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### CHAPTER 11

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2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds <sup>b</sup>were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were

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

For several weeks now, the Spirit of God has been bringing the subject of faith to my attention. I know it is to help me personally. I also realize it will help all Christians to discover why they do not receive the things they say they are believing for.

I personally know good Christians who have been confessing things would happen for years, and it has never come to pass. Why? I am going to give you the answer the Lord Jesus Christ gave me as to why in this newsletter. *Confessing*, *years* and *never* do not fit together in the realm of faith. Something is wrong, and either the confessor or Jesus Christ are missing it somewhere. I am sure that you know that Jesus Christ, who created all things, is not missing anything.

The moment you actually believe the Word of God, you receive. You do not receive before you believe. Many never get to the point of truly believing the Word of God. Dad Hagin was given up to die in his youth. He was not supposed to live past the age of sixteen with the incurable diseases that he had. He believed the Bible and was healed.



PATTI, RANDALL, & RANDALL GRIER JR.

## Dad Hagin Believes

Dad Hagin said he had to move from hoping he would be healed to believing that he was healed by faith. He said, "I had lain upon that bed for sixteen long months before I was healed. In fact, I'd been sick all my life, and I never had a normal childhood. I never ran and played like other children, and at fifteen years of age, I became totally bedfast. Five doctors, one of whom had practiced at the great Mayo Clinic, said that as far as medical science knew or had any record of, no one in my condition had ever lived past the age of sixteen. I became totally bedfast just a few months before I was sixteen years of age, and I remained bedfast until I was almost seventeen years of age.

Then I saw it! It was just like someone had turned a light on inside of me. I saw it. I said instantly, "Dear Lord Jesus, I see it, I see it! I have to believe I receive my healing before I get it. I have to believe that I receive healing for my heart while my heart is still not beating right. I have to believe I receive healing for my paralysis even though from the natural standpoint I am still paralyzed. And if I believe I receive it, then I will have it." You see, I'd not done that yet.



I wanted to get my healing first, and then believe it. But you don't have to believe it once you get it. Then you know it. Faith is not sight. In other words, once you see whatever it is you were believing for, you don't need faith to believe for your petition anymore. Instantly I saw what I had been doing. I had been hoping all of those months to receive my healing, and hope didn't work. I could never receive an answer to my prayers through hope - only by faith. That meant I had to believe I had my petition before I actually saw it manifested.

I finally had it in the right tense! I finally got it working for me. "Now faith IS the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). NOW faith is. If it's not now, it's not faith. The Bible says, "Now faith is," present tense. If it's not present tense, it's not faith. When I said to the Lord, "Lord, I believe I receive my healing now," that's when I had faith working for me.

"I said, "When Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was on the earth, He said, '... What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them' (Mark 11:24). Now Jesus said it, and what He says is so; I believe that. If I believe it, then I'll have it. I believe Him right now." "I went back to praising God, thanking Him for the answer - thanking Him for my healing. I was praising and thanking the Lord Jesus Christ for about ten minutes when I heard Him speak to my spirit.

I heard these words: "Now you believe you are healed. But healed people - well people - don't have any business being in the bed at this time of day. They need to be up." I said, "That's right! Yes, Lord, that's right. I'm going to get up. Praise God, I'm going to get up." You see, now I was in faith. I was believing and taking God at His Word. Believing faith is having by faith what you asked God for. Believing is taking a step of faith. And to be in faith, you have to take steps of faith because faith requires corresponding action.

I grabbed ahold of the bedpost, but my knees wouldn't function. My limbs wouldn't function, so with my arms around that bedpost, I just hung there, sagging at the knees. As best I could, I lifted one hand a little bit, and said, "Thank God, I'm healed. I wanted to declare in the Presence of Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the angels of heaven, and in the presence of the devil and evil spirits, that the Word of God is true. I believe I'm healed. I believe it! That old room started spinning because, you see, I'd been lying flat on my back for sixteen months.

I just shut my eyes and held onto that bedpost. In a few minutes I could tell everything had quit spinning. I opened my eyes and everything was in place. I said it again, "Thank God, according to the Word I'm healed. I believe that." Then for the first time in many months I felt something. Feeling actually returned to me. It was like someone poured warm oil over my head and it flowed down all over my body!

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When it got to my waist, feeling came, as that warm oil feeling went down and out the end of my toes. Every nerve in my limbs was reactivated, and I felt like two million pins were sticking me in my limbs. Then I just simply felt normal. My paralysis was gone. I said, "I'm going to walk now," and I did. And I've been walking ever since! That is when I first learned what it means to have faith and to act on my faith."

I want to point out that Dad Hagin lay in that bed for sixteen months before he received his healing. He could have been healed the very first day. Of course, that does not mean that your faith will not be tested and tried. You always receive when you act on your faith. You have to get to the place that you are convinced that you have what you believe, regardless of what things look like, or seem like.

### **Hinderances On Receiving**

**Lack Of Focus:** The average attention span of a person is only 8.25 seconds. Notice that is seconds, not minutes. People's attention spans have decreased by a third in just two decades. This is speaking generally and can vary from person to person. One of the main reasons is technology. With so much information available at our fingertips, it's easy to get distracted by notifications, emails, and social media. This constant stimulation has made it more difficult for people to focus on one thing for an extended period of time. It has been scientifically proven that continued multitasking causes memory loss.

I know pastors who have studied the attention span of people and plan their entire service around it. Quick videos, visual aids, short statements, and brief sermons are all tools employed by them. I realize they are doing their best to reach people, so I do not condemn them. I do know that this helps people to remain in their short attention span state. It does not help improve their attention span or focus.

The other problem with this is that it is all natural means to reach people, and they are not being led by His Spirit. For instance, if I just take these scientific studies and try to build my ministry around them, it is me doing it and not the Lord. Jesus Christ said, "*I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.*" It is His church, not my church or meeting. I have to pray and find out what He tells me to do, then do it.

Churches and Christian meetings that are built around these studies have attendees with weak faith or no faith at all. They longingly desire the promises of the Bible to be true in their lives, but never enter into faith and act upon it to receive what they desire. They desire and keep hoping that one day they will hit the jackpot, so to speak, and a rabbit will magically jump out of the hat.

I would venture to say that 85% of churches fit into this category in the United States. I am not blaming it just on the preachers, either. It is the saint's fault as much as anyone else's. In other words, you, as an individual, must take charge of your thought life and get into faith to receive.

The information age can trap you in a never-ending cycle of defeat. For instance, take Ruthie Mae, who had an incurable disease, and the doctor did not give her hope to live much longer. She was devastated to hear those words. She had thoughts of fear, then saw herself dying and began to think of her funeral and the last funeral she attended for her aunt Frances.

Finally, she remembers that she is a Christian and that the Bible declares that she is healed. She scrambles to find those faith books and audio recordings she has on faith and believing God. She diligently begins to study and look up scriptures. As she does, her mind begins to wander to other things. Five to ten minutes later, she catches herself thinking about everything under heaven except the Bible. She focuses again and puts forth great effort to focus on the Bible and exercise her faith. Ruthie Mae finds her mind drifting off to different thoughts in less than five minutes. She gets mentally tired, and her mind doesn't want to focus anymore. She grabs her phone and is going to watch a reel for a moment and then TV to let her mind be entertained. Suddenly, she discovers she has been doing this for over two hours. She is still faithless, and the incurable disease is working to take her life.

Ruthie Mae goes through this cycle daily, never entering into faith, simply hoping for a miracle. The disease wins, she dies, and she attends her funeral in a coffin. Then they dig her grave in Park Hill Cemetery and place her body in the ground. People are sad and speak of how nice she was and how she helped people.

The nice, loving minister gives her eulogy and talks about how kind, friendly, and wonderful she was. People cry as they remember and shake their heads in the affirmative because she was all those things. The minister doesn't tell how she watched reels and TV days on end, when she should have been focusing on and meditating on God's Word. She should have been exercising her faith to receive her healing.

Then, Jesus meets her in heaven and, lovingly, asked her why she has arrived so soon. He tells her that she was already healed by His stripes, and she did not have to die. She realizes what she could have had on earth and greatly desires to come back and tell you not to do what she did and die prematurely. She can't, because there is a great gulf between here and there, so she wants me to tell you for her. Please listen to her admonition—focus and meditate on the Word of God! Ruthie Mae is my cousin. You can retrain your brain to focus and meditate on the Word of God.

**Instant Gratification:** Another factor that contributes to the decline in attention span is our desire for instant gratification. We have become accustomed to getting what we want quickly and easily, thanks to technology. This has led to a decrease in our patience and an increase in our need for immediate results. This causes people to give up on getting something if they don't get it right away. It is especially prevalent among the younger generations today. You have probably noticed that a handshake has turned into a fist bump. Have you ever wondered why?



I didn't either, until the Lord Jesus Christ pointed it out to me many years ago. I will not go into detail about it now because I do not have the space. Just know that the Lord told me about 41 years ago that one act entered us into an era of decline in honor, respect, and obedience to the law. Lawlessness and a lack of respect and honor abound in every sector of our society today. This all has to do with the mindset of the times we live in. Many in the church world removed the spiritual laws, rules, and ethics that Christians should abide by. The world quickly followed that mindset into lawlessness.

*For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (Hebrews 10:36)*

When do you receive the promise? After you have done the will of God. You receive the promise with patience. Sometimes you receive instantly, and sometimes you have to stand for it.

## Acting On Faith

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)*

Stop! Quit wondering and worrying about your problems, get into faith, and receive a miracle. If you do not hear God's Word, you will not get into faith. There is no other way. Find scriptures that promise what you desire. Read them out loud to yourself over, over, over and over again until faith comes. Faith comes by hearing. It will come, if you will hear. That is a guarantee. Stop being lazy and take time to hear God's Word until faith comes.

You must release your faith when it comes. The main way you do that is by declaring faith-filled words out of your mouth. Keep speaking faith about your situation, regardless of what you see, hear, or feel. Your faith will always, always, always—did I say always—end in sight. If you believe what the Word of God states, you will receive it. Do not get discouraged. Only believe!

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