



WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you September 2020 edition of "Watchman's Trumpet". This month, our theme is "Possibilities of faith in God" We have through it an opportunity to remind ourselves of the great things God has done in the lives of those who served Him before us and His promises to bless all who come to Him today.

Faith is absolute trust and confidence in God`s promises recorded in the Bible such that we are willing to act on it, depend upon it and live by it. The Bible revealed God to us and teaches us about God: We learn from it about His nature, personality, characteristics and attributes. The more we read and listen to preaching and teaching of the word of God, the more we know about God, the more our faith grows.

Faith in God produces faithful men. It is inconsistent to say one is a man or woman of faith but unfaithful to God or to man. Faith makes men of faith to walk and work with the consciousness of the presence of an all-seeing God; and they do not want to do anything whether in the secret or open, to displease Him.

Thus, faith in God results in separation from sin, Satan and the world. All unconverted men are condemned in unbelief. They are "unbelievers". "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him". (1 John 3:6). Continuous, deliberate, progressive obedience is the bedrock of growing faith. Faith draws men closer to God. That closeness is easily noticed in our commitment to prayer, the study of His

word and obedience to it.

We are saved by faith, we are to live by faith, serve God by faith and continue in faith till the end of our lives. Faith in God is much more than receiving miracles or supernatural testimonies of divine blessings. It is a whole life of total and complete dependence on God and dedication to His will. It includes all that we do or endure to remain in the centre of the will of God at all times.

"Have faith in God" for "... with God all things are possible" Mark 11:22, 10:27. Connecting with God, receiving and enjoying the best that He promised requires faith. It is my sincere desire and prayer that this edition of Watchman's Trumpet will positively transform your life, increase your faith, enhance your spiritual growth and commitment to God. It is my prayer for you that September 2020 will be month of unique and great possibilities in Jesus name AMEN!

THE POWER OF FAITH IN GOD

Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

"And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it". Mark 11:12-14

"And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him,



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Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" Mark 11:20-24.

The power of faith in God refers to the power of faith in God's word and ability. "Power" refers to "ability to work, to do certain things, to change things, to make things change or to make things happen". There is strong positive association between power and living. The more power we have the better and more abundant our lives become. We are all familiar with what physical and muscular, social, political, financial and economic power can do. None of these can be compared with what the power of God or faith in God can do.

The power of God is supernatural power. It generates and creates spiritual energy within and around us so much that supernatural things begin to happen. Faith connects us with God and His power. Whenever we come to believers' meetings, God responds to our expectation and blesses us in accordance with our faith. What Christ told His disciples in our text, I am telling you today "Have faith in God".

We shall consider 3 subtopics

1. Foundation of believers' faith in God
2. Expression of abiding faith in God
3. Possibilities of working faith in God.

1. Foundation of Believers' faith in God

(Abraham) "..... against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" **Mark 11:18-21.**

Believers' faith rests on the foundation of God and His promises. It is a sure foundation Isaiah 55:10-11 Mathew 24:35. The promises of God are like sure keys that unlocks door into anything and everything a believer is trying to have or become. In the Bible today, is a key that will grant you access into your life's dreams, aspirations, goals and desires. Find it and use it.

Increasing faith comes with increase in our knowledge about God and His word. **Bible study** is central to believers' acquisition and manifestation of faith in God. The more we know about God and his word, the more victorious, successful and profitable our lives become. The Bible reveal to us that God is the most High (Daniel 4:24-25) possessor of Heaven and Earth (Genesis 14:18-20) Everlasting (Psalms 90:2) Has all powers (Psalms 62:11, Mathew 28:18) His counsel stands forever Psalms 33:11. All these provide keys that anchors our faith.

2. Expression of abiding faith in God

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith" Mark 11:23.

Faith like keys must be expressed through specific choices, decisions and actions for us to get the best from it. If we put our faith to work, it will work for us. The more we use our keys, the more skilled we become in opening our doors. Faith like muscles only develop and grow with activity.

A working key must be used; an effective medication must be swallowed. Failure to use the key of faith makes many believers to continue to live in defeat, penury and frustration when God has abundant life in store for them. Unexpressed faith is like an unused key and un-swallowed medicine. It is a dead faith.



How do we express our faith?

- a. Obedience Luke 5:3-6
- b. Prayer- sometimes with fasting Mathew 17:14-21
- c. Importunity Luke 18:1-8
- d. Consecration and commitment Gal 6:6-8, Mark 10:28-31
- e. Faithfulness to God John 8:29
- f. Confessing God's word; that is, what God said about your situation is the same thing you are saying about it.

3. Possibilities of working faith in God

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions." Hebrews 11:32-33

The necessity of putting our faith into action cannot be over- emphasized. Abraham left his country, Abel offered his best, Noah built an Ark, Rahab hid the spies, Enoch kept himself holy and preached righteousness. This qualifies him to walk with God and for rapture. The widow of Zarephath gave to Elijah first. Bartholomew refused to be silenced, he threw away his garment; the lame man at the beautiful gate tried to walk. These actions of faith, undertaken in faith were greatly rewarded by God. Now, it is our turn. If we believe that Jesus can save, we must repent. If we believe He can make us holy, we must consecrate.

If we believe He can heal us, we must get out of our bed and stretch ourselves. Hebrews Eleven contain a long list of what people received from God through faith. We cannot exhaust them in a single message. Men are waiting to read your own testimony too. **HAVE FAITH IN GOD!**





ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parables said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For September 2020

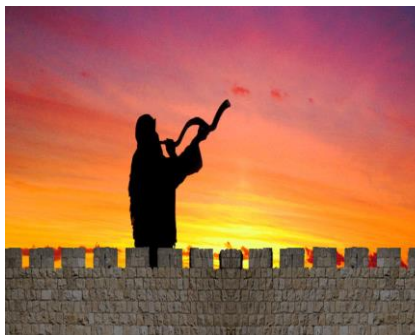
1. Grace to manifest unwavering faith in God at all times and in every place we find ourselves.
2. Our faith in God to work for us and open to us doors of great possibilities
3. For true revival, genuine Christian experiences of Salvation, sanctification, holiness of life and faithful walk with God.
4. Increased appetite for the word of God.
5. Increasing faith as we read and listen to God’s word
6. Fulfillment of God’s promises in our lives
7. Victory over the world and its lusts
8. Uprooting of every mountain in our way
9. Life of faith and abiding faith in the Lord till the end

“..... men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” Luke 18:1

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us live on any of our Social media platforms during the prayer session and send inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

CLARION CALL



POSSIBILITY OF RIGHTEOUS LIVING AND HOLINESS

“Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.” **Jeremiah 32:17**

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it”. **1Thessalonians 5:23, 24**

Those who have repented, who confessed their sins and forsook them; who have been cleansed from filthiness of all sins are called “saints” in the Bible (Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2). They are people who have sought and received sanctification as a definite Christian experience after salvation. Such have forsaken all confessed sins and have dedicated the rest of their lives to the pursuit of godliness and holy living. God called sinners to repentance, but he also called those who have been converted to holiness. Dirty, corrupt, polluted life is inconsistent with Christian profession.

We shall consider three points:

1. The necessity of saintliness
2. The possibility of righteous living
3. Holiness: A criterion for acceptable service

1. The Necessity of Saintliness

“The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?” **Proverbs 21:27**

“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” **1Peter 1:14-16**

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” **Hebrews 12:14**

The Lord commanded those who have become born again and are now children of God to be holy “*Be ye holy for I am holy*”. Holy individuals maintain purity of heart that enables them to see God at work in their lives here on earth and prepares them to see God in heaven at the end of their lives “*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*”. Sanctification frees our hearts from pride, envy, malice, hatred, worldliness and lust. It makes our intentions good and our motives pure. Holiness will make our service acceptable to the Lord. The sacrifices and prayers of the wicked is abomination before God (Proverbs 21:27). God commanded workers who bear the vessels of the Lord to be clean. “*Without holiness no man (no worker) shall see the Lord*”.

2. The Possibility of Righteous living

“There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless”. **Luke 1:5, 6**

Testimonies abound in the Bible of people like us who lived righteous lives. God testified about Noah before the flood. The Bible testified about Zacharias and Elizabeth. Israelites testified about Samuel throughout the time he ministered as a prophet among them. Paul the apostle testified too about how unblameably he behaved himself among his converts in Thessalonica. The life of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon both testified to the possibility of holiness.

If indeed we believe and confess that with God all things are possible, then we must acknowledge God’s ability to empower those who sincerely desire to walk in holiness to do so. If we confess that nobody is holy here on earth and nobody can be holy, we are contradicting the testimony of the Bible, we are calling God a liar and we are saying that nobody will live with God in heaven. These claims cannot be true. Many are daily finding this experience and living the life. You can too, if you seek God in prayer and if you are ready to entirely consecrate your life to God.



3. Holiness: A criterion for Acceptable Service

“That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life”. **Luke 1:74, 75**

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord. **Isaiah 52:11**

Purification ceremonies are performed for Levites before they are allowed serve in the temple in the days of Moses. This is compared to sanctification experience of workers today. Those who bear the vessels of the Lord are to do so with clean hands. Those who are qualified to climb the hills of the Lord and stand in His holy place are those with clean hands and pure hearts. We are delivered from our enemies (including Satan and sin) so that we can serve in holiness and righteousness before God all the days of our lives. It is only such service He will reward in the end.

VICTORY OF FAITH OVER THE WORLD

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil" **John 17:14, 15**

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" **1 John 2:15-17.**

The world as used in these references refers to all forces antagonistic to true, genuine, dynamic, vibrant spiritual life; the influences, powers and forces that will pour cold water on your consecration and strive for excellence in the Christian journey and service to God.

How do you live and relate in such a world? Do you act as if such a world does not exist? Or are you part of such a world and live in compromise with it? Are you the kind of Christian who belongs to both; married to the Lord at one end and courting the world at the other end? Or Do you have this kind of faith that can stand up and stand out for Christ in such a world and say- "I am for Jesus and Jesus alone; nothing else matters, and nothing else is important?" This is what we want to consider today.

I will be speaking on three things:

1. Description of the anti- Christian world
2. Desire of God for believers' separation from the world's ungodly practices

3. Demonstration of faith in Believers' warfare against the world

1. Description of the anti-Christian world



"The world cannot hate you (i.e Jesus' earthly brethren); but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil" **John 7:7.**

The Bible makes use of the word "World" in different senses. It could mean a physical land area Mathew 28:18-20 or the people in the world John 3:16, Acts 17:6. However it is also used to refer to every ungodly principles and practices that compete with God for believers' attention. This is what today's message is about. Jesus Christ identified this world and preached about it. He warned against it. The apostles also did. Ministers of God should not do less. The anti-Christian world is a world ruled by Satan, enslaved to selfishness and pride. It is a world that promotes indulgences in things forbidden by God.

It is a world of disobedient people; disobedient to God, to Christ, and to the teachings of the Bible (Ephesians 2:2) a world rooted in tradition, culture and superstition; a world whose trademark is lusts, idolatry and wickedness (2 Peter 1:4, Galatians 1:4); A world of perverseness and crookedness (Philippians 2:15); a world of those who did not know God and are at enmity with Him (John 17:25, James 4:4); a world of fashion and fornication (1Corinthians 5:10, 1Corinthians 7:31), games and pageantries (Luke 9:25, Mathew 4:8); a world whose wisdom is earthly, sensual and devilish thriving in secrecy (James 3:15-17, Ephesians 5:11-12) represented as cultism, witchcraft, sorcery, divination, necromancy, sporting idolatries,

political manipulations, chieftaincy rituals, immoral reality shows, vainglorious carnivals, and cultural festivals etc.; a world of sin, ruled by Satan (John 16:8-11); a world that hated and crucified Christ the Lord of glory (John 15:18-19, 1Corinthians 2: 8).

The world crucified Him with their words, songs, clothing, dresses, speeches, entertainments, careers, friendship, marriages and worship. They crucified Him with their blasphemies and utterances in drinking pubs, night clubs, associations and town meetings. They are still doing so today. Actually they rejoice and celebrate believers' separation from Christ and from God Mark 14:10-11, John 16:20.

What is a genuine believer doing in such a world or among such people? The command of the disciples and apostles of the Lord in the time of old is "Come out from among them and be ye separate" 2 Corinthians 6:17. Friendship with such a world is enmity with God James 4:4. Revelation 18:4

2. Desire of God for believers' separation from ungodly practices

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

God has given us His Spirit by which we can recognize what is of God and what is not. But He leaves the choice to us. His commandment is very clear. We must come out (2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:11-12).

We must not conform to its principles and practices Romans 12:2. Those who promote, befriend and support it are enemies of God James 4:4. It is a world that stands condemned in God's court 1 Corinthians 11:32 and its prince (Satan) is judged already John 16:11 and all those who ally with him. We must remain unspotted in it James 1:27 and be crucified to it Galatians 6:14. We must escape its pollution and never go back to it 2 Peter 2:20. It is a world that shall pass away and its lusts 1John 2:17. Only those who do the will of God by remaining free from its pollution and corruption shall abide forever.



As children of light we have no business socializing or fraternizing with the children of the world Revelation 18:4. Wherever the Spirit of the world superintends, there can be no true religion.

Since the greater one resides inside us, in His name we have victory 1 John 4:4-5, John 16:33. We can be totally free from the common ungodly thoughts, attitudes, motives values and goals which does not glorify evident in ungodly people around us.

3. Demonstration of faith in Believers' warfare against the world

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

On earth, great Generals have emerged who conquered many nations but appear powerless in the face of their own lustful spirit. Think of Samson for instance, how strong, yet how weak. What about David?

Whatever victory we claim to have, if we cannot conquer and defeat the lustful spirit stirring inside us, we shall be losers in the end. Faith in Christ guarantees lasting victory over the lusts in the world. Faith is the umbilical cord that connects us with Christ. It places us on the winning team. It is a faith of one that is crucified with Christ, who have handed over life's frets, fears, anxieties and worries over to God; one who have come to the point of no return and have burnt the bridge that connected them to their past and to the world. True faith draws its strength from Christ and remain attached to Him.



All that is in Christ is sufficient for us to live victoriously over the world. Christ is the object of true believers' faith. With faith in Christ, the cares, the fears and desires of the world no longer trouble us. Faith make us live lives of absolute surrender and consecration to God. It is faith like that of Job who is suffering but does not curse God; faith like that of Ruth who says husband or no husband children or no children, *"I have decided to follow and serve the God of Israel"* We see the same kind of faith in the three Hebrew children cast into furnace of fire in the

in the book of Daniel.

It is a faith focused on Christ and the promise and purchase of a better world for us beyond the shores of earthly lives. With such a faith, Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He preferred suffering with the people of God to the throne of Egypt. Victorious faith confesses that with God all things are possible (Luke 1:37); such faith will saturate us with love for Christ and keep us away from sin, from worldliness and polluting, corrupting evil that commonly besets unbelievers around us. It will prepare us for Glory John 14:1-3



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CONNECTING WITH GOD BY FAITH

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” **Mark 11:22-24**

Christianity is a religious of faith. We enter into it by faith, continue in it by faith and will end well if we continue in faith. Faith in God means absolute trust and confidence in God, especially in His promises. It means coming to a point of “*No Return with God*”. Faith sees what has not yet appeared or what others cannot see, faith hears what others cannot hear, Faith does whatever God commanded however difficult, faith endures whatever God appoints however severe; Faith obtains whatever God promised however seemingly unattainable. Faith makes the impossible, possible. Find a man who by prayers to God attempts and does what others thought is impossible, that is a man of Faith.

We shall consider these subtopics:

1. Definition and description of faith- *what is faith?*
2. Deeds of faith - *what can faith do?*

1. Definition and description of faith- what is faith?

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” **Hebrews 11:1.**

“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me” **Acts 27:25**

The concept of faith has general application. People have and exercise faith in men, things and processes but some have been disappointed. Faith in God is different. God will never disappoint anyone.

Faith is to be sure of what we hope for and to be certain of what we did not see. (Hebrews 11:1). Faith in God is absolute trust, dependence and confidence in God. Since no one can see God physically, it takes faith to connect with God and relate with Him. Hebrews 11:1-3 although we do not see God with our physical eyes, evidences abound in and around us that He exists, that He is alive, He is around us and working.

The world of humanity is filled with the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things for God. Our text invites us to join them. Just like the air we breath is essential for physical life, faith in God is essential for spiritual life; without it, we cannot please God.

2. Deeds of faith – What can Faith do?

Faith in God will moves mountains, bring answers to our prayers and solve problems.

The word of God (the Bible) provides direction on how we can receive solution to all life’s problems. It gave us examples of those who have the same kind of problems that we have today and how those problems were solved by their faith in God. The Bible contains God’s promises on all human problems. All we need to do is to find these promises, believe them and use them perseveringly in prayers.

A True Story

A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, USA, built a new church on a piece of land left to them by a church member in his will.

Ten days before the new church was to open, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building.



Until the church doubled the size of the parking lot, they would not be able to use the new sanctuary.

Unfortunately, the church with its undersized parking lot had used every inch of their land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to move the mountain out of the back yard.

Undaunted, the pastor announced the next Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all members who had “*mountain-moving faith*”. They would hold a prayer session asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and to somehow provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the scheduled opening dedication service the following week.

At the appointed time, 24 of the congregation’s 300 members assembled for prayer. They prayed for nearly three hours. At ten o’clock the pastor said the final ‘*Amen*’. ‘*We’ll open next Sunday as scheduled,*’ he assured everyone. ‘*God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time too.*’

The next morning as he was working in his study there came a loud knock at his door. When he called “*come in*”, a rough looking construction foreman appeared, removing his hard hat as he entered.

‘Excuse me, Reverend. I’m from ***** Construction Company over in the next county. We’re building a huge new shopping mall over there and we need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of that mountain behind the church? We’ll pay you for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge, if we can have it right away. We can’t do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly.’

The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned and there were far more members with “*mountain-moving faith*” on the opening Sunday than there had been the previous week.

Faith Can Move Mountains!

Source:

<https://ofthistory.wordpress.com/>

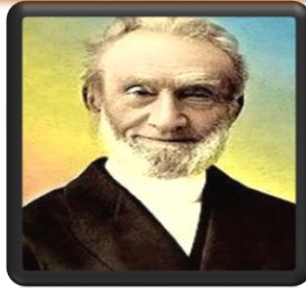
George Muller was, by nativity, a German; having been born at Kroppenstadt, Prussia, in September, 1805. As a young man in Prussia (in today's Germany) he was busy pursuing his own pleasures. When he was fourteen and his mother lay dying, he was out partying and getting drunk with his friends. By sixteen he was a liar, a thief, a swindler, a drunkard, and in jail. While at the University of Halle in 1825, at the age of twenty, after a somewhat reckless youth, he became soundly converted and left behind his profligacy, self-seeking and self-serving life and became totally devoted to serving his Lord. George Mueller joyfully dedicated his "whole life to the object of exemplifying how much may be accomplished by prayer and faith."

In 20 November 1835, Müller had it in mind to open an orphan house in Bristol to prove that God not only existed but that He heard and answers prayer. Inspired by Psalm 68:5 "*A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation*". He reasoned that since God is the father of these orphans all he needed to do was bring their needs to His attention. He was sure that God would meet them. On 21 November Muller prayed that he might be given £40 as an encouragement but by 23 November he received gifts of around £50 from unexpected sources. The work of George Müller and his wife with orphans began in 1836 with the preparation of their own home at 6 Wilson Street, Bristol for the accommodation of thirty girls. Within a year, one hundred orphans were being cared for. By 1870, the number had increased to two thousand children.

An exceedingly interesting detailed account of the history of "The Bristol Orphan Houses," was published by Mr. W. Elfe Tayler. It recorded the rise of the work from the first donation of

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

GEORGE MULLER
1805 - 1898



One Shilling on December 7th, 1835, down to the commencement of the year 1870, at which time the total receipts had amounted to £319,404 10s. 6½d; a period of five-and-thirty years. Within this period his mission cared for more than 10,000 orphans and not once was a meal more than thirty minutes late. He never went into debt or asked anyone to supply his needs. He trusted in God to provide for him and for the orphans, and God never failed to do so.

In 1875, George began preaching tours that took him over 200,000 miles to forty-two countries to preach to 3 million people. The ministry of George Müller continues today through the establishment of the George Müller Foundation. Müller as far as practicable made ample provision for future continuance of the Orphan Houses. The whole of the property is vested in the hands of Trustees, and enrolled in Chancery. The title deeds gave minute directions as to what course should be followed by the Trustees in the event of Mr. Müller's death. He died at the age of 92 in 1898.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:1,6

SONG OF THE MONTH

All things Are Possible to me

1. All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive;
I can, I do believe in thee;
All things are possible to me.
2. The most impossible of all
Is that I e'er from sin should cease;
Yet shall it be; I know it shall;
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!
If nothing is too hard for thee,
All things are possible to me.
3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay,
The word of God can never fail;
The Lamb shall take my sins away,
'Tis certain, though impossible;
The thing impossible shall be,
All things are possible to me.
4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,
I here shall in thine image shine,
Nor sin in deed or word or thought;
Let men exclaim and fiends repine,
They cannot break the firm decree;
All things are possible to me.
5. Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn
That I shall serve thee without fear,
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,
Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.
All things are possible to God,
6. To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.

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