



Devotional

FAITH

THE KEY TO CASTING
DOWN IMAGINATION
IN ISOLATION

19th to 25th April 2020

IN CONFINEMENT BUT FREE...

Welcome to the April edition of Ruach City Church (RCC) Devotional Series, in this season of Isolation, Confinement and Uncertainty, when we are not able to freely determine our next physical move, we encourage you to Trust in God as He brings Divine Clarity to every situation that we are facing.

We have not been this way before and so we must rely on the compass of the Holy Spirit as we go through the process to arrive at our divine place of Promise in God. The **WORD** of God (Joshua 1:8), **PRAYER** (1 Thessalonian 5:17) and **FAITH** (Hebrews 11:1) is our key in this difficult time as we focus our attention on God for divine guidance.

Our desire for this Devotional:

It is our earnest desire that this devotional will help to keep your mind stayed on Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

THEME:

EXERCISING FAITH IN THE SEASON OF ISOLATION

In this season of Isolation when our **“IMAGINATION”** can run wild, it is important that we solicit the help of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our **FAITH** to enable us to put into action the instruction of Paul, **“casting down everything that will try to exalts itself against the knowledge of God”**. This is the only guarantee and assurance we can have to continue to Hope in our God.

WHAT IS FAITH?

In Hebrews 11:1 this is clearly explained: It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.

- † Having Faith is hoping in spite of hopeless circumstances.
- † Having Faith is never doubting the promises of God.
- † Having Faith is being absolutely convinced that God **WILL DO** what he has Promised to do for you.

The basis of Faith is that it **MUST** be firmly rooted and grounded in the Believer, an example of this is that in the days of the Old Testament God talked directly to various individuals as in the case of Abraham (Genesis 12:1).

Faith is a confident assurance, and a well-grounded conviction (strong belief) that something we want and hope for, is going to happen. It is an expectation rooted in the reality of the Unseen, which we hope for but cannot see by natural sight but with the sight of Faith.

Faith is information that you receive from God for you to act upon. This information enables you to know in advance, what the will of God is concerning a certain matter. This information may also contain instructions concerning what you are to do, as God carries out what He revealed to you in advance. Faith is your evidence that God **WILL DO IT**.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 from Prison:

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Our Imaginations which with further research on how the imaginations works, will enable us to understand that our imaginations play a very important role in everything that eventually becomes our reality.

We are told not only to cast down our imaginations, but every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. It is a high thing – if it is against, meaning the high thing is in opposition to, or in contrast, to the knowledge of God, e.g. what you know and believe through faith by the Word of God.

I encourage you to pray against any and every high thing in your mind, that is exalting itself against the knowledge of your God that you know, love and want to bring Glory to through your lifestyle.

STAY IN THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture informs us that the Word of God is likened unto:

Hammer	-	It Convicts	Lamp	-	It Guides
Fire	-	It Refines	Seed	-	It Multiplies
Mirror	-	It Reflects	Sword	-	It Cuts and Divides
Laver	-	It Cleanses			

We need to stay in the Word to benefit from everything that the Word has the power to do.

- † We need it to convicts us so that we will repent.
- † We need it to refine us so that we can come out of this as pure gold.
- † We need it to search us and reflect what is in us, so that we can take the plank out of our own eyes before trying to help another take the speck out of theirs, as well as also see the gifts, talents and treasures that has been deposited in us by the Grace of the Father.
- † We need to cleanse our ways by the washing of the water of the Word.
- † We need it to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, as well as to guide us on our way.
- † We need it to enable us to bear fruit in our season, as we are commanded to be fruitful and multiplying for the Kingdom.

Finally, we need it to cut and divide so that we are balanced and thoroughly furnished as mature Believers in Christ Jesus.

TO FOCUS YOU:

To help us all, we are encouraging every Ruach Partner, Family, Friend and every person that comes into contact with us online, to do all that is necessary to be in a place where your hearts are receptive to the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth.

PRAYER POINTS:

When entering the place of **PRAYER** remember it is not just talking to God. It is also about listening, meditating on the Text that you have been reading, listening with expectation to hear from the Lord. Jesus said in John 10:27-30 (NKJV)

²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall

anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰I and My Father are one."

Be encouraged to know that when the Lord speaks to us in our inner most being, His voice is consistent with Scripture (Philippians 2:13). Your God will never contradict what He has Written in His Word. That is why in the midst of His temptation, Jesus could with absolute reassurance use as His weapon of Faith and declare "It is Written", Go and do likewise...

© 2020 Ruach City Church Devotional
All Rights Reserved

8

19th to 25th April 2020

IN CONFINEMENT BUT FREE...