LET'S SAY NOW (WILLINGNESS)

Words of Wisdom

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Isaiah 43:19

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

Greetings in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. I am delighted that you have not only learnt about faith through our previous posts but believe that you are also moving forward with faith.

Faith is not related with some mental ability to believe the supernatural or something unseen in the spiritual realm alone but it is to also see in the natural realm. In order to make it seen in the natural realm it takes some doings or actions to be done in the natural realm. The actions or doings comes out of us through our willingness. The word "willingness" means readiness or preparedness.

God has given the promise that he wants to do new thing (Isaiah43:19) in your life and since you all have learnt that it first takes faith to inherit the blessings, am sure that you all must have withdrawn yourself from all sorts of disbelief and have got new faith through his grace. The question is, though god has given the promise and a new faith, how far you are willing to act in the natural realm. I have seen some people not doing anything after getting the promised word of god. They think something supernatural will take place on its own without doing nothing.

Actions come from the willingness to do something. How can a person say that he is saved but still be doing sinful actions such as smoking or drinking? It can only mean that the person loves Jesus and equally loves smoking or drinking. In other words, he is not willing to give up his worldly pleasures. This is just an example to show you that willingness does matter a lot in your spiritual walk with Christ.

Read the verses from 2kings 13: 15 – 19. Joash the king of Israel visits Elisha who is now in his sick bed. He cries for him as god did mighty works through Elisha. The prophet had compassion towards the king and over his people and hence asks the king to take the bow and the arrow and to shoot towards the eastward window. This time the prophet's hand was upon the king's hand. Meaning that the god will deliver Israel from the enemy Syrians(verse17). Second time Elisha asks the king to strike his arrows on the ground for which the king strikes only thrice(verse18). Because of this Elisha gets angry and tells him that he could have hit five or six times on the ground so that he could have defeated them completely but since he hit only three times he will be able to defeat them only thrice(verse19). Remember the prophet said arrows meaning that as much as he could in order to defeat the Syrian's completely or in other words erase them completely. It is gods will for Israel to defeat the Syrians and gave a chance to the king through his prophet for which the king gave up after the third one and stopped. He wasn't prepared or ready or willing to hit the arrow after that though he clearly knew the purpose of hitting those arrows.

Just like the king Joash we must not stop after receiving the promised word of god but must act upon it. Most of the people just give up when they are only half way through their spiritual journey. It says that Joash defeated the Syrian's three times and got the cities back (2kings 13:25). God is always faithful in his words. God is not a man to lie (Numbers23:19).

Don't be afraid in going an extra mile in your spiritual journey. Don't ever say that you tried in doing this and that and yet failed or anything likewise. But always be willing and "now" is the time for you to show your willingness in inheriting the promise of god. God is always willing to bless his children (Numbers24:1). You being children of god always be willing, be ready and be prepared.

God bless you all. Amen.