

Sunday Message 04 January 2015



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CREATIVE FAITH

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

When God created the heavens and the Earth knew what he wanted, He creates the end from the beginning, meaning that he has a plan from the beginning to the end, then he would create.

So like God we also need to have the same mind set and have a complete plan then we can start creating. A plan is a complete thing though it has not started; even if it's on paper it is completed. Hence the bible says 'bring your plans to God, for He is the one who will succeed them'. God is the one who will help us to create the plan. He planned everything and knew what He wanted and what was going to happen. He is not even surprised at what He does.

Most of us we surprise ourselves at the things we do because we didn't know we had the ability to do, but we thank God who enables us to do all things through Christ who gives us strength. Imagine when God created all this things He had me in His mind, it's the same as a lady who is pregnant and about to give birth, she starts preparing the nursery for the unborn child, stops eating certain foods for some time not because you want to but because she is carrying something important, even the walk changes. Everything is about the child and not her.

It's the same with God when He created the Heavens and the Earth with me in mind; He had to create it very well, hence at the end He said it was good, He wouldn't have created something which was not because he had someone who was important in His mind.

Now that you know that whatever you do, you don't do for yourself, there are places you don't go, food you don't eat, things you don't do only because you know that there is something important to come.

As we have declared that this year to pursue God, when you pursue you don't mind about the surrounding, but what is within you, therefore you know that when the surrounding doesn't suit your pursuit, you will pack it in a way that favours you and your pursuit. Even if they don't favour you, you make them, that is where the creative faith comes in, you know what you need and the circumstances doesn't allow you, but you stand by faith to change the situation. That is all about faith, we have a reason to believe, sometimes it is because of the challenge we came across which pushed us to have the faith we have now. Some of us now if we didn't go through the challenges we went through, we wouldn't have evoked the kind of believe we have in God.

Romans 4:17 – as it is written, I have made you a father of nations) in the presence of Him whom he believed- God, who gives life to the dead and **calls those things which do not exist as though they did;**

Paul was speaking of Abraham's faith, he was emphasising the faith he had. Abraham never had an encounter with God while at his father's house. But he had something in his mind though they were worshipping other gods, but he had something in his mind which said that he couldn't wait to see a different God who will speak to him. Then God in heaven saw Abraham's heart, when he was tired of worshipping the gods that never spoke. God visited him and started speaking to him, He told him that He wanted him to serve Him but leave his people and go to a place where He would show him. Abraham was looking for God who can speak and he had found Him, moving was not a problem.

When you have found something that you have been looking for believe me moving is not a problem at all cost. Abraham didn't care where God was taking him as long as he found himself a God who can speak. It was all by faith that he managed to follow God. Now you come to a place and it's not as you hoped for! Then what? Maybe the place is not what you wanted but what you wanted brought you there, this is the time where

you need to be creative, because you don't like the place but what has brought you there is what you like, now you can change the situation, change all the area and make it better, some of us want to see things happen but don't want to work. But that's where the creative faith comes in, now you start to make things happen.

Now Abraham went to a place where God showed him, when he met challenges he never wanted to go back, he continued believing in the same God, that the very same God who spoke to me will never forsake me. You can change the situation like Abraham even when he had situations to deal with; he never shifted his focus on the promises of God. Like when God promised him a son and said that he will be father of all nations, Abraham was old to have a child and Sarah had also passed her time of having children, but he believed God 25 years for His promises to come to pass.

And Sarah laughed at her situation just like we also don't think that we are not going to get to some places. but only if we believe in God then everything will come to pass.

Romans 4:18 **Who contrary to hope, in hope believed**, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "**so shall your descendants be.**"

Abraham believed in God's promises even though there was no hope, if he didn't believe what God had said we would be speaking something different today. The pursuit of God needs people who will believe, there are things that are difficult to believe, naturally they won't happen, but God can do it.

If my father can speak things that are not there as if though they are, then I will speak like my father. When your father says you are, then you are.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "**if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.**"

You can do anything you want to do in 2015 only if you believe, you can change any situation. **Faith is a total dependent on God**; hence He said when you believe all things are possible.

Matthew 17:20 Jesus said unto them, because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say

unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

If you believe this year in what you are pursuing, nothing shall be impossible in the name of Jesus.

Be Blessed!!!!



Quote of the Week

There is no love without faith, the walk we take with our partners is propelled by the faith we have in them and that we believe in us working out until death do us apart. Faith is also an act of obedience to what God has said to you.



Prayer of the week

O God, we have been too self-centred. We have forgotten that our best and joyous life must be lived in fellowship with You and believing and trusting only in You. And that we must begin to understand that not everything is all about us but You Father.

Help me from today and going forward that I will speak positive in all my situations what I see now not working will not bother me anymore, and I will no longer focus on them but my eyes will be fixed on You Lord. I am free.

I speak life in everything that you have trusted me with. My life, my family, my marriage, my job, my house, my car, I mean everything.

I pray in the name and authority of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Interesting Facts



Special Announcements

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Jesus is the English transliteration of the Greek name Iesus.

Joshua is the English transliteration of the Hebrew name Yeshuah. Both Jesus and Joshua mean Yahweh saves or Jehovah is salvation.

The name Jesus appears in the Bible more than 900 times.

2015 will resume from the 11th January – 17th January 2015

- Bible college registration are open

Midweek services are as follow

- Monday prayer at 17h00
- Tuesday home cells at 17h00
- Wednesday bible college will resume on the 21st January 2015(certificates class)
- Diploma class on the 28th January 2015

- Thursday mothers service will resume in due time

- Friday worship team rehearsals

- Saturday mass choir will resume in due time

- Sunday service (intercession at 9h30)10h00Service start.

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