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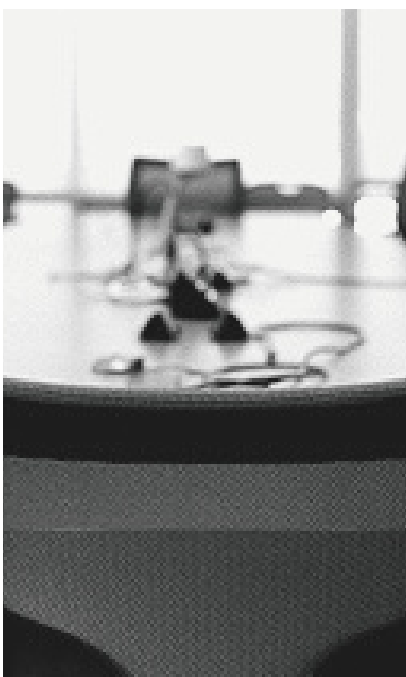
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**The Purpose of "PARTNER MONTHLY" PUBLICATION**

On May 14th, **CONGREGATION OF CHURCHES** will be celebrating twenty-seven years of ministry. The Lord has crowned **2021** as a season of **VISION FULFILLMENT, RESTORATION & OVERFLOW**. Let's place a faith demand on what God is saying and doing and gain momentum in the spirit. We will not become static but will remain dynamic with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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**Matthew 6:10** -  
Thy kingdom come, Thy  
will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven..



## JURISDICTION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Lord quickened a reference from the book of Luke to me this week which moved me to write this article to you.

Listen to these words from the book of Luke chapter Ten and verse nine.

**Luke 10:9** - And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, **The kingdom of God** is come **nigh** unto you.

Certainly, for some of you, it would be helpful if we'd define the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is an invisible spiritual realm which has influence in both heaven and earth.

The Kingdom of God Represents God's system of government. It represents ... God's WAYS, God's THOUGHTS, and God's WILL.

Within the text of Luke 10:9, I can see the potential influence that the Kingdom of God can have in the life of one who'd receive or allow its influence to have place.

This brings me to the word Jurisdiction.

**Jurisdiction** is defined as - the limits or territory within which authority may be exercised.

Listen to these two references by Jesus from scripture:

**Matthew 6:10** - Thy **kingdom** come, Thy **will** be done in **earth**, as it is in **heaven**.

Certainly, The Will of God has jurisdiction in heaven. yet, Jesus would have us to bring Kingdom Jurisdiction to all of the places where we have influence.

Thy WILL be done in EARTH as it is in HEAVEN.

Now listen to this reference from John chapter eighteen.

**John 18:36 (a)**- Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:

Jesus allowed His father's Kingdom to have influence everywhere He went. He was intimately aware of the kingdom.

What was intriguing to me from the first text we looked at from Luke chapter ten, was how the very **nearness** of the Kingdom of God can bring healing to one's body, and more.

Did you know that it's possible for the Kingdom of God to be near or present and a person not even recognize it?

We have an instance of this in the book of Luke chapter seventeen.

**Luke 17:20-21** - And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

**Vs 21** - *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

**Wait!**

How could the Kingdom of God be present within ... the Pharisees?

**It wasn't!**

The phrase "WITHIN YOU" in the original language meant "WITHIN YOUR MIDST".

Certainly, the Kingdom of God wasn't **within** anyone other than Jesus at that time, as Jesus had not yet gone to the cross. Certainly, not on the inside of the Pharisees.

Yet, what I want to bring out to you is that the Kingdom of God was PERSONIFIED in Jesus' presence and they didn't recognize it. The Kingdom was near, the Kingdom was present.

We should allow the Kingdom's jurisdiction to have influence in our lives.

- **How does one become a citizen of the Kingdom of God?**
- **Is the Kingdom of God a physical place or spiritual realm?**
- **Do I enter the Kingdom when I get to heaven or can I enter the Kingdom now, while still in the earth?**

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At the moment that you accepted Jesus as your Lord and savior, you became a citizen of the Kingdom of God, even while here on the earth. This is possible because the Kingdom of God is a spiritual realm and you are a spirit being.

You are a **spirit** being, possessing a **soul** (mind, will and emotions) and you live in a physical **body**. Your spirit man is the part of you that was saved or born again.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (b)** - ... and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lets look at some additional scripture:**

**1 Corinthians 15:50 (a)** - Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood** cannot inherit the kingdom of God;

Now listen to these words from John chapter three.

**John 3:3** - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 3:5-6** - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vs 6** - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

One more verse and then we'll put some thoughts together for you.

**Colossians 1:13** - Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated** us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

This reference from Colossians chapter one, shows us that we can be translated while yet still here in the earth. Jesus teaches us that being **born again** is a spiritual thing. The Kingdom of God is both a spiritual and physical place. Again, we can become citizens of the Kingdom of God while still in the earth as it is also a spiritual realm. As citizens of God's Kingdom, we must embrace a kingdom mindset which allows for Kingdom Jurisdiction to flow through our lives.

Derick E Wilkes

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Mark 16:17 – And these signs shall follow them that believe;

# Article 02



# FAITH

## F O R M I R A C L E S . . .

**Jesus as a kingdom citizen operated in miracles, signs and wonders.**

In fact, Nicodemus inquired of Jesus' **miracles** in the book of John and chapter three and Jesus responded; by implying that all of who are "born again" are to live in the realm of **miracles**.

***Huumh!!!***

Listen to these words from the book of John chapter three and verses one through eight:

John 3:1-8 – There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Vs 2 – The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

**Vs 3** - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Let's stop here for a moment and define some words and terms.

The word "see" of verse three is referring to comprehending, understanding and entering into a revelatory place ... and the phrase born again ... literally means ... to be "born from above".

Let's pick up at verse four.

**Vs 4** - Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

**Vs 5** - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Verse six.

**John 3:6** - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Vs 7** - Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

**Vs 8** - The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

According to Jesus; the supernatural miraculous realm is an invisible realm which has an effect on the physical natural realm.

In John chapter three, Jesus uses the wind as a metaphor in revealing the Holy Spirit.

He describes the effect of the Kingdom of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the believer to the way, the wind moves and affects the natural.

However, the opportunity, for the presence of the Kingdom of God in the person of the Holy Spirit, to dwell within mankind, follows being born again and you cannot be born again, without believing that God raised Jesus from the dead and then accepting Jesus as Lord and savior.

So then, for us as Christians, we are by nature ... supernatural people.

We are born of the supernatural realm.

Nevertheless, what we learn from scripture is that the righteous ... the just ... **God's children are to live by faith and not by miracles.**

For you and I, as Christians we shouldn't need a miracle for food, we shouldn't need a miracle for a car, we shouldn't need a miracle for a house, we shouldn't need a miracle for a spouse, we shouldn't need a miracle for a child, we shouldn't need a miracle for a job. We shouldn't need a miracle to live by.

**We live by faith!**

We can experience **by faith**, the things that God has given. We can be intentional with our faith or faithfulness and get results.

Notwithstanding in the embryo stage of our faith development there are things that God will do in our behalf ... by His mercy and grace which we might consider miraculous.

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We should have as our testimony as mature believer's nevertheless; that our miraculous experiences are simply manifestations ... of our faith at work.

Again, in considering the illustration Jesus provided to Nicodemus, we see a connection between faith and the unseen realm of the supernatural.

Just as with the wind, we see the effects of an invisible cause by faith, likewise with miracles, the effect of the invisible cause is faith.

We should become like the wind to people around us.

People should be able to see and experience the effects of a supernatural life in you, as you are a supernatural being living by faith.

In fact, the first manifestation of the supernatural or the miraculous was the new birth experience which Jesus went on to communicate to Nicodemus in verse sixteen.

**John 3:16** - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have **everlasting life**.

What ushered you and I to this God kind of life?

## **Faith!**

We've endeavored to show you the link between faith and the miraculous realm. Yet, we did not ... and do not want to amplify **faith for a miracle!** What we desire to emphasize is that we are a supernatural people born of a supernatural God and that the supernatural and miraculous realm ... is to be our natural habitat.

What some would see as a miracle should simply be a manifestation of your faith and faithfulness where the Word of God is concerned.

Those who have **not** been exposed to this type of faith communication might see it differently. Certainly, they should not feel condemned, as we all are growing still. Yet, for you and I we shouldn't have to have a miracle for the things which God has given. He is teaching us how to live by faith in His Word.

Once you and I hear and receive a Word from God and believe it and act on God's Word in a corresponding way consistently, we will see results. It may take two days, two weeks, or even two years. Yet, if we'll continue to speak the word, thank God for the answer and not give up and quit, we will see manifestation.

That would not be labeled a miracle.

That would be labeled as a manifestation of your faith at work. At least, that's the way you should view it.

We can live in the miraculous realm.

Living in the miraculous realm from the perspective of ... I'm a child of a supernatural God ... living from the supernatural realm.

The miraculous supernatural power of God will begin to flow through you.

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# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

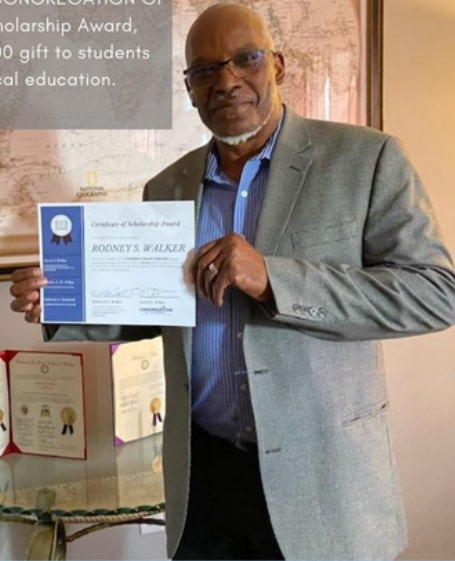
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Being the first college graduate of my seven siblings, I thought about the scholarship as a principle of first things. God has always required first things from us, according to Proverbs 3.9. The tithe is not just ten percent of one's earnings; it is the first ten percent. God requires us to give the first fruit each year, and he promised to bless the rest of which one tithes. Jesus became the firstborn among many brethren. God loves it when we participate in the principle of first things.

My being the first to receive a scholarship is your participation in a first fruit principle. I am grateful that you selected me to be the recipient of the scholarship program's first fruit. Ezekiel says, "And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house" (Ezekiel 44.30).

Therefore, I decree God's manifested blessing rest upon your house and the house of the participants in this first fruit principle.

Thank you, Pastor Derick and Prophet Natalie Wilkes, for your generosity!



**Matthew 17:20** - ... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain,

**Luke 17:5** - ... If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree,

## WHAT IS FAITH ... **AS** ... A SEED?

There are two instances in scripture, where we find Jesus referring to having “faith **as** a grain of mustard seed”. In both instances; He encourages the recipient of His communication to **say** something.

We could also say that the implication is that one needs to do something with the faith that they currently possess.

Let’s look at both instances:

**Matthew 17:20** - ... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

**Luke 17:5** - ... If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

It appears that the emphasis is not as much on the **size** of the **faith** as it is on what they should do with that faith.

### How could we say this?

Well in both instances; we have an inanimate object unto which faith is being used against. Right?

One is drastically bigger than the other, yet for either object, only faith **as** ... a grain of mustard seed is needed.

Mountains can range in size, yet the average mountain can be 1,000 feet tall whereas a sycamore tree is about 100 feet tall.

Considering Luke's account

The root word for "Increase" of Luke Seventeen's ... passage, ... means to **add to what I already have**.

Yet, Jesus did not introduce this thought. His disciples did. Preceding this request was communication about forgiveness. With the forgiveness of someone ... 490 times mentioned here ... one would think they'd need (faith equaling 490 times what they had in order to forgive). Well Jesus implied that they already ... had enough faith to forgive 490 times, or more.

Jesus responds, not in the way one would have thought. He doesn't increase their faith.

Instead, He suggests that they'd do something with the faith already present.

The size of the seed isn't the issue here.

We'll explain, but first, let's also consider this thought about faith ... as .. as seed from Matthew's account relative to a different instance than that of which is mentioned in Luke's account where Jesus uses the same statement.

In the book of Matthew where Jesus refers to faith ... as ... a seed. He, (Jesus) is communicating to His disciples and the Father of a lunatic son who had requested help with his unbelief.

In this instance the man did not have a belief problem, but an unbelief problem as well as Jesus' disciples in bringing deliverance to the son.

Nevertheless, as with the book of Luke chapter 17, here in Matthew 17 ... Jesus tells them to do something with the faith they currently had.

In both instances, Jesus is saying: "TREAT YOUR FAITH **AS** A SEED"

### How would you treat a seed?

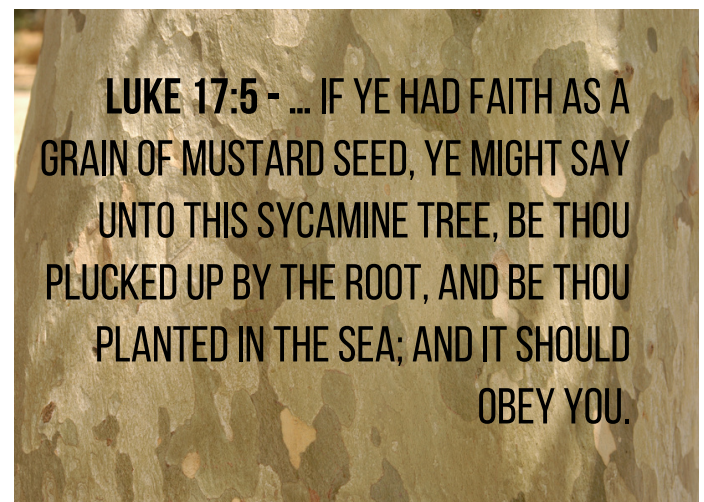
**You would sow a seed.**

The Word of Faith can be sown as a seed.

A seed contains the entire blueprint for what it produces. The seed must come to maturity in order for it to manifest what you need. But the seed must be planted and cultivated over time.

If you treated your faith as you would a seed, you would **say** something.

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Again, here is why this is important, WORDS are seeds.

The Word brings faith with it when heard under the anointing and then when we speak those words in and with faith the ability of God goes to work in that situation.

As we continue to act on the word in life we become developed in our application of our use of faith.

Our faith is being developed. We are becoming mature in our faith.

One way to increase our measure of faith, is by hearing and acting on the Word.

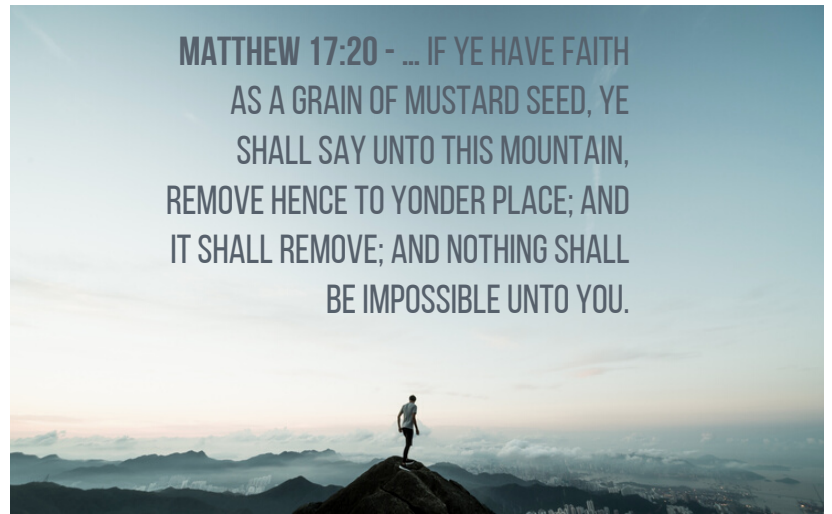
When we say increase of faith we are not measuring faith in the same way you'd measure liquid. We're talking about increasing your capacity to believe and act on the word in a corresponding way.

Your faith will never exceed your corresponding actions to the word of God.

The mountain used in one of Jesus' illustrations is vastly different in size than the sycamore tree used in the other illustration.

If our emphases was supposed to be on the size of the seed, then it would follow that the mountain would need "seed" ... LARGER in size than the sycamore tree. Well, it's not about the size of your faith but what you do with the faith ... that you currently possess.

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**Mark 4:26** – And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**– And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

**Luke 8:11** – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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