



## FAITH: IT'S THE REAL THING – PT. 2

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In the last issue of Kingdom Vantage Point, we started to talk about the importance of true, Biblical faith. In fact, Yahshua asked "... when the Son of man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (Lk. 18:8). While He will be looking for faith when He returns, I believe that He's also looking for faith today among His people every time they gather together in His Name. Do we expect Him to show up and do great and wondrous things – or are we content with "religion as usual"?

We're told that "Yahweh has apportioned to each man a measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3). But what counts is what we do with it. We need to build our faith, for "faith comes by hearing..." (Rom. 10:17).

In the first part of this teaching, we spent a lot of time looking at Yahweh's promises to Abram, how they built, layer upon layer; we saw how Abram stumbled in his faith and produced Ishmael, but how Yahweh ultimately fulfilled His promise – many years later – in the giving of Isaac. We concluded by looking at that ultimate test, when Yahweh proved Abraham's faith in commanding him to sacrifice Isaac

Abraham had to DO something. Are we willing to do whatever Yahweh requires in order to demonstrate our faith? How many of us would be willing to sacrifice the "Isaac" in our lives in order to see Yahweh move supernaturally?

**Jam. 2:14-23** What good is it, my brothers, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," and yet you didn't give them the things the body needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself. <sup>18</sup> Yes, a man will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder. <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Wasn't Abraham, our father, justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith worked with his

works, and by works faith was perfected; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness;" and he was called the friend of God."

Faith without corresponding action is dead. Abraham's faith worked with his works; by his works his faith was made perfect (v22). The underlying Greek word here is *teleiōo* (teh-lay-AW-oh) – to make perfect, complete, to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end.

The Amplified Bible reads this way: "You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works."

It is a Western (Greek) mindset that says that faith and works are 2 different things. In the Hebrew mindset, faith and works are inseparable – they are one and the same. Your works are the manifestation – the demonstration – of your faith. True faith will always manifest in corresponding works! Put another way, if there are no works, then there isn't real faith operating.

**Matt. 8:1-13** When He came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. <sup>2</sup> Behold, a leper came to Him and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup> Yahshua stretched out His hand, and touched him, saying, "I want to. Be made clean." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> Yahshua said to him, "See that you tell nobody, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." <sup>5</sup> When He came into Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, asking him, <sup>6</sup> and saying, "Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented." <sup>7</sup> Yahshua said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion answered, "Lord, I'm not worthy for you to come under my roof. Just say the word, and my servant will be healed." <sup>9</sup> For I am also a man under authority, having under myself soldiers. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Yahshua heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Most assuredly I tell you, I haven't found so great a faith, not even in Israel." <sup>11</sup> I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven, <sup>12</sup> but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> Yahshua said to the centurion, "Go your way. Let it be done for you as you as you have believed." His servant was healed in that hour.

There are a couple of keys point that I would like to bring out

from this passage: first, Yahshua healed the leprous man with a word and a touch (v3). Then, in the next encounter, the centurion told Him “just speak the word...” (v8). Yahshua responded to this by saying He had not found so great a faith, not even in Israel (v10). If Yahshua recognized it as a “great” faith, we ought to take notice ourselves! The centurion’s faith wasn’t a “religious” faith but a simple faith that recognized spiritual authority! His servant was healed based upon his belief (v13) – “let it be done for you as you have believed”.

**v23-27** When He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup> Behold, a great tempest arose in the sea, so much that the boat was covered with the waves, but He was asleep. <sup>25</sup> They came to Him, and woke Him up, saying, “Save us, Lord! We are dying!” <sup>26</sup> He said to them, “Why are you fearful, oh you of little faith?” Then He got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> The men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

It is more than a little ironic that right after Yahshua commended the heathen centurion for his “great faith”, He chastised His own disciples for their “little faith”! In fact, in the corresponding account in the gospel of Luke, He asks them, “Where is your faith?” (Lk. 8:25). We might ask ourselves the same question – where is our faith? And how does it measure up to those around us who haven’t had a religious upbringing but simply recognize Yahshua’s authority?

**Matt. 9:1-8** He entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into His own city. <sup>2</sup> Behold, they brought to Him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Yahshua, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, “Son, cheer up! Your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>3</sup> Behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man blasphemes.” <sup>4</sup> Yahshua, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk?’ <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...” (then He said to the paralytic), “Get up, and take up your mat, and go up to your house.” <sup>7</sup> He arose and departed to his house. <sup>8</sup> But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Notice that Yahshua acted because He saw their faith (v2). They obviously weren’t carrying a sign saying “we have faith”! Their actions demonstrated their faith. In fact, in the parallel account in Luke 5, it says that He was in a house and, because of the throngs, the people couldn’t bring the man in to Him through a doorway – so they made a hole in the roof and lowered him down with his cot! That’s how He could SEE their faith!

Are you willing to do whatever it takes to break through into

Yahshua’s presence to see Him move?

The Scripture says that we “we walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). When we talk about the “faith walk”, that implies that we’re going somewhere! We’re on a faith journey – our faith is taking us somewhere!

**1 Cor. 2:1-5** When I came to you, brothers, I didn’t come with excellence of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you, except Yahshua Messiah, and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith wouldn’t stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

The apostle Paul, by all accounts a wise and scholarly man, did not want people’s faith to stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. There’s nothing wrong with having wisdom, but our faith should never stand in human wisdom; it should stand in the power of the Almighty.

Faith isn’t based on logic or intellectual knowledge. We’ve got to believe whatever Yahweh says – whether it makes sense in the natural or not – and walk in it. You’ve got to just believe it!

Faith is knowing and believing the promises of Yahweh – and ignoring the lies of the devil! Faith is the real thing; it is the way to “the greater than”. “Greater works than these will they do who believe on My Name” (John 14:12).

Another key point is this: faith is specific.

**Mark 5:25-30** A certain woman, who had an issue of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup> and had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better, but rather grew worse, <sup>27</sup> having heard the things concerning Yahshua, came up behind him in the crowd, and touched His clothes. <sup>28</sup> For she said, “If I just touch His clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her plague. <sup>30</sup> Immediately Yahshua, perceiving in Himself that the power had gone forth from Him, turned around in the crowd, and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude pressing against you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> He looked around to see her who had done this thing. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before Him, and told him all the truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace, and be cured of your disease.”

This was a woman who was desperate, had a real need, had

faith, and acted on that faith. She made a faith declaration about her specific expectation – she was prophesying! “If I just touch His clothes, I will be made whole” (v28).

There is an incredible revelation in this encounter. Modern science proves that the human body has a bio-electric field; we are masses of energy: our brain has “brain waves”; each cell is made up of millions of atoms that are all vibrating; and our nervous system functions through the transmission of electrical impulses.

So what really happened when this woman laid hold of the hem of Yahshua’s garment?! Power (*dúnamis* – force, miraculous power, ability, abundance) went out of Him! (v30). This power – energy – flowed from Him, the Source, into her, the receptacle. Her faith “completed the circuit”: Yahshua said “Daughter, your faith has made you whole” (v34).

Yahshua is the Life-giver, the Light of the World, the All-Powerful. On the Mount of Transfiguration, “He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.” (Matt. 17:2)

Light is electrical energy or electromagnetic radiation (EMR). EMR carries ‘radiant energy’. When electromagnetic waves are absorbed by an object, the energy of the waves is converted to heat.

One of the profound ironies in this encounter with the woman with the issue of blood is that there were other people there who could have received what she got – but didn’t. Yahshua’s disciples pointed out that the multitudes were pressing against Him, yet they didn’t receive what she got. Why? Though they were making physical contact with Him, they didn’t have the faith that she had. She knew in her heart that if she just touched the hem of His garment, she would be made whole.

This is because faith transmutes the spiritual into the physical. To transmute means to change from one nature, substance, form, or condition into another. When we lay hands on the sick, our faith acts as a conduit from “Messiah in us” – the Source – through our physical body, and into the other person! But we have to act on it, and we have to act on it in faith! We have to believe that Messiah in us will work through us.

**Rom.10:8** “The Word (rhema) is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the Word (rhema) of faith, which we preach” [see Deut. 30:12-14]

We must have the Word of faith in our hearts, which comes through the preaching of the Word; then we must speak it. Yahshua said that “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matt. 12:34, Luke 6:45). If we have the Word of faith in hearts in abundance, that’s what will come out.

## Announcing the Launching of LION OF JUDAH RESTORATION MINISTRIES

~ A Teaching, Training, & Equipping Ministry ~

We’re exhorted in Scripture to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3). Unfortunately, since its inception nearly 2000 years ago, the Body of Messiah has lost or neglected a number of core Biblical beliefs – and has allowed the infiltration of a lot of non-Scriptural practices. The good news is that there is a prophesied season of restoration in the end-times.

*“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come times of refreshing from the presence of Yahweh, and that He may send Messiah Yahshua, who was ordained for you before, whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof Yahweh spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets that have been from ancient times.”*  
(Acts 3:19-21)

Restoration is defined as ‘the act of restoring or state of being restored, as to a former or original condition, place, etc.; renewal, revival, or reestablishment.’

Lion of Judah Restoration Ministries is a new outreach dedicated to being a part of that restoration through:

- **Teaching**, promoting, and imparting foundational and revelatory truth to the Body of Messiah
- **Training** believers to walk by the Spirit and experience and manifest the Kingdom in their own lives
- **Equipping** believers to utilize their spiritual gifts to fulfill their individual and corporate callings

As we transition to this new ministry approach, we will be developing and producing video teachings covering a variety of Kingdom topics. These videos will be available through our website as well as several online video hosting platforms.

We will also be available to come and minister in different regions; to plant and develop local ministries and ministers; to foster covenantal relationships among the people of Yahweh and true apostolic relationships among leaders within the Body.

It is time for all of us to get serious about our walk and fulfilling the mission that Yahshua has given us. We’re here for you and are dedicated to helping and supporting one another in the work. Please **contact us** if you would like to schedule a ministry engagement.

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- Faith – It's the Real Thing – Pt 6, 7 (10/27, 11/10/12)
- Tabernacles – Festival of Rejoicing (9/30/12)
- The Day of Covering (9/24/12)
- Shofars of the Kingdom (9/15/12)

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## *Yahweh's Feast Calendar – 2013*

We understand that people have different understandings of Yahweh's calendar. These are the feast dates for 2013 as observed by Lion of Judah Family Worship Center:

Passover*	Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup> (Wed.)
Days of Unleavened Bread	Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup> – May 1 <sup>st</sup> (Thu. – Wed.)
Pentecost	Jun 16 <sup>th</sup> (Su.)
Trumpets	Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sa.)
Day of Atonement	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> (Mon.)
Feast of Tabernacles	Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> (Sa. – Fri.)
Last Great Day	October 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sa.)

\* observed the evening before

*Bear in mind that the Biblical day begins at sunset the night before.*

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