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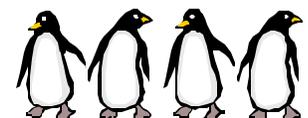
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## FFFYI : (Faith Facts For Your Information)

- ?? Without faith it is impossible to please God.
- ?? What is not of faith is sin.
- ?? Faith works or is employed by love.
- ?? Now faith is substance.
- ?? Through Faith and Patience we inherit the promises of God.
- ?? Faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the word (spoken and heard) of God.
- ?? Faith speaks and does.
- ?? To have faith is to be fully persuaded.
- ?? Faith can be perceived and measured.



## Thank You

Jeff and I want to send out a huge “Thank You” to all of you who that prayed and helped while I was in the hospital. I am still recovering in my soul after having the rug pulled out from under my feet. It was one of the most difficult decisions we’ve had to make for me to go to the ER and subsequently have emergency surgery, but we’re learning quickly how devious the adversary is and how ignorant we as humans can be of his tactics. Let it suffice to be said that pain talks loads and there are times when we as humans are just too weak to walk the faith walk to the level we’re accustomed to.

My journey back to health seems much too slow to me, but sometimes we need a slow boat so we can stop and see the scenery and smell the flowers. However long it takes for healing our faith is that God is the healer and He is doing a work in my life. Thanks again. Cerise



## Working Out With Jeff Faith as Substance

You know when I got born-again for the first few years I went through some weird things. Had I understood faith at all I would have known that I would have to learn something more to become a more mature believer. I was told things that weren’t necessarily wrong about faith but were very incomplete. We can all look back now and see things that we did not understand as young believers. If faith was given only to get us born-again it would be enough...agreed? But faith is given to every believer to believe with. Yes it’s just that simple! However, the part we don’t know or know and don’t want to do is the substantial work of believing faith.

If there were two trees in the garden that stuck out it would be the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you ate from the tree of life you lived perfectly forever (In a flesh body on earth). If you ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you ceased living forever in a flesh body and were going to die one day. Knowledge of good and evil still exists today and men and women eat from it 24 hours a day. Some partake from it and say that it was God. Some partake from it and don’t have a clue

## Faith as Substance.....continued

they are eating from it. How would you know if you were eating from one of the two trees? Faith!

Faith is the substance of things hoped for. How do you use your faith for something you are hoping for? If a man says he has faith and has not works he has dead faith. For faith to be alive and not dead it must be working faith. Not just words coming out of our mouths showing everyone around us how well and how much of the word of God we have memorized. No! Faith is doing what you find others have done in the word and watching God do what He says in His word. If you sit and simply wait for faith to work nothing will manifest, but if you act on the word you have from God it is then that you and faith have activated God to manifest what He has promised.



2 Peter 3:14

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

KJV



Example; You wake up in pain and you have a sore throat, what do you “do”? Most of the human race head to the medicine cabinet to see if we have anything to fix it. OK right there you are standing at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

What if when you wake up in that same shape and you have eaten from the tree of life for weeks and you have faith that you were healed two thousand years ago. What do you do with that kind of faith? A person that is going to put works to his faith is going to:

1. Thank God for healing him 2000 years ago.
2. Tell the devil what God has done for you and tell him to get!
3. Watch those symptoms leave. Submit to God, resist the devil and he must flee.

Then you get in the shower get dressed and go take care of your day as a healed son of God. You do this knowing that the trying of your faith works patience and if you allow patience to have her perfect work you will be complete lacking nothing. Your work of faith is believing that you are the healed of the Lord and living and acting like it. No matter what! Before you know it the faith you were working with manifested what you were hoping for and became substance.

Now you have no more reason to hope for it, you can see it manifested. There is no difference; everything is the same when faith is working. You find what God has already said about what you are hoping for and then put faith to work. One thing I have found to be very true is not to stagger at any thing God has promised that does not appear to be manifest in my life. Then you must begin saying the promise of God you believe and stop speaking about the thing you want to go away. We believers should speak those things that be not or speak those things that God promises in His word as though they were already in existence. Why? Because faith brings from the spirit realm the thing you are hoping for and manifests it into this realm, the natural, because you believed by faith it was so. That’s why it is so important to believe according to God’s word only.

# Our Inheritance



Through faith and patience we INHERIT the promises of God (Heb. 6:12). We love the word INHERIT, but in order to INHERIT we must see the order of God that goes before the INHERITANCE. Faith is first in that order and patience or hope filled endurance is second. Last of all we INHERIT.

I'm on a journey to understand the wisdom of God, so I fill myself with His written word, meditate upon it, pray in the Spirit and then with expectation I earnestly wait for understanding. Along with these things I walk in the light I already have. I do my utmost to hear His Holy Spirit and work harder NOT to listen to my flesh or my natural understanding of things.

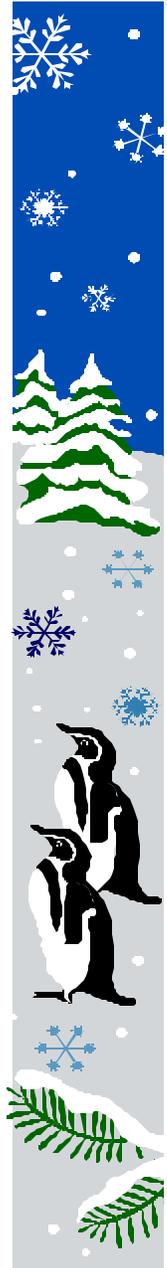
**Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all of thy ways acknowledge Him and HE shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:5-6**

On my journey the Father led me to Isaiah 53 to see a clear picture of inheritance. This one chapter in Isaiah is an illustration of the Lord's suffering on Calvary. Within this one chapter is all of our INHERITANCE wrapped in a neat bundle. The first verse speaks of the faith we saw in Hebrews 6. We see the Trinity speaking to men: "*Who hath believed OUR report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?*" Faith comes by hearing the voice of God, but do men and women today really believe the report? It appears that very few believers actually believe. Belief requires the patience of Job. It requires trust in the face of unbelievable obstacles. Faith requires action as well. I can't imagine the things the Lord suffered on earth and in the darkest realms of hell. To be made sin and to suffer true separation from God is beyond my ability to imagine. (Praise God!) Yeshua/Jesus acted on the things he heard the Father speak. He and the Father had a covenant that existed before men were created. That plan was to destroy the works of the adversary by the manifestation of God's word in human form. The first part of that plan was accomplished in Adam. God created earth by speaking and then made man OF the earth He had created. He breathed His Spirit into man and gave him dominion over the works of His hands. The enemy was already at work in the darkness. We see this "angel" at work in the Genesis. He was in the darkness as he had been cast to the earth.

We don't know how long a spiritual day is. Before sin there wasn't time, as we understand time today. The countdown we know as time today didn't start until Adam rebelled against God and made himself subservient to the adversary. Praise God for the limits He placed upon time. The lease on planet earth is counting down and we are in the "last days" of time. We are in the sixth day and anticipating the seventh day!

God is the picture of faith and patience. He saw the end of all from the beginning. He saw our end with Him in glory when He spoke the words, "Let there be light." He divided Himself using His word so that He could accomplish His will. He had to be three in one in order to carry out His plan to destroy the works of the adversary. His plan was and is so awesome it defies our natural thinking. Even putting what I see into words goes beyond much of my mental capability.

In order for us to INHERIT all He has for us, we must give our all to Him. Isaiah 53 is a covenant picture of two making a covenant exchange. God had all of eternity to pass



## Our Inheritance.....continued

onto His Son Adam. Adam took into himself all the sin and works of the adversary and then gave them to God. God then took them into Himself and eradicated them. All He asks of us is to “ONLY BELIEVE”. Believe the report of Isaiah 53 and act on it. Believe that His son took our sin and sickness in his body on that tree. It will take each of our lifetimes to see it manifest because God is a God of the individual. He is also a God of the whole. He has called us a Body, the Body of His Holy Spirit or the Body of Christ.

## Between a Rock and a Hard Place



If you're a human living in the world today you can't help but notice that things look pretty bad all over. It appears that things just aren't working like they should be, but do not be discouraged. If we take an honest look at the bible every single man or woman of faith was faced with obstacles, hardship, challenges, discouragement, disappointment, betrayal, failure, and a thousand other really hard things.

Adam went from a life in perfection to having to live by the sweat of his brow. Abel was killed by his brother. Noah had to spend his entire life building a boat that would only hold his immediate family and enough animals to repopulate the planet. Besides that he preached righteousness for over a hundred years and warned the humans around him and had NO takers. Abraham had to fight kings and kingdoms. He heard God and had to leave his homeland and his comfort zone for parts unknown. He didn't leave alone either, he had to take his entire household which included 300 plus slaves! Imagine the logistics of this venture? Again God spoke and promised him a son in his old age. His wife didn't have the faith he had so she figured a way for her handmaid to provide the heir he so longed for. After the deed was done this same wife fretted over the results and sent the servant and child packing. It was not easy life for Abraham. After the true heir was born God required Abraham to prove his love by giving up this promised son. That sacrifice was huge, and one we shall never be asked to make. His son Isaac had two sons who were constantly fighting. His own wife planned a way for her favorite son to steal his elder brother's inheritance. He was tricked into passing the last thing he had to offer to the “wrong” son. Joseph was hated by his brothers and sold into slavery. Can any our modern day problems match this sort of betrayal? Would you continue to trust God and hold onto your dreams if you were sold into slavery by your family? If we fast forward to the New Testament and the men and women there the story isn't much different. The Lord himself lived a hard life on planet earth. The adversary was on his case before he was born. He had men searching for him to kill him when he was an infant. Men of politics and religion wanted him dead as soon as he opened his mouth for God. The things he suffered are so horrific we can't even imagine them.

The apostles that took up the calling after the Lord returned to heaven were martyred in ways we can't fathom. Take a few moments and examine a single book in the New Testament for times when the believers were faced with challenges, obstacles or failures.

*Proverbs 4:23*

*23 Keep thy heart with all  
diligence; for out of it are  
the issues of life.*

*KJV*

## Between a Rock and a Hard Place.....continued

You won't have to look far to find them.

We like the prosperity message but in all reality we have an enemy who wants us dead. Our goal is to hold onto faith. We're supposed to endure to the end. We're supposed to overcome all by standing firm on the word. God wants us to prosper and be in health, but that only comes as our souls prosper. Soul prosperity takes a complete dedication to God. It requires a constant focus on God and His eternal word, but we like magnets pulled towards metal are drawn away and enticed by our own lusts.

We've all heard the question, "What would Jesus do?" Let's consider some of the things he shared as exhortation.

The Lord speaking through James said, "Count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations." The New Testament records the Lord saying eight times, "Be of good cheer" or "Be of good comfort".

**Heb 12:2** 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.

**Matt 5:9-12** Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Let's face it folks, we have an adversary and he hates our Father, he despises the Lord and his loathing of the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. Yeshua Jesus told us if the adversary and his followers hate him they would hate us as well. But I have good news. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. In the end the Greater One wins. He's already written the end of the story and He wins! If He wins then we win. It's just a matter of enduring (by just trusting the Lord).



**Rom 8:31** If God be for us, who can be against us?

### In Case You're Wondering

You've probably noticed that there are penguins all over this newsletter. After watching the documentary, "The March of the Penguins" I gained a respect for these flightless birds. They are tenacious, diligent, driven and amazing little creations. God has equipped them to go when the average human would quit. God uses those things we can see to teach us spiritual lessons and for me the penguin is the prime example of the verse, "Having done all to stand, stand".



*Heb 6:10-11*

*10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

*11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:*

*KJV*

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## Jeff's December 2006 Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
Cerise will be home this month and	In intercession for whoever needs it. Please	Feel free to call and leave a prayer request.	Call 432-550-7642	Meetings are open to all.	1	2
3	4 Lovington 7-9PM 2227 E. Waters	5	6 Odessa 7-9PM 18 Antebellum	7	8 Hobbs 7-9PM Doc Dean's office	9 Roswell 2-4PM 2401 N. Grand
10 Las Cruces, NM	11 Las Cruces, NM	12	13 Odessa 7-9PM 10 Louisiana Cove	14	15	16 Hanukkah-Feast of Dedication
17	18	19	20 Odessa 7-9PM 18 Antebellum	21	22	23
24	25 Birth of Yeshua Celebrated	26	27 Odessa 7-9PM 10 Louisiana Cove	28	29	30
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