

Raw Faith 4

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God uses channels to bless us. Every channel has an invisible wall of fear that will try to keep from entering into it. Fear projects the absence of god from your future and faith projects his presence.

II Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) - ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight.

How Faith becomes Sight:

1. The Problem
2. The Instruction
3. The Promise
4. The Raw Faith of Obedience
5. The Provision

We want God to take us directly from the problem to the provision without raw faith. We leave out the instruction, the promise, and the raw faith of obedience.

I Kings 17:1-16 (NKJV) – ¹And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab [The Problem], "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." ² Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ³ "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the (channel) Brook Cherith [The Instruction], which flows into the Jordan. ⁴ And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there [The Promise]." ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith [The Raw Faith of Obedience], which flows into the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook [The Provision] ⁷ And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land [The Problem]. ⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there [The Instruction]. See, I have commanded (channel) a widow there to provide for you [The Promise]." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath [The Raw Faith of Obedience]. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die [The Problem]." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it FIRST, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son [The Instruction]. ¹⁴ For thus

says the Lord God of Israel: 'The (channel) bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth [The Promise].'" ¹⁵ So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah [The Raw Faith of Obedience]; and she and he and her household ate for many days [The Provision]. ¹⁶ The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry [The Provision], according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

God's call upon Victory:

1. THE PROBLEM

- a. A nation far from God and a generation without Christ
- b. The Hope of the World is asleep

2. THE INSTRUCTION

- a. Multiply
- b. Channels
 - i. Small Groups
 - ii. 300 churches multiplying
 - iii. School of Ministry – Raise up the Next Gen
 - iv. Expand building debt free

3. THE PROMISE

- a. **II Chronicles 16:9** - ⁹For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

4. THE RAW FAITH OF OBEDIENCE

- a. Channels
 - i. Giving faithfully and cheerfully
 - ii. Inviting people to church
- b. **Luke 14:23 (MSG)** - ²³"The master said, 'Then go to the country roads. Whoever you find, drag them in. I want my house full!

5. The Provision

- a. **Philippians 4:19 (NIV)** - ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.