**The Pillar on Faith**

Intercessors have great Faith for a breakthrough when in the midst of the sufferings of many loved ones.

***1 Samuel 30:6-8 NKJV***

*Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."*

A living intercessor has a life marked by faith. Faith happens at all times, whether we know it or not. When we make a meal, clean the car, play with our kids, honor our spouse, pay the house note, go to work, we are worshipping by faith. Who are we worshipping? Look at the angel’s perspective of worship in **Revelation 19:10**:

*Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

God is waiting for the faithful to rise up. Faith is lived out and grows in devotion to what has been entrusted in our care. When the world starts to crumble, faith says, “God is safe.” Faith believes the promises of God are Yes and Amen. *I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread.* ***Psalm 37:25*** How do the righteous live? By faith!

David’s life is a beautiful example of a man that had an extraordinary relationship with God. Ask yourself: How do I order my life each day? Living in Bethlehem, tending sheep, taught David to be faithful in the little things**. (Mathew 25:23, Luke 16:10-11)** As his character grew and he embraced integrity, honor, perseverance and the Holy Spirit produced maturity in him, faithfulness started the groundwork in him that qualified him to go to another level of breakthrough. In other words, faith should produce fruit.

In 1 Samuel 30:6-8, David found himself with layers of faith to rely on from the truth he learned in Bethlehem, and then in Adullam, where he showed a proper servant’s attitude and how to honor authority (Saul) even when his own reputation was at stake and being tested. Following along the life of David, a living intercessor recognizes that each thing they do must be done as unto the Lord. As living intercessors, our first field of ministry is our home and our family. How would our own life look like if scrutinized like David’s life is in the Bible?The living intercessor whose life, talents, gifts, and abilities have undergone developmental stages transformed by the Word of God will begin to see a breakthrough.

When David arrived in Ziklag, he inquired of the Lord for answers when he and his men were in distress. Faith is a teacher that shows how to put on priestly garments and take the welfare of others before the Lord. It is a reminder to trust God and take Him at His word. Faith will respond to the cries of others. When others are suffering, the shield of faith is one of the best weapons we have in our weaponry. ***Matthew 11:12*** *states: The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force*.

Faith comes by hearing, hearing the word of God. By choosing to hear Him, the words of anything/one else will be silenced. Obvious, evident faith is forcefully demonstrated in pursuit, overtaking and recovering all.