

# MORF Faith 2 Faith

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## *Hi Partners and Friends*

*We thank God for each of you and are excited to be able to add value to you through our Faith 2 Faith newsletter. The Lord opened a door for us to use a building and on page 8 we have included a few pictures.*

*The Lord has put it on our hearts to teach 6 courses this school year (Oct - April) and the first is on the topic of Righteousness. A syllabus is included for each course to help you get all you can from the teachings. We are scheduling it for 3 hours on a Friday evening and 3 hours on the Saturday morning for a total of 6 hours. If you want to attend or wish to let someone else know about the course you can find out more details on page 10.*

*The new website for Arise Family Church is up and running and is mostly complete and is a sharp design for our church.*

*The Lord has added a number of new people to our church and we are very grateful to Him for them. The Lord is doing great things for us and we expect Him to do the same for you. Continue to declare "something great is about to happen to me!"*

*God loves you and everything is going to be all right.*

*We love you & God Bless*  
*Jeff & Audrey*



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Proclaiming the Word of Faith unto Soteria . Rom. 10:8-13



The year is going by quickly, and here we are into the fourth quarter already. I hope you had a wonderful and refreshing summer, and that you did not forget about God during all the activities of the season. In this issue of the Faith to Faith we are going to look at this phrase from Deut. 8:11,

*“Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day.”*

We need to beware that we don't forget the Lord our God. As we look into the mirror we are to judge ourselves. This is not just for so and so, but for each of us who want to grow in God and increase in the abundant life. As we continue to declare that the glory is here and this is our year of visitations, manifestations and demonstrations of His power, presence and goodness, let's not forget God - as things get better, or, if things seem to be getting worse. Vacation, bills, fear, sickness, fatigue, good weather, new friends and anything else, has the opportunity to capture our attention and cause us to forget God.

For example, if someone is dealing with sickness they may be going here and there to get people to pray for them and lay hands on them, trying to get a hold of their healing, or they may be visiting every doctor and taking every prescription for their healing. This person has forgotten about God. There is nothing wrong with going to doctors or taking medicine, but we are to first seek the Healer for our healing. What about the person who has a financial need, and is trying on their own to figure out how they are going to provide for it. Scheming and planning and hoping to come up with the answer - get another job, decrease the amount paid to each bill and invoice, and hope to make it through - this person has forgotten about God. They are seeking the provision, instead of the Provider, for the provision. What about the person who has gone through a bad situation and is trying to put on a happy face, trying to look at the bright side or convince themselves there must be some good in this, and is pretending to be joyful. This person has also forgotten God, and it has all happened quite innocently. This is why God has told us to

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beware about forgetting Him. We are not to seek after a happy feeling, but we are to seek out His presence, because *“in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore”* (Ps. 16:11). The joy of the Lord is our strength, and joy is not something we can fake - it is a spiritual force that is deposited into us when we get Born Again. It is something that is stirred up as we are in the presence of God - in contact with Him, not apart from Him. It seems like everyone wants peace and is seeking after it. The ones who have it, are the ones who have sought after the Prince of peace and have not forgotten Him. It is the same thing with salvation, which is translated from the Greek word *soteria*, also meaning: deliverance, healing, rescue, preservation, and wholeness. People who seek for deliverance or wholeness in a situation apart from the Savior, miss out on total victory. Once again, we must guard against forgetting the Lord our God.

2 Cor. 3:6 states: *“Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.”* Even the Word of God can have the life sucked out of it, if we remove intimacy with Jesus from it. *“For the letter kills”* - the Bible can be as lifeless as the newspaper if we forget the One who spoke it and inspired men to write it. Yet, the Word and the Spirit together impart life. What does this mean to us? It means that we can be quoting the Word, confessing the promises, speaking what God has said, and it can be dry and lifeless if we have taken intimacy with Jesus out of the picture by trying to get our need met by confessing the right verses 500 times per day, or trying to fulfill our faith duty religiously, hoping to get results. Any time we take intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit out of the equation, out of the picture, forgetting about Them, we take the life out of the situation.

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The easiest way to kill a marriage is to take the intimacy out of it. I am not talking about sex, I am talking about intimacy - communication, kindness, love, compassion, growing together as one, sharing and working together toward dreams and goals. Taking intimacy with Jesus out of whatever we do, takes the life out of it. This is what religion is - seeking to please God without intimately knowing Jesus. Our confession of the Word can become religious, our prayers can become religious, our praise and worship can

become religious - if it is not an act of intimacy with our triune God.

We can see this principle of “removing intimacy with Jesus, removes the life” in 1 John 5:12: *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”* He that has the Son has life - this is talking about being Born Again and receiving the life of God, but it can also apply here in the area we are discussing. If we want the life of God involved in our body for healing, the Son, who is the healer, must be involved. If we have a financial need and we are looking to God to meet it, we must get the Son involved in our finances. We see that the Law of Life, according to Romans 8:2 is freedom. He that has the Son has life, and the law of life is freedom. This should not be too foreign to us, because the glory of God is His presence manifested. When God walks into a room, His glory enters - His life enters, because it is Him. The result of the anointing is that burdens are removed and yokes are destroyed. Why? Because the anointing is not a magical wand, but the very life of God in manifestation. So, the freedom we seek in our body, finances, marriage, habits, mind, and other situations and circumstances comes by involving the Son in that area and not forgetting about Him. Romans 8:11 shows us what happens when the life is working in our bodies - they are quickened, or made alive, strengthened, energized and filled with health. So again, let’s not forget Him, because if we do, the intimacy with Him is removed - and when that happens, the life is removed and the result is no life, no freedom, death and fruitlessness.

In John 1:4 the Holy Spirit reveals to us something else about this life. *“In Him (Jesus) was life; and the life was the light of men.”* The word translated light can also be translated - shine, make manifest by rays, and fire. This life is the light of men, and it is to shine and manifest or expose things in our lives, so as to produce freedom. This life is not like a flashlight that has one ray, but like the sun that has rays that penetrate every area of our life. We must allow the life of God to shine in every area of our lives, by having the Son involved in every area of our lives. As we do, freedom manifests in those areas. This life is also fire - “... the life was the fire of men.” When we get Born Again, Jesus ignites a fire in us, but how do we get more on fire and burn hot for Him? James 4:8 tells us: *“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you,”* and 1 John 1:5 declares that God is light. As we draw near to Him, who is light and fire, He draws near to us. We cannot

forget about Him, and as a friend of mine says, “as we draw near to Him we enter His presence and as He draws near to us, that is His power.” Can you see why seeking after the healing can be unproductive? We draw near to the Healer, and He draws near to us with His healing power. The power, the freedom, the life, the fire comes from Him. He that has intimacy with the Son has life. I also remember hearing this story - imagine a gigantic sword, one that you need both hands to swing it. It is very sharp and very shiny, and you could even shave with it. If the sharp edge of the blade fell over against your forearm it would cut through it like butter. Now let’s take that sword - cold, shiny and sharp - and put it in a fire pit, and let it sit there for a while in the flames and red hot coals. After some time take the sword out of the fire and it will be glowing red and hot. Is the sword a fire now, because it can ignite a piece of paper, and burn through the forearm with the flat part of the blade? No, but because it has spent time in the fire, it has taken on the nature of the fire. As we spend time in the presence of our God and His Word, we will take on His nature.

This change comes by intimacy with Him. This change comes by intimacy with His Word. Let’s not forget Him and what He has said, and try to figure out an answer in our own strength and ability. 2 Cor. 3:17-18 says : *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”* They that have the Spirit of the Lord involved in their life, have liberty and change. We need to take time to behold Him. That glass is the Word of God, which acts like a mirror. As we look into the written Word and into the face of the living Word, Jesus Christ - we behold Him, His glory, His presence, His life, His nature. From this place, the Bible tells us that He is enabled to change us from one degree of glory to another.

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As we are changed and looking more like Him, Jesus is able to shine through us to touch the world around us with His life. Acts 4:13 says: *“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”* Remembering Him is not only beneficial for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. You see, just as when Christ is taken out of Christmas, it becomes Xmas - so it is,

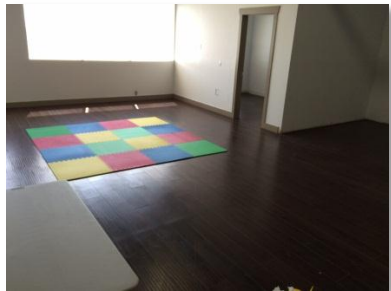
if we take Christ out of our lives as Christians and our situations, by forgetting about Him and His Word, that we become Xians.

Even as we are in the last quarter of the year, let's choose to increase our intimacy with our Savior - so that we may truly live the abundant, excessive, beyond measure, superior in quality life He has come to give us, enabling us to be visible and effective witnesses to those around us.

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We are excited to be at our new location and have space for children's ministry. Here are a few pictures.



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# **Audrey's Faith Tidbit**

## **Where is your faith?**

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God." Mark 11:22 (NKJV)

This response from Jesus was the answer to Peter's comment about the fig tree that withered away overnight after Jesus spoke to it earlier in verse 14. He said "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again" (NKJV). Then the fig tree died overnight. Peter was surprised that the tree was no longer alive! According to Jesus, this kind of miracle was possible by having faith in God.

This miracle happened because Jesus had His faith in God. In the amplified version this verse has 'constantly' at the end – "Have faith in God [constantly]" (AMP). I like that. Having faith in God is not just a onetime deal, it must be continuous. In Hebrews 11:6a we are told "But without faith it is impossible to please Him" (NKJV). Everything we are as Christians hinges on having faith in God.

Faith is part of the foundation for our success as Christians. A proper foundation provides support. The bigger the building the greater the support needed. Any building or belief system needs a strong foundation that is not shakable. If the foundation is weak and cracked, it won't last long. It will not be able to stand against the storms that are sure to come in life. You want a solid, strong foundation to hold up your building. In Matthew 7:24 – 27, Jesus taught on how a wise man built his house on the rock. Then when the storms came, and a flood came, the house was able to withstand this onslaught against it because it was built on such a solid foundation. Likewise a foolish man built his house on sand and it fell because the foundation could not stand up to these great storms. We use our faith to be a doer of the Word, just like Jesus did. And He told us where to put our faith, in GOD!

People will say they have faith for such and such and for that and they believe in this but after hearing this for a short time, you begin to wonder if they realize they actually don't seem to have any faith in GOD. I know I have been guilty of the same thing, putting my trust in certain circumstances to provide the way, in my

ability or in my sowing or even in my own faith! We can put our faith in so many things like our jobs, the economy, where we live, our spouse, our families, the education we have, the opportunities we have, the list goes on and on. But this is NOT the same thing as putting our trust, our faith in GOD! Even though our lives may be awesome and there is great provision and we are blessed, blessed, blessed, this does not mean we stop or back off putting our faith in God. It is not okay to think we have arrived and therefore don't need to have faith anymore. As good as it may be right now, it can be better. You can reach out to more people; God always has something for us to do that requires faith. If it doesn't require faith then it's not of God and not big enough. If we don't have anything to do we are done. Then it must be time to go home to be with the Lord.

Our answer to anything we encounter in life is to have faith in God. He is bigger than anything and has the provision for every circumstance. Keep your faith strong in Him, don't let go of Him.

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