, which means, "You suffered with Me, therefore you will reign with Me."

In Romans 8:18, degrees of glory are added to your soul-body to shine throughout eternity because you chose to stay in the will of God, in the ways of God, in the provision of God, and in

the power of God. Even when you suffered greatly for it, you believed God.

A Solemn Truth

“I believe God.” Declare it! We believe that it will be as God has said. But there is one more thing, and I say this with a solemn fear and trembling:

I believe God that there is a literal hell. Moreover, I believe God that in hell, the conscience never dies and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-47). I believe that whoever rejects the grace of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whoever is not truly saved, that soul will go into hell. What’s more, the unsaved will face the White Throne Judgment of God in a body prepared for hell, and they will be in hell forever and ever and ever.

I believe that hell is a bottomless pit (Revelation 9:2), a place of unending torment, even as the Bible says. Revelation 19:20 says that the beast and the false prophet will be cast alive into hell, and in Revelation 20, they will have been tormented day and night for a thousand years before Satan himself is bound and cast into hell. They will continue to be tormented day and night, forever. Imagine it—*day and night, forever!*

I believe that hell is more terrible than anyone can imagine. There will be memories of what could have been, memories of opportunities missed, memories of time that was given to people to know the glorious Gospel of grace, memories of privileges rejected. And I believe that hell is just as Jesus said it is. I believe God that it will be even as He has told us—and as He has warned those who reject Him.

Believe in His Goodness

I believe that God loves you and me with an eternal love, just as He loves Israel (Jeremiah 31:3). I believe that His love is precious and unconditional, and that His grace is based upon His character. The prophet Jeremiah believed in God's goodness: "Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise" (Jeremiah 17:14).

Jesus wept when He said to Israel, "How many times I would have gathered you together under my wings, but you would not come" (see Luke 13:34). The Bible says that He sent His Word to heal them and to deliver them from their destructions (Psalm 107:20). What more could God do? He loved them perfectly. He sent warnings and He gave them provisions to be

saved. Yet, Jerusalem was destroyed in A.D. 70. It happened just as God said in Luke 19:41-44.

I believe that God wants not only to heal the mind, the emotions, and the body, but also to bless marriages, businesses, and our health. I believe this with all my heart, and soul, and mind.

I believe that God wants to heal cancer, liver disease, kidneys, eyes, and ears. I believe that Jesus Christ not only wants to bless the soul and edify it, but to take away secret drinking among believers and to remove impure fantasies that can cause so many problems in relationships.

Practice Believing

Set apart times when you just quietly close your eyes, and say, "I believe God." Just say it. "I believe God." You do not have to strive. Anything He has said, claim it.

Every place the sole of your foot shall touch shall be yours. That is a promise God has already given to us (see Deuteronomy 11:24). He has already promised it to us; it is not just for Canaan. It was all for us, for today (Romans 15:4), and it is for our profit (2 Timothy 3:17). All that is left for us to do is to believe God.

Whatever you need is between you and your God. You do not have to reveal the problem to a

soul. Remember that woman with the issue of blood, in Matthew 9: 21: “For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.” She did not even speak aloud.

In Hosea 11:3, Ephraim was healed and did not know it. Can you imagine being healed and not knowing it because you did not think to believe it? This society is conditioned not to believe in real biblical miracles. We want to do it God’s way. We want to glorify God and His work. We want to believe Him.

Believe God, for it will be even as He has said.

CONCLUSION

Draw near to the Lord as if this is the first time you have ever asked Him for anything. Sense His presence. Yesterday is gone forever. Now just passed by. Tomorrow doesn't exist. This is how we must approach the Lord: in the freshness of the moment, in the Eternal Is of God.

Heavenly Father, we come to you with specific requests—for ourselves, for loved ones, and for people we only know because they have a need. May this time be a beginning of divine healing through the wisdom of Your love and compassion.

May Your power deal with every ailment, whatever kind it is. Heal any cancer—whatever kind and whatever the cause. Heal people from the soles of their feet through their entire bodies.

And Father, we pray for marriages, that they would do more than just survive. May they be glorious, and may they enter into harmony, and unity, and compatibility, filled with divine oneness.

We pray for pastors. We thank You for them. Bless each one of them, and bless their ministries. Bless every servant here and abroad, and send forth reapers into the harvest field, into those 220 countries we have a vision to reach. Bless each one, in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

We are asking You to meet the needs of every believer with resources that come from the wisdom of heaven. Protect us from accidents; bless us with health. May we keep our healing and receive it instantly. May we expect to be blessed spiritually, physically, and financially. Protect precious people from demonic activity that tries to remove them from the call of God through rationalization. Make us ready for the onslaught, if it comes.

Heavenly Father, We believe You, and we believe You have heard us. We trust Your Word. You delight in us (Proverbs 8:30), and it will be even as You have said. Jesus, thank You. Praise You, dear God. Amen.