

# **REMOVING DOUBT FROM YOUR LIFE**

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**GREETINGS** in the wonderful name of Jesus! It's a blessing for me to be with you and to just minister the Gospel under the title that we are going to talk about today which is removing all doubt from your life where you will be empowered to know how God removes doubt from the lives of His people by His integrity and the love that He has towards us.

First of all I would like to welcome everybody who are watching for the first time. It is an honor to have you in in this web church where we can just serve you with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The vision that we have is simply to bring the Gospel of God's Grace and to see people established in the message of Grace. The Bible says that the gifts were given so that we, the church, can see how high, how wide, how deep and how long the love of God is that they might be filled with the fullness of God. That is what we want to see. We want to see you just flooded with the fullness of God and the full power that will be in our lives by His Holy Spirit. The way we do that is by bringing the gospel of Grace and not a message of works' righteousness, not a message where the emphasis is on what man must do, but where the focus is on the power of the resurrection, the power of God, where God by His promise brings forth life in us! So we want to welcome you and tell you can relax and sit back and know that you will be served with a message that carries the power of God.

All of you that watch regularly, thank you so much for slotting in and allowing me to serve you with the Gospel of God's Grace and just bring you the message of your acceptance in Jesus and not just that but also that which God accomplishes in our lives by Jesus Christ because He wants us to share in His quality of life. Maybe it takes time to see that. Maybe we don't always see it the first day we hear about it but thank God that it is not just by some supernatural miracle where we didn't have it through relationship but that it is that God is a relational orientated Being and He brings us life by sharing His life with us, by living in us, by thinking in us, by having His will written in our hearts. Amen!

## **PRAYER**

Father, I want to thank You so much that we can be together. Holy Spirit, thank You that You speak powerfully through me today and that many people will be impacted by this message. Thank You that truth will be ministered powerfully through the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **COMMUNION**

My vision is to see people established in the goodness of God and one of the things that we do together every Sunday is that we have Communion together wherein we just talk a little bit about what Christ has done for us. We think of this power of the resurrection and how He has come to give us life.

The reason why we do this Communion is not just to have a focus on what Christ has done but also to have a focus on the body of Jesus, talking about the church of Jesus Christ. As a web church, we gather together individuals, some sitting in front of computers, sitting together, thinking and hearing together, belonging to a body of believers that focus on the message of Grace. Sometimes you may not be going to a local church where you are being fed with this Gospel or where the person who shepherds you does not shepherd you from the perspective of Grace and you might feel lonely.

I also think this is a very good time to think of the body of people all over. This is also a good time when you feel that you want to send somebody a message or as you partake of the Communion and you feel that the Lord has laid a word upon your heart, share it with someone who is in our Web Church. Share with one another. Fellowship together. This is a good time to do that.

When we think of the body of Jesus Christ that was broken for us and His blood that flowed, we need to ask ourselves, "Why a physical body? Why the Blood that flowed?" It's very simple! God had to come and He had to show us and that He can conquer our death and then He had to conquer our death. We had to see that He could conquer our sin by His goodness and His love and anything that this world could lay on Him, He could conquer. As He conquered that and as He was raised up and submitted Himself completely into the hands of man, submitted Himself completely to the death of this world could bring and simply relying upon the Father, He could come and conquer all the death Satan could deposit in man through the lie of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

So what we need to understand is that Jesus Christ came to end the power of what destroys us and He conquered it! He actually conquered it when He was raised from the dead! Jesus wasn't just an example for us! We find many theologies saying that Jesus was just an example for us. He was an example of how we need to just believe in the Father and all those kind of things. No, He was not just an example although we could see what happens when we believe in the Father. It was much more than an example! In His death, when He partook of our death and then was raised up He took captivity captive and He gave gifts unto men so that the Church could have the fullness of God by the supernatural power of God, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

So what Jesus Christ came to do is in His death, He came and when His body was broken, the old law man was broken, the body of sin was destroyed so that there is no embodiment of it any more. That was destroyed completely! He died and He rose again. When He rose again, what took place is the old was completely ground to dust so that it was destroyed. The life of sin, the power of sin, the power of death, all of that was destroyed! And not just the power of sin for people but the actual power that destroys every individual life.

When Jesus became sin, He became the sin of all people and what we needed to see is how God conquers our sin. We need to see how He does that and we also needed to see it done. In other words, we need to see how does Jesus conquer our sin. He relies upon the Father. What did He do? He was raised as a human that took my life upon Him, from the dead. In other words, my death has really been conquered by a human being, meaning that His freedom is my freedom!

The other day I was just sitting, talking to the Lord and I was talking about something that was frustrating me. I said, "Lord, this thing is frustrating me!" This is what He said to me: "Bertie, I can't set you free. You ARE free! You are already free! Behold your freedom!" In freedom believed, salvation from that thing is received! So many times we say, "Oh, God, You must still do something for me." No, we need to realize what He HAS done and this is what the bread and the wine is about. We drink the wine, drinking it knowing that we are in a new covenant, the blood of the new covenant. The old is gone. We are not in a covenant, a place where we are trying to find life by our works. We are in a place where He has brought life and immortality into the light, into the revelation, into the "Wow! Yes! Here it is!"

In South Africa and in many countries that I travel all over the world, we think our country is unique in certain things or your country is unique in certain things but we find that the same things are everywhere. When apartheid was ended in South Africa, the people were set free. In a moment a nation was born. In one man everybody was included in Nelson Mandela and in one moment a nation was born and democracy and freedom came to every man. It came to the oppressor as well as the oppressed. It came to everybody and do you know what? So many people are still fighting for freedom! I can say that people are saying. "Listen, I'm standing and I'm taking the freedom that was given me and I am now appropriating that freedom." That I can say.

Maybe we can say that there are some people that don't want to allow me to have the freedom that is already mine." I can understand that politically but the point that I want to make is that the more you fight for freedom inside a country where you already have been set free, the less you have it. The moment you fight for something you first have to believe that you don't have it. You can only have what you believe. So if you believe you are not having it, all you can have is not having it. The moment you can have it, and I'm not just saying to believe that you have it, the moment you can really have it and believe that you have it, that moment you will get busy with the new that is already yours. That is what this Communion is all about. We are saying that the old is gone and the new has come. Glory to God!

As we take this bread and take the wine, we take it together as an internet family, as a web family, as a grace family, where we see this truth as the reality of our lives.

Those of you who have never received Jesus as their Lord, maybe you have slotted in here for the first time and you are going through a very difficult time, You may be going through a very difficult time with your health or a difficult time in your marriage or with your children or you can watch this and you are drunk this morning. You are an alcoholic and you are saying, "I am going through so many things" You might be high on drugs, depressed...whatever, it doesn't matter! If you are watching this and you want to receive Jesus as your Lord, I would like to pray this prayer with you and then we are going to partake in the Communion. Let us just say this prayer and if you want to receive Jesus, do this and after you've done this please let us know that you prayed this prayer.

Let's just pray together. Just say this: "Lord, Jesus, my sin has already been taken away. Freedom has already been given to me but I am not experiencing it. I come to You, Lord, and I ask You, today, to help me in this difficult life. I say that my life is Yours and that Your life is mine. I am already free and You are my Savior! As from today, You are the One that governs my life. You love me just the way I am and You will share Your life with me. Amen"

If you've prayed that prayer, please let us know. Let any one of our Web pastors know. Go to [Dynamicministries.com](http://Dynamicministries.com) and click on web church and under that you will find some of our leaders there. Please feel free to contact there or if you just want to say on Facebook or Youtube, "I just prayed that prayer and I received this truth about Christ as to my innocence." We would like to just to talk to you, pray for you. Please do that.

Let us just enjoy the Communion together.

# REMOVING DOUBT FROM YOUR LIFE

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Today we are going to talk about removing doubt from your life. So many times we walk with doubt and especially when it comes to the word, faith. I remember a time in my life when the emotion around the word, faith, was always negative. When somebody would say, "faith", there was a kind of a joy with it but also a negativity. It was almost like going to a gambling house where you are going to gamble and there is an excitement that is with it but there is also a frustration because you don't know if you are going to be lucky if it is going to work for you today.

Faith has always been connected to having a breakthrough or having a healing or a miracle or something like that. So, the word, faith, or the word, belief, was always accompanied with mixed feelings. The joy, because I don't even have to work. I am just believing. But that belief was like a massive, heavy, steel gate where you can look through and you can see the promise on the other side and there's this mystical place that you have to reach in moving that gate. Once you've moved the gate then you can walk in and have all the promises that were promised you. So when I would hear the word, faith, it was like this hit and miss thing that I had to bring up in myself to get myself to a place where I can now make use of what God has given me or to actually get God to do something for me, to get His Spirit to actually manifest something for me. I would go through different, almost ritual, quoting scriptures, saying, "God, I trust You! God I trust You! and all those kind of things trying to work up enough faith so that I can get somewhere.

You know, when we think of the word, faith, there's an emotion to it in the very same way there is an emotion to worship. There's an emotion to the word, love. There's an emotion to all these different Christian concepts. If I say, "righteousness" or "justification" the human mind has a cognitive understanding of that plus a feeling that is with it. If I say, "tithing", there is a feeling with it. If I say, "sowing and reaping", there is a feeling with it. If I say, "the blowing of the shofar", there is a feeling towards that. There's a connection there that is an emotion. We want the emotion when it comes to faith to be one of excitement and joy and rest, one that says, "Ahhh, I'm comforted. I feel safe because my heart is at rest in the integrity of God."

When we look at faith, there is something we need to understand and that is that the Gospel does not demand faith. Some might now say, "Bertie, now you are an Universalist because you say that the Gospel does not demand faith!" The Gospel does not DEMAND faith. The Gospel SUPPLIES faith! Let me say that again. "The Gospel does not demand faith. The Gospel supplies faith." God does not need your faith to do anything! I want you to know that and we need to get these things out of our mind that God cannot do anything if I don't bring enough faith to the table. I need to bring faith to the table. God brings all the possibilities to the table and then the first concrete thing that actually gets put on the table is my faith. Up to that everything is spiritual so I have to have concrete proof of faith and that is the first thing that is put on the table. So, there is nothing on the table and I have this spiritual promise and I put the first physical thing down there and that is proving that I can walk with faith. When that is on the table, then God brings the fulfillment of the promises to the table so we have a meal together. That is not how it works!

I would like you to know that God does not need the faith of anybody to do anything. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit created the world and they spoke and there was light. The Bible says that in the beginning they created the heaven and the earth and God did it that way. Even after everything was destroyed and God came with the recreation, He said, "Let there be light" and there was light and His Spirit was hovering over it. He spoke and He needed the faith of no man to create the heaven and the earth. He needed the faith of nobody to do what He did! Amen! He created everything by Himself!

You might say that in order for God to work with humans, faith is needed. Yes, in order for man to partake in what God does, man needs faith. Man's heart needs faith. God doesn't need faith to do something for you. We have this idea that Jesus actually did nothing in His death and resurrection. No. Long before you were born He brought forth the victory over your sin and over your death without your contribution, without your faith, He brought all of that forth! You might say, "But, Bertie, the whole Bible is full of the word of faith. It is full of "We must believe". I am not saying that we don't need faith. That's not what I'm saying. I am just saying that God can actually do something without you believing in Him.

As parents can buy a house and have a car and buy a stroller without a baby even being born or having any faith in the parent. The parent can do that. In the very same way, God can actually bring forth things without our faith where He doesn't need our faith. As the child grows up, you are going to find that the child will have to trust the judgment of his parents in order for the child to make use of the wisdom and the knowledge of that parent. So the child will need faith. It's not that the father needs faith. The child needs faith. That is what is needed.

My one son got this great opportunity and I'm so grateful for this opportunity to do a video part of an interview and a documentary where they bring awareness to organ donation. We already shot the first interview with a man who is going to have a heart transplant, and interviews with the doctors. They are actually going to film the operation itself where the heart transplant takes place. As we spoke to the doctors and went into the theater and set up two of my old cameras that I used to use in my broadcasting here, he said that we need a camera that will shoot from the top. We needed a small gopro camera. I don't need anything. I have all the cameras I need. I have everything I need. I don't need anything but he needs one of those little cameras. His brother has one of those cameras so we said we would call him and see if we can use his camera. He said, "Yes, sure! Congratulations! It is so great that you can go and do this."

So, because my son needed that little camera that is why I needed one. I wanted one of those cameras because he needed one. It was not because I was in need of it. The reason why I say this is so that we can know in our heart that it is not as though God is sitting in heaven and He needs persuasion to do something for us. He has already been persuaded of your value. He's already been persuaded of your beauty. He's already been persuaded of your design. He already knows who you are. What He sees is that all the good that He has done, all the good that He has brought forth, all the wonderful things that He has dreamt for us --- the eternal life, His quality of life, what He will establish in the earth, all those things... when He sees what He has got and what He has already brought forth by His faith or the faith of Jesus, what He has brought forth in that cannot be appropriated by you! You cannot use that if you don't trust Him! So when He looks at the situation, He says, "Well, I'm in need of faith. I need these people to believe."

When we read scriptures like the Bible says, “Without faith it is impossible to be saved”, it can easily be read as a demand that God has placed upon people and if they don't believe then He is not going to move and He's not going to do anything. I want to tell you, and I'm saying that again, “God doesn't need your faith to move!” You need to trust Him in order to believe what He actually says. You need to be able to trust Him to believe the promise.

If somebody comes and promises you something...imagine I go and I see somebody in the street and I know that there is a wonderful thing that is taking place. There is one shop that is dishing out televisions. I go into the street and I say to someone, “Listen man, just come with me to another shop. I'll even take you there with my car. They are dishing out televisions. Just get in the car and I'll take you there.” Do you think that person is going to get in your car? No! He's going to be looking for the gun because he will think that this is armed robbery or a kidnapping. He's definitely not going to trust me even if I want to give him something for free. So what I would have to do if I want to bless him is I will have to produce trust in his heart. I will have to do things in such a way that he can believe me, that he can trust me. One of the things that I would have to do that would really help is if he sees three TVs in my back seat. You would say, “Listen man, I just got these three TVs from there for free. It's a crazy thing! There still are not many people there. I can quickly take you there if you want and you can get one for free.” When he sees certain evidence, when he sees those three TVs in the back seat, then he will say, “Well, yes!” Then the chance will be much bigger.

So, do I need faith to get him to get a TV? No, I don't need faith. He needs faith. He needs to trust me. It's not that I will only take him there once he believes. It isn't as if the store started to dish them out the moment he believed. It is something that is already true.

So what the Gospel does is, the Good News is this: God came, ended our sin, ended our death. It's a reality and now He wants to tell them, “Listen, I have eternal life for you!” but they cannot believe Him. This was even true in the Old Testament. In the Old, God wanted man to know that He can give them eternal life. In the Old, God wanted man to know that by their works they cannot be saved. In the Old, He already wanted man to trust Him to know that He can conquer their death and He can conquer their sin but it was so difficult for people to actually believe in God. There were some people in the Old, if you go and read the book of Hebrews, that did trust and believe in God and they were seeking for a city of which God is the builder. In other words they were seeking for something that God would bring forth and they will not bring forth. That is what they were seeking for and there were some that believed unto Jesus who would still come. So they had faith but we find in the death and the resurrection of Jesus, we are now seeing what God has actually done. This is what I believe the Gospel is all about. It is how God, in Jesus Christ, did certain things that can bring forth faith in the hearts of people.

I want you to know this. If you hear the word, faith, you can so easily think that faith is actually something that disqualifies many people because it's such a “difficult, mystical” thing! Can we really have faith? How will we have enough faith? Faith and the word, enough, is immediately together in most people's minds when we hear the word, faith. I want to tell you that I haven't seen any place where faith and enough is mentioned together, that you must have enough faith or you don't have enough. It's a man-made thing that was born out of disqualification that there is in man's hearts because they made a work out of faith instead of faith as a fruit of God's work.

If I say that I love something, it implies that something has won my heart. That is what it implies. You cannot love without a reason. In the very same way you cannot trust without a reason. Unless somebody gives you a reason to love him you will never be able to love him. And unless he comes inside a parameter wherein he is seen as beautiful to you, is seen as lovely to you, you will never be able to love that person. There has to be something inside that person that excites your mind and excites your heart and that brings joy to you when you see him. That emotion and that feeling and that power that comes to you when you behold that value and behold that beauty is called love.

In the very same way as what love is a fruit, the very same way. faith is a fruit. You cannot just decide to have faith. You may say, "Bertie, that means it is God's fault that people don't have faith." No, it is not God's fault that people don't have faith. We will talk about what God is doing to persuade people's hearts and how He goes about to do that. I do believe that we can yield to faith that rises in our heart. In other words, God can bring forth the persuasion in our heart and He brings it forth by His doing, by Him bringing the evidence to the table. As the evidence rises in our heart we can decide and I think that is where the will of man, the choice of man, comes in, where you can decide, "I want this or I don't want this. This is for me or this is not for me!" But as pertaining to bringing forth persuasion in your heart it is of God to bring it forth in you. Faith doesn't come by the decision of man. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

When you take the Thayer definition of the word, faith, and you take it together and take all the small definitions out of it and just bring the main definition to the front, faith is the condition a person finds him in once someone else has won his friendship. Let me say that again. Faith, a persuasion or a trust... there is a difference between faith and belief but please hear what I am saying here. Faith, or let me put it this way, belief, to believe in Him, the Bible says, "How shall we be saved unless we believe in Him? How will you believe in someone who is not believable or who is not trustworthy?"

When you have true faith or when you believe in God, is when you have come to the place where He has won your friendship. We need to define friendship as well. A friend is someone who entertains someone else because you want his presence. So when God has come and He has come to a place where He has entertained you to the point that you say, "I only want His presence! I like this guy! I want to be around Him." What do we do with friends? Friendship is very simple. If somebody becomes your friend, and this is the way I see it is, when you want to go and visit him without selfish reasons, not for business reasons or any of those things but where you simply desire his presence. You desire his smile. You desire their humor. You just desire to be with them because you like what you see and it is entertaining to you in the sense of it brings joy to your heart to be with them. It is also a person where his presence brings forth the very same in your life where you want to be good to that person.

Faith, according to Thayer, one of the meanings is, if you take the root word and the consequence, this is what it talks about is when you find yourself in the position with someone else has won your friendship. That is faith. Faith is not blind trust. Faith is not seeing no reason to trust and then trust. No, that is not how it works. You will find in the old God would appear to Moses. There would be a fire burning and a bush will burn and it will not burn out and God will speak. There would be a supernatural sign or something that took place so that this person can believe or trust. There was some form of connection. In the very same way I believe in the New Testament and with us. God came and brought something forth so that we can have faith so that we can be persuaded.

If I want to do something good to you, like I said in the previous example where you are a stranger and I want to give a television, I will have to win your friendship. The quicker I can win your friendship, or let me put it this way, the quicker I can supply you with trust in me, the quicker you will partake in what I have dreamt for you. That is the way it works. I've seen that in raising kids. My oldest son is now in the third year in the University. When we speak, the way we talk to each other is completely different than the way when he was sixteen years of age. When he was twelve or sixteen, it was, "Dad, can you take me there?" or "Dad, may I have that?" It's kind of a father providing for his son. There would be some obvious communication that is more mature where we talk to one another from a friendship foundation but now when he is in the University, I see things have changed.

My experience is that when your kids are in the home, and I've seen that in myself as well, they so many times just live on the faith of their parents. I would do the study in the Word. I would preach and they would be in everyone of my sessions. They would believe the Gospel because their Dad believes the Gospel and that is what is taught in the house. But then when he goes out of the house and he goes to the University and he is studying a difficult course and it is he and the exam paper and God. Then he starts to get his own relationship with God. He starts to pray for himself. He starts to think, "What's that thing my Dad said about the goodness of God? Man, I don't know if I studied enough. I feel condemned although I studied eight hours, or ten hours, or three days, I still feel I haven't studied enough!" You get into accusations because you cannot pass this test because you haven't given it... "No! I remember Dad told me that my God helps those who have messed up! It's not by my works. It's by His goodness and He empowers and He's a good God!" He starts to think about those things and then when there's a phone call to the Dad it is, "Dad, can you please just explain that thing to me again and how we apply to this area or that area of your life?" It's that kind of a thing because it's a mature relationship because the life I live, which he has seen, the integrity that I have shown towards his mother, towards him, towards his brothers, towards other people, the way I've lived, caused him to be in a place where he can actually trust me. So I am actually supplied him with faith. That's how it works. I supplied him with belief.

The place where we will have doubt in our life is when we want to supply ourselves with belief, where we want to renew our own minds by quoting verses or those kind of things. We have had such a strong faith in faith, that we never believed in God! Let me say that again: We have had such a strong faith in faith that we've never believed in God. We have had such a strong faith in faith that we've tried to do the funniest things just believing this is going to work. It's almost like New Age. One time somebody said to me, "If you can just envision something happening and you believe it is really going to happen, then it's going to happen!" Then one of two things happen like that and then when you want to use it to base your life on, things go horribly wrong. You become weird! You come to a place where you cannot live in a normal society anymore. People look at you and think you are a bit weird. You start to wear weird clothes or wear your hair funny. You start to do many funny things because you are trying to get so into the system that that very system is destroying you! We trusting and bringing forth things by our trust has never been in God's plan through which we will have to create a life for ourselves. God has come and that trust, that ability to trust was given to us so that we can actually trust one another and feel what it is to believe in someone and feel what it feels like to have someone believe in you. It is also the very thing through which we allow God to have access into our life.

So, faith is where you find yourself in the situation where God has won your friendship. Faith is also the place where you find yourself in the place where God has won your favor. If someone has favor, you give him preference.



Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. I want to define what faith is. We are going to talk now about how faith comes and doubt can be removed from you because I want to tell you that even in doubt I have faith, even in doubt, even when I doubt that something good can take place. Even if I, Bertie Brits, doubt in the area of will God provide for me or will I be healed or will my kids be okay? Even in that doubt, I have faith so, I've lost all doubt because even in doubt, I trust the Lord. You may say, "Now, Bertie, how does that work? That sounds like a contradiction!" It's not a contradiction. All it is is that we have taken the traditional word of faith teaching, for those of you who know what that is about, and we've directed faith towards stuff and not towards a historic event where all our sins have been taken away. Neither have we taken faith and directed it towards the person of God but we've directed it toward stuff. And now what I am saying is when the "Word of faith" faith, when I in the light of "Word of faith" faith, doubt, I still have a heart that trusts my Abba which is greater than my doubts. I hope you hear what I am saying. God has come to remove all doubt. In the presence of God, even when you doubt, you can rest. In the presence of God, even when you doubt, you can know that He will be there. "Well, Bertie, I'm not sure about that!" Well look at Peter. What did he do? He said, "Well, I will walk on the water!" and when he doubted, he sank and who saved him? Jesus!

The Bible says, as well, when the wind in the storm came, they allowed Jesus in the ship and the ship was immediately on the other side and it actually said that they had no faith. Your faith is not needed in order for a miracle to take place. I tell you that miracles take place every day when people don't even believe! But in order for that miracle to have a true impact upon your life, you will have to have faith and that you cannot decide to have. That is a condition you find in once God has become your friend... not when you decide for God to become your friend. No, when HE has won your friendship, when He's won your favor. Favor means giving preference. If I favor one person over the other one, and I have Saturday evening off, I'm going to spend time with the one I favor. Why? Because they have won my favor. I don't go there so that I can win their favor I go there because they have won my favor.

So many times we think that faith is something we provide God with so that we can win His favor so that He can do something for us. No, faith is when God has won your favor, when you give Him the preference. Amen! Glory to God!

It also talks about when somebody has won your good will or your good opinion, to be at the place where somebody else has won your good opinion where when you think of him you have a good opinion about him. Glory to God! So God came in Jesus Christ so that we could have a good opinion about Him again. God came in Jesus Christ to win our favor. God came in Jesus Christ so that we can be in the state or where we can find ourselves looking at God saying, "My Fiend, the One that I would rather be with, the One that I have a very good opinion about." Where we talk about God we will have the best things to say about Him. That is what it talks about. That's why, in my life, there was a time when I had great faith for stuff but I had very little faith in God because I could believe it was possible for God to heal this sick person. It is possible for God to heal my sick body. I believed it was possible for Him but I also believed that God could put me through hard times to purify me and test me. Believing those things together is what you call double-minded or doubt. It's where you are doubting the integrity of God and yet you also believe in His ability. It's like He can do it, it's just that I don't know if He wants to.

My son came to me today and said, "Dad, can I buy myself a video game?" Now, he knows that I have the means to buy him a video game but he is in doubt if I want to. That's the whole thing but he also comes in faith because he comes knowing that his father is his friend. He comes knowing that I have already won his favor so when he comes, smiling and laughing, he doesn't want me to say, "No", but he really wants that thing but he also knows that my heart is for him. That is how it works.

God wants to win your friendship. That is why He will have to do things that actually win your friendship otherwise you cannot have faith.

The last point on what faith means is where you have been tranquilized. That's beautiful! It's where you find yourself tranquilized by the integrity of someone else, tranquilized by his friendship, tranquilized by the good opinion, the good he has done, to the point that it numbs your feelings towards the fears and the aches and the pains of this world. That is faith. Everything I have mentioned here, you will see that the source of it all lies on the side of God. God will have to bring this forth. God will have to do things so that we can have faith.

Now we are going to look at what God has done because if we can understand what God has done in Jesus we will find that we will find faith rising in our hearts. If faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, then the word of God will have to be a word that can declare God in such a good place that you would desire His presence. You would want to be with someone like that. You would want to be with someone like that! If I think of who I want to be with, if I think of friends in this world, true friends that I can just share my heart with, I mean I can be a friend to sinners and I would be there because I see who he is, I see how valuable he is. I can see that he may be oppressed by things that are pushing him down and I want to be his friend. I want to be a friend of sinners. I want to win his friendship. If you ask me who's won my heart, what kind of a person wins my heart, it would be a person that is a down to earth, normal guy, a logical person. I like that kind of a being. I like that kind of a person, a logical person that can think analytically to a certain degree. I want that as well. Then I also want inside that some form of a extravagance as well. I would like to be able to have an intelligent conversation with that person as well as bring that logic over into the Gospel and talk a sensible Gospel conversation with that person. Then I would like that person to enjoy the same things I enjoy. They must like a nice car and he must like a beautiful nature and things like that. That's the kind of person that I would hang around with that has also grown up, to a certain degree, inside my way of thinking, that likes 80s music. It has to be someone that can speak my language, that can strum the strings of my heart.

So when God comes to win the friendship of man, when He's come to win our friendship, He has to do things that can cause us to feel that I want to talk to Him, I want to be in His presence, I want to see His smile. I want to be with Him because it is fun to be with Him and it is edifying. Sometimes when you are with other people, you don't feel edified. Those where you feel edified and blessed, that's who you want to go back to. So in the same way that is what God had to bring. He had to bring forth a word. If faith comes by hearing it comes by a message that declares His friendship.

What God has done, and this is how entertaining He is, He has come and He has entertained us to the point that He became one of us. He became so much one of us that He took all of our weaknesses upon Him, all of our sin upon Him. He came and He entered into our situation before we even asked Him, before we begged Him, before we desired Him to do any of that and He manufactured a plan in the day Adam sinned where He already said that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of Satan. Then, already, without the man asking for anything, just the very need for life inside man was already a prayer request to God and He answered that prayer the day He saw Adam fall because He wants man to be safe. He brought forth Jesus. He became a man without our asking He became all of us. The Bible says that what the mind could never even think of, what we couldn't even pray or ask for, He brought forth in Jesus! Amen!

We see how He does things that we can only conclude that that guy must really like us and He's a good man! As we see Him continually being good like that in the three years that He was on the earth in His ministry where He loved people that would be sinners where He was kind to them, where He actually said, "Let Me take upon Me, everything that man can do to Me and let Me become that cursed life that they are in and let Me end that! Let Me then be raised up in human form offering them the fullness of God as a free gift!" You know, when we see that what rises in our heart is, "We want to be with this Guy! He's good!" We start to feel that He is our friend. He has won our friendship. He has won our favor. All of a sudden we find that we can only see good things about Him. We find that we are so pleased by Him! When we look at that, when we look at all that He has done, it even tranquilizes the voice of death! We start to not even be afraid of death. We are tranquilized by that goodness and that is called faith. That is the place where we have faith, where we believe God.

I want to read Romans 4 and use an example of Abraham here and if we talk about the word that brings faith, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, we are just going to talk about that word. I want to bring it forth from **Romans 4**:

***1What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?***

***2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.***

***3For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."***

***4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.***

***5But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness***

It says here that Abraham didn't receive anything because of any good thing he has done. He hasn't attained to anything for any good thing he has done. What he attained unto was by faith, by actually believing that God can justify the ungodly. It says, "He who believes that God can justify the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." So what is true faith? True faith is when we are persuaded that God, when we come into a friendship with God where the thought that comes from this friendship, this goodwill, He winning my heart, He tranquilizes me, comes to the bottom line conclusion that He can justify the ungodly. We need to believe that! Ungodly, according to law terms of course. So many times we just want to say, "Man is an ungodly thing!" No, man is a Godly thing. Paul quoted the Greek philosophers. He said, "As your poets have said, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'" He used Greek logic and he said, "That is the truth. All human beings have their being in God and to that extent we are all holy. ALL are holy, set apart for His purpose! Set apart for His life! Human being is a holy being. You cannot treat a human the way you are going to treat an ant. You cannot treat a human the way you treat a fly. You cannot treat a newborn baby the way you are going to treat the common housefly or a cockroach! .It is not the same kind of a being! The one is in a different degree of holiness than the other one. Humans are already holy! They are already God's kind of a being. So when the scripture says that He justifies the ungodly, the context there is Jew and Gentile and in the light of the Law, when we look at a person and by the Law we say, "He is unholy. He doesn't qualify. He's not obeying Me" God can justify that person with eternal life.

True faith is when you behold the friendship of God that your bottom line conclusion is, "This God can justify." Justify means to manifest according to your true righteousness. He can manifest eternal life for you, save you from what destroys you and give you eternal life, give you a seat with Him in the Godhead in Christ. That is what He can do. That is true faith!

So, if true faith is to believe that God can justify the ungodly, the Word must be a message of how God justifies ungodly people! It cannot be a Word of how God blesses the faithful! It must be a Word about how God blesses all those who don't qualify and don't live as what they are supposed to live according to the standard of the Law. That is what we have to believe where He is a friend of sinners, where they want to be with Him. Amen! That is how it works. It is clear here that true faith is a condition you find yourself in where you say, and your heart is fully convinced, that God justifies the ungodly.

Removing all doubt. If God justifies the ungodly, when I live in the Law System according to rules and regulations and I define godliness by my works or do I do the right thing, we find inside our minds the Lord renews us and He has given us a new mindset. Yet in this world we find right and wrong still being part of our logic. We think what I have done here is not right. The next conclusion by, "It's not right" is the emotion of disqualification. So now we are in the place where we rely upon God based on the finished work of Jesus that He will bless us, that He will protect us, that He will guide us that even in the midst of the deepest darkness that we will have hope that He is for us. The bad thing that happens to us is no indication of who we are or any of those things. Then in this life we do something that would be wrong, morally wrong. We break the moral law and according to the moral law the first thing we think is if I haven't done this I qualify for punishment or I qualify for not being blessed. So you find doubt in the area where there is still the basic Law mind of this world. There is a doubt. Yet, greater than the doubt is the belief of Jesus that justifies the ungodly so when you see something in your life where you feel ungodly, not right.

We have people contacting our office with all kinds of problems. There are people calling with a drinking problem saying, "I'm drinking. I'm drunk! I'm writing this to you, Pastor Bertie, and I'm drunk! I'm a believer in the Lord. I have been free for awhile but I'm drunk tonight. I'm writing swear words and cuss words because I'm drunk." People come out on Facebook and write the most horrific things and then in private come and say, "I'm drunk!" Now that person, the moment that happened, their greatest emotion is that of disqualification because of drinking. There's a doubt that is based on the depth of Law but there's something that is deeper than what any Law can enter the human heart and that is the message that God can justify those, who under the Law, are declared as ungodly. In that context it actually talks about the Gentiles, sinners. In that we find all doubt removed by the faith God brings through His friendship with us. Can you understand what I am saying that you can actually have no doubt in the area of doubt? I hope you understand what I am saying here. It sounds complicated but it is so simple. With me, if I look at when you preach at a place or you speak to someone and maybe in hindsight you look and you say, "I should have handled it this way or I should have handled it that way." Then the next thing that comes to my mind is, "Bertie, it doesn't matter how you handled it. I've got you!" That is the deeper logic we live in in Christianity. As long as you are in this world, you are always going to be confronted with have you done the right thing or you have not done the right thing? Inside that right and wrong, there will be a level of doubt but the depth of that doubt can never reach the depth of the trust that comes by the true Word of God which is the friendship of God, where He has won our friendship, where He has won our favor, where He has won our good will and where He has pleased us and tranquilizes us with what He has done for us in Jesus Christ. Amen and amen!

I trust that this message has really encouraged you and blessed you today. As we end this message I want to just reach out to every person. You may be going through a very difficult time! You might say, "I've watched all the Grace preachers. I've watched all of them but I'm sitting here and I'm not having victory and I am going through a very difficult time. I want to tell you that there is a God who justifies the ungodly and that's the One we believe in.

I think of the one man who phoned me one day. He said, "Bertie, you know, you've preached this wrong on my TV station. You've done that wrong. You've done that wrong.." He just went on and on. Man, it felt like forever but I think it was for five or ten minutes where he went on to tell me how bad I am. I felt so accused and I just heard the voice of my Abba saying to me, "And I justify the ungodly!" Then I said to him, "Sir, even if everything you've said is true, I believe. I don't believe in the God that justifies the godly or those who have done everything right. Even if I've done something wrong, I'm sorry, but I believe in the God who justifies the ungodly. So my future is bright. Glory to God! Hallelujah! Nothing that I do in this world, born from this Grace message can ever vanish! It will remain forever for it has eternal life and that's it! That's how in great accusation where when you preach sometimes you preach things and you are radical and people come and say, "You know you've hurt this person. That one's life is falling apart... this, this, this." You can hear all of that and then you feel guilt because you don't want to hurt anybody! Well, I believe in the God who gives life to those who don't do everything right. Amen! Isn't that an absolute peace?

Maybe you are going through that today. I want to say to you in the midst of all of that greater than what the doubt can ever come to your heart is the depth of His peace and faith that comes from His friendship with you. I want to say to you that if you are struggling with things, I speak over your life the truth that freedom is yours and however legalism and law or however wrong belief has come to harm your life there is a depth that we can trust in the integrity of God towards man and He brings you a brand new life. He brings you peace.

I stretch forth my hands and I say, "Life is yours! In Jesus' mighty name! I encourage you by telling you that He is greater than your shortcomings. He's greater than your mistake and even the doubt that your mistake brings can never reach the depths of the trust His friendship brings with sinners. Hallelujah! Peace is yours! Amen and amen

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