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TOPIC: “Dealing with the Invisible”

We are living in most difficult times, and are faced with some challenging circumstances! We simply have a whole lot to deal with.

The question is: “How do we juggle and handle all of these important things?” Bottom line, we need some help! What kind of help? *Heavenly* or *Invisible* help!!!

During these challenging days, you will “only” succeed **one way**, that is by **FAITH**. This is the “only” way that a person can expect to make it.

You have **2** options when it comes to “seeing” things work out in your life. You must be able to “see” things turn out, exactly the way the promises in the Bible say that they will turn out.

1). By Faith- Here you believe it, before you see it. You believe it with your *heart*, and with your *mind*.

2). By Sight- Here you want to see it, you *must* see it, before you believe it. Here a promise is true, only once it becomes visibly manifested. Here you want to “*feel it*”. You say, “This sure feels right. It sure feels like things are working out right”.

And then you also want to “see it”. One may say, “Yap, I can “see” that everything is going pretty good”.

This is what we will call “**Thomas Thinking**”.

a). John 20:25- The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have **seen** the LORD. But he said unto them, **Except I shall see** in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, **I will not believe**.

You must see it, and believe it, on the inside (in your mind), *before* you see it on the outside, *before* it is externally manifested.

During these difficult times, you certainly cannot live this way. If you should try to; you will be greatly disappointed. We are living in a “**Faith-Focused Season**”!! You will need to exercise “more” faith during this season.

b). **Isaiah 59:19b**- When the **enemy** shall come in like a **flood**, the **Spirit of the LORD** shall **lift up a standard** against him.

FIRST FIVE STAR STATEMENT: Your help will come from the “invisible” world.

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

Someone might say, “Well show me some evidence (Thomas Thinking)...that God is helping me?”

SECOND FIVE STAR STATEMENT: Your help does exist, it simply cannot be seen.

1). **Hebrews 11:1b**- “.....the **evidence** of things **not seen**”.

Your help exists in the invisible realm.

Look at it as a bridge..... “**The Faith Bridge**”:

“**Faith**” is the **substance (the bridge)** of things hoped for.....

When you cross that bridge, this is when you began to see extraordinary things began to happen. No longer only “natural” things, but “supernatural” things.

THIRD FIVE STAR SENTENCE: You must **step over**, in order to **step in**.

d). **Hebrews 11:6**- But **without faith** it is **impossible** to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

If you decide to cross this bridge, there is only one way that you can “walk” over it!

e). **II Corinthians 5:7**- (For we **walk** by **faith**, not by sight:)

During these difficult times, you must have “hope”. But notice what the Bible says about “hope”:

f). Romans 8:24-25 (KJV)- ²⁴ For we are saved by hope: but **hope that is seen is not hope:** for what a man **seeth,** why doth he yet **hope** for? ²⁵ But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

g). Romans 8:24-25 (AMP)- ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved [by faith]. But hope [the object of] which is seen is not hope. **For who hopes for what he already sees?** ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we **wait** eagerly for it with **patience and composure.**