

Laws of the Spiritual Life #3 - the Law of Faith

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The law of faith is a principle that governs our lives, where God gives us according to our faith, and faith is essential for a victorious life.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the temporary nature of worldly possessions and the futility of fighting for material wealth. He compares life to a game of Monopoly, where people are constantly striving for money and property, but ultimately, it all becomes worthless when God ends the game. The preacher encourages believers to focus on their faith in God rather than their abilities or circumstances. He reminds them that God can use anyone, regardless of their limitations, to accomplish great things. The sermon also highlights the importance of having faith in God's plan and not being discouraged by the attempts of others to suppress or hinder one's ministry. The preacher concludes by emphasizing that true riches come from having faith in God, not from material wealth.

Transcript

We were considering some of the laws of the spiritual life and we considered how God has made this universe to run according to laws and we have many evidences around us of those who obey those laws and benefit from them. Consider the planets for thousands of years they have gone around in the orbits God determined for them many many centuries ago, millions of years, thousands of years ago and they go so perfectly that we can set our watch by their movements. There in the heavens we have an example of the beauty that comes out of perfect obedience to God.

They move according to laws that God has established long long ago and I believe they are a silent testimony to all of us that if you live according to God's laws your life can be just as beautiful and throughout the centuries the devil has always told people that it's not worth it obeying God's laws. Right from the time of Adam and Eve man has disobeyed God's laws and on earth we have another testimony of the confusion and chaos that is the result of disobedience to God's laws and we have a choice as to what we are going to follow but in spite of this testimony there is in the beauty of creation that comes through the obedience to God's laws the beauty in the flowers and inanimate creation contrasted with the chaos that there is where man has disobeyed God's laws in spite of that even believers are not gripped by their

call to obey God's laws totally to demonstrate to an unbelieving generation that the happiest life you can live on earth is one of total obedience to God's laws. We saw the law of wholeheartedness the first day and yesterday we saw the law of humility.

I want to point out another law to you today is the law of faith.

Jesus said in Matthew 9 and verse 29 be it done to you according to your faith it's the story of two blind men who followed Jesus in Matthew 9 27 and they said have mercy on us son of David and the blind men came up to him and he asked them what they wanted they wanted their eyes to be opened and before he answered he granted their request he asked them a question do you believe that I am able to do this for you whenever we go to God with a request they made a request there because we know that from a parallel passage in another gospel that he asked them what do you want they said we want our eyes to be opened whenever we go to God with a request he asks us this question do you believe that I am able to do this for you it's only then that he grants that request when we give the right

answer now notice here they had a great desire for their eyes to be opened Jesus had a great desire to open their eyes but still their eyes would be opened only if they had faith and I have thought if one of those blind men had said to Jesus Lord I believe you can open one eye of mine at least you know what Jesus would have told him exactly the same thing be it done to you according to your faith he would have gone out with one eye open and his testimony would have been to everybody Jesus can open one eye because that was his experience and when the other fellow comes out with both eyes open this man will wonder how in the world did you get two eyes open he said well I trusted God for two eyes you trusted him only for one I thought of that in relation to forgiveness of sins and victory

over sin like these two eyes one man comes to the Lord and says Lord I believe you can forgive all my sins because your word says if we confess our sins he's faithful and just to forgive us all our sins cleanse us from all unrighteousness Lord I believe it according to your faith be it done to you your sins are all forgiven another man goes up and says I believe not only you can forgive all my sins since your word says that sin shall not have dominion over me no sin will have dominion over me since your word has commanded me in Ephesians 4 32 to put away all anger and all bitterness and all malice and all hatred I believe you can give me grace to put away all anger from my life and all malice and all hatred and all bitterness so that these things are not found in me so that these sins do

not rule over me what does the Lord say to him according to your faith be it unto you and so you have these two believers like these two blind men one comes out and proclaims Jesus can forgive your sins another proclaims Jesus can not only forgive your sin he can give you victory over sin and this man wonders how did he get back was God partial no there is no partiality with God according to your faith be it unto you Jesus died for the sins of the whole world but there are millions of people here in our state right here whose sins are not forgiven why didn't Jesus die for their sins he certainly did but there's a verse in Hebrews chapter 4 which verse 2 which says that the message they heard was not mixed with faith and therefore they never entered the land of Canaan he's talking about

the children of Israel who were told I will take you out of Egypt and I will bring you into Canaan that's why their sins are not forgiven the message is not mixed with faith it's not because Jesus didn't die for their sins why are your sins forgiven are you better than those people some of us are worse than them there are better people out in the streets whose sins have not been forgiven much better than you and me what is it that made you a child of God it was not because you're better than them God gives us according to our

faith it's a law and then you come to believers why is it some come to a victorious life and many do not the same reason why many their sins are not forgiven when they come to faith the God of the world who has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they don't

believe their sins can be forgiven by Christ that same God of the world has blinded the minds of many believers that many of the promises in scripture cannot be fulfilled in their life that when God says no sin will rule over you he doesn't mean what he says they believe Jesus can open one eye and they live all their life with one eye and what is worse when somebody says Jesus can open two eyes they'll call him a heretic preaching false teaching why because they have not experienced it you know we feel that anything we have not experienced is false teaching that is tremendous conceit just because we haven't experienced it it's false teaching not at all if the bible doesn't proclaim it that is false teaching but if we have not experienced it that doesn't mean anything and that's why faith

is based on the promises of God Romans 10 17 says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ and the word of Christ refers particularly to the new testament part of scripture faith comes by the word of Christ now don't think that the promises of God will automatically be fulfilled in anybody's life faith must be mixed with that word turn to Hebrews chapter 4 this verse I just read Hebrews 4 and verse 2 he's talking about those Israelites who perished in the wilderness without entering Canaan and it says here in verse 2 we also have had good news preached to us just as they also the good news for them was that they could enter Canaan bring all the giants under their feet kill them and possess the land the good news for us is not only that we can be redeemed from sin and satan

from Egypt by the blood of the lamb but also that we can enter the land of victory where every giant of lust can be defeated and brought under our feet but they but the word they heard did not profit them the message of victory has not profited many believers you know why here it is because it was not united by faith in those who heard it's not because God did not want them want them to go into Canaan God said I desire to take you they looked at the land and they said this is a wonderful land we would like to go there they wanted to go there God wanted them to go there why didn't they go in God had promised 40 years earlier rather two years earlier they came to the borders of the promised land two years after leaving Egypt two years earlier God had told them through Moses a double promise

like the two eyes I spoke of I will take you out of Egypt I will bring you into Canaan that was the promise in Exodus chapter 3 but they experienced only one they were like the blind man who would trust God only for one eye to be open some Egyptians may not have trusted God even for that one eye when Moses said put the blood of the lamb outside your door post maybe some fellow said this is all rubbish killing a lamb and putting his blood outside the door and they didn't listen and their firstborn son died and they perished but those who believed they put the blood outside the door and the angel of death passed by and their firstborn son did not die and they came out of Egypt they were redeemed by the blood of the lamb they were baptized in the Red Sea going into the water and coming out

and they were baptized by the cloud that came from heaven and the purpose of that cloud was to lead them to the promised land there are many people today who have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb just like those in Egypt baptized by immersion in water just like the Israelites went into the Red Sea and out and like it says in 1 Corinthians baptized in the cloud the Holy Spirit that came upon them this threefold experience that all the believers had in the acts of the apostles redeemed by the blood of the lamb baptized in water baptized in the Holy Spirit then what for many people that's the end of the journey but God leads his children beyond Pentecost beyond the experience of Pentecost the whole purpose of

that cloud coming down and baptizing them was to lead them into the land of

victory and it led them right to the border of the promised land and God said go in and out of 600,000 people two had faith to go in by faith Joshua entered by faith Caleb entered it's something like that even today among 600,000 believers who are born again two may have faith that I can live in victory over sin like it says in Romans 6 14 but like I said the other day Joshua and Caleb when they preached that message of victory all the 600,000 wanted to stone them can you imagine that they were called the false teachers and the other 10 spies who said we cannot go into the land of Canaan were called the true teachers that is the condition in Christendom today if people get up and say we will keep on sinning till the end of our life everybody appreciates them but if a Joshua and Caleb get

up and say which lust is stronger than the power of the Holy Spirit most people will reject such teaching as false teaching for one reason if we have not experienced it it must be false teaching that is how the God of the world blinds so many believers and leaves them in a substandard defeated condition content with their defeat it's sad the Bible says here in Hebrews 4 let us be diligent to enter verse 11 into that rest lest any one of you fall through the same example of disobedience and unbelief so faith is a very important thing and faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ now we live in a particular time in church history where everybody is talking about faith you go to the Christian bookshops and most of the books are books on faith but faith for the wrong thing

they're not talking about faith to help you to enter the land of Canaan you hardly find a book on that how you can enter into a life of victory how you can live 365 days at home with your wife without ever raising your voice or quarreling or shouting or yelling or getting bitter it's not that type of faith they're talking about is that an impossible standard which I just quoted let me read you a verse Colossians 3 19 it says husbands don't be bitter against your wives does God give us a command that is impossible to fulfill do you believe in a God who's such a horrible father that he makes us carry weights that we cannot carry will I ask my son to carry a five ton weight on his head is it possible for a husband to live without being bitter against his wife well people say well that means

generally most of the time well the same God also said don't commit murder what does that mean don't commit murder most of the time once in a while if you do it it's okay the same God who said don't commit murder also said don't be bitter against your wife how many times are you permitted to commit murder in a year how many times are you permitted to be bitter against your wife in a year have you decided that some commands of God you put on a higher scale and some are on a lower scale who are you to determine whether God's commands are to be obeyed or not when it comes to the commands of God it's not a question of what the commands are the question is who gave the commands if you don't have faith of course it will never be true in your life but if you have faith it can be true in

your life now who in the world will be happy if you are bitter against your wife God or the devil you know the answer if the devil is going to be happy that's why he believes that's why he makes you believe that that's not possible when the Bible says Ephesians 4 and verse 29 sorry verse 31 Ephesians 4 31 let all bitterness and all wrath and all anger and all clamor and all slander be put away from you along with all malice what does it mean if all anger has been put away from my life how much anger is left in my life if I say put away all the cigarette packets from your home how many cigarette packets are left in your home if I say put away all the pornographic books from your home throw it away are you permitted to keep one or two when God says put away all anger from your life is that

in your Bible by the way have you read it have you ever taken it seriously have you ever believed it is possible faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ the question is not whether you can manage it the question is what the Lord asked those blind men do you believe I am able to do this for you do you believe that I am able to do this for you do you believe that I am able to give you grace so that there is no anger left in your life that is the question and you can say well Lord I believe you can help me most of the time according to your faith be it unto you why do you stop another brother from entering the promised land and saying Lord I believe you can do it all the time according to your faith be it unto you it is a law the law of faith and each of us receives from

this impartial God according to the measure of our faith it is like when it is raining if one person puts a little cup outside another person puts a bucket another person puts a huge tub do you think they're all going to get the same amount of rain of water no the amount of rain falling outside their homes is exactly the same but the amount each one gets is different it depends on the size of their vessel according to the size of your vessel you will get water in the same way these promises are in scripture it's in your bible it's in my bible but not everybody experiences it and the books on faith that you read off in the bookshops that you find in the bookshops are not telling you how to have faith for the things written in scripture it's telling you how to have faith for houses and cars

and tells you to specify to God which color car you want and stupid things like this and for things that have no eternal value things which are not promised in scripture things you may like to have I'd like to have hair on my head sure and no matter how much I read those books on faith and trust God and claim it I'll wake up in the morning with perhaps a little less hair than I have today I'd like to take off my glasses I don't like wearing glasses all the time but I have seen people who preach healing God cannot heal their eyesight they wear glasses they are supposed to heal cancers and fantastic things but a simple thing like their own eyes God cannot heal it's amazing I'm not against healing I'm against dishonesty somebody asked me once brother Zack do you have the gift of healing I

said no I have the gift of honesty and that's what I want I want to speak the truth I don't want to deceive people I don't want to claim things which are not true there's a verse in proverbs which says like clouds without water so so is a man who boasts of gifts that he doesn't have don't be deceived by all these things my dear young people there's a tremendous amount of deception going out there and going on out there in the christian world and gullible simple believers just swallow all that if you want to have faith have faith for the things promised in scripture for the things that have eternal value you know when we are babies children we don't understand what has eternal value we have faith for the wrong things it's like you know there is a game called monopoly I played it with my

children you throw a dice and you move from one place to another and you buy property and that becomes your property and you get money so many dollars and all that and if somebody comes on my property he has to pay me rent and it's a very interesting game and small children can be very intense on it and say no you got to pay me rent for that and they can be fighting over this and and no that money is mine and they're fighting for these bits of paper now an adult plays that game he says okay take it he knows that thing doesn't have any value it's just paper he knows that the money which has real value is the currency notes we get from the reserve bank not these thousand dollar notes and all in the monopoly game he knows that in half an hour the game will be over and the board will be

folded up and that's the end of the game all these papers have no value I feel that the angels in heaven when they look at us it's like a big monopoly game going on in the world today people are buying property

here and you've got to pay me rent here and fighting for this money and that money and the angels are amazed when believers start fighting for all these things because the angels know one day god is going to fold up the board and say well that's the end of all your property and all your currency notes and all your bank accounts and that's the end and then only the real currency that has value for eternity will last and if you spent your time on earth having faith for all these things that are going to perish you'll have nothing left for eternity god wants us to have faith for the

things that will give us those things that have eternal value that will last forever those are the things promised in the word of christ in the new testament and I want to encourage you my dear brothers and sisters get to know the promises of god in the new testament and the things that god has commanded in the new testament are things he wants you to have faith to believe that you can get them when the bible says be anxious for nothing that's in your bible philippians 4 6 it does not mean be anxious for some things it means be anxious for nothing you should never be satisfied until you come to a life where you're anxious for nothing and i want to tell you that will not come overnight i found it's a like a climbing a mountain but i must have faith god will lead me to the top of this

mountain because it is in his word instead of having faith for green cars and blue cars and red houses why not have faith for be anxious for nothing that's got eternal value here it doesn't whether you live in a yellow house or a white one or in a hut it won't matter in eternity whether you rode a scooter or a car it will matter in eternity whether you lived on earth being anxious for nothing and demonstrated to an unbelieving world that you've got a loving father in heaven who cares for you and the number of people you could have influenced by that life of faith so don't waste your time for things that have no eternal value seek to have faith for those things that have eternal value the bible says rejoice in the lord always according to that verse we could say it is not god's will that a

christian should ever be depressed he may be tempted and under pressure paul says he was under tremendous pressure at times jesus was in great agony of soul in gethsemane but yet he had joy in his heart enough to give to his disciples to say my joy i give unto you if you have faith that philippians 4 4 rejoice to the lord always again i say unto you rejoice is god's will for us you will never be content till you come to such a life the will of god is you know what it says in 1 timothy 6 godliness with contentment he's talking about material things is great gain and i understand it like this i must always be content with the material things god has given me i don't have to ask him he knows what my need is and he'll give it to me but i must never be content with what i have attained to

spiritually this is godliness with contentment godliness is never to be content with the heights i have reached spiritually like paul said one thing i do i press toward the mark i've not yet attained i still haven't reached there i'm still not perfect i'm pressing towards the mark that's godliness with contentment for all earthly things perfectly content with the material things god has given me the size of my house my income my intelligence my physical features my everything perfectly content spending my life seeking the kingdom of god and his righteousness first and all the time and having faith that what i need of earthly things will be added to me do you know how god wants you to live i thank god i understood this when i was 21 years old that god wanted me to live seeking his kingdom

and his righteousness only all my life i was not to seek for money i was not to seek for anything earthly and whatever i needed would be added to me without seeking today i can testify after 40 years god has been faithful to the best of my knowledge and god is my witness when i was working in the navy and after i came into full-time christian work 33 years ago i have never when i was working in the navy and after i

came into full-time christian work 33 years ago i have never sought after earthly gain money property or anything and i want to say god's taking care of my needs i have sought to the best of my knowledge the kingdom of god and his righteousness i don't believe that's a great feat i'm sure there are many other people like that i just say that to you young people so that if the

lord tarries and he doesn't come in the next 40 years and if you got 40 years that you'll be able to say the same thing 40 years from now that i never spent my life like all the other unbelievers and like multitudes of so-called spirit-filled tongue-speaking believers who run after money pastors running after money seeking their own and saying they are spirit-filled and saying that all the other people are heretics they are the biggest heretics of all lovers of money don't follow their example if you can say i spent my life seeking god's kingdom and his righteousness i can give you a written guarantee a guarantee based on matthew 6 33 god will provide everything you need in your life live by that faith god has never disappointed one man in the last 2000 years who has trusted in matthew 6

33 not one person not one person will be able to stand up at the judgment seat of christ and say lord i trusted what you said in matthew 6 33 and you let me down not one person it's a law of faith according to your faith be it unto you you know many people today use this expression i'm living by faith what do they mean whenever a man says i'm living by faith what you understand when a christian says he's living by faith what he means is i'm not getting a regular salary i'm dependent on sometimes it's a hint i'm living by faith for you to give him some money sometimes it's a proud boast i'm not like these other fellows who get salaries i live by faith but is that what the bible says when it talks about living by faith have you read that verse which says the full-time worker shall live by

faith it's not in my bible in my bible it says in romans 1 17 the righteous shall live by faith every righteous person and the vast majority of righteous people in the church today are not full time workers and living by faith has got nothing to do with money it's got to do with trusting god for the forgiveness of sins it's got to do with trusting god for rejoicing always 24 hours a day it's got to do with trusting god for being anxious for nothing it's got to do with trusting god for being able to put away all anger it's got to do with trusting god for never being bitter against my wife the righteous shall live by faith but what a tremendous work satan has done to twist that expression and make every believer think living by faith means living with an uncertain income as a full-time

christian worker it's amazing the traditions of the elders that are found in christendom today expressions which are found nowhere in scripture i could make a list of expressions found nowhere in scripture i'm under the blood show it to me in scripture i'm cleansed by the blood i'm justified by the blood i'm under no blood those who are people in egypt who were under the blood of the doorpost to the blood of some lamb i'm not under that you may say what does it matter well if it doesn't matter then why do we bother about any scriptural expressions at all you can use your expressions and i can use mine one of the first things i learned when i was born again i came from the jacobite orthodox syrian christian church i never knew much of the bible when i was born again 40 years ago but when i

was born again i became like a little baby with a tremendous hunger for the milk of the word and i began to study this book day and night in my spare time to understand what god had promised and i decided i would change my terminology my religious terminology and make it fit with scripture in every area and i decided i would never use expressions that are by christians which are not found in scripture there are many many things like that living by faith and because the devil has made that expression refer only to money and only to full-time workers a lot of believers don't realize that god wants them to live by faith you

ask a believer are you living by faith he says no i've got a secular job i've got a salary what do you mean you got a secular job the bible says the righteous shall live

by faith are you one of those righteous people you must live by faith that is god's will faith in the christian life is like money in this world you know how comfortably a man can live when he's got plenty of money how much he can help other people when he's got plenty of money how many people can be helped when a man has got lots and lots of money in his hands when a man sets up a business how many people get employment because he's got so much money in the christian life the exact equivalent of that is faith the more faith you have the richer you are the more faith you have the more you can bless and help and encourage and lead other people on unfortunately the devil has succeeded in fooling people even here in convincing people that even in christian work just like in the world the

more money you have the more you can do for god it's a lie do you believe that the churches which have the maximum amount of money are doing the maximum for god on earth today the roman catholic church is the wealthiest one of the wealthiest organizations in the world if you believe that money is the most important thing in god's work well then they must be the ones who are doing god's greatest work on earth and i would suggest all of you join them if that be the case i don't believe it and in that case jesus and the apostles who were the poorest people in their time accomplished nothing no it is faith that makes a person rich in god's kingdom and faith has got nothing to do with money a rich man can have faith a poor man can have faith a rich man can be righteous and a poor man can be

righteous the righteous shall live by faith and it's the measure of our faith that determines how rich we are going to be and how much we are going to accomplish for god on this earth you know very often what we think that a man is accomplishing we can be deceived by because all these things are external the bible says don't judge anything until the lord comes when the lord comes he will reveal one corinthians 4 5 all the hidden things in darkness and he will reveal the motives of men's hearts and then every man will get his praise from god depending on the motive with which he did things and in that day you will discover that the man who had faith was the richest man of all in christendom not the man who had the most money not the churches which had access to the maximum amount of money

but the people who had the maximum amount of faith so don't envy a christian worker who has lots of money i've never done it in my life i have longed i've admired the christian who has faith not faith for things that will perish i'm not impressed when a man says he trusted god and he got a cycle or a scooter or a car on even an airplane it doesn't make a difference to me i'm encouraged when a man says he trusted god that god would make him victorious in an area in his life where he was defeated for years and he experienced it he experienced the promise of god i know in my own life how for years and years i was born again but i was constantly depressed discouraged gloomy till i had faith that god could give me a life where no matter what happened around me could rejoice in the lord always

faith is a wonderful thing the solution to every problem that you have is here even physical healing it's a matter of faith if god speaks a word to your heart and you trust him you can experience it i'm not saying that every sickness is healed like i said about the apostle paul there are times when god permits a sickness to continue i won't go into that subject now why was it for example when you look at the life of jesus there was never a single person who came to him with any problem which he could not solve there was one case one man said please tell my brother to divide the property with me and jesus said sorry he wouldn't do that he didn't come for these earthly things but if a man had a problem in his life lord my son is being constantly he's constantly jumping into the fire i

brought him to his disciples they could do nothing and jesus said oh you unbelieving generation how long shall i be with you bring him to me and he healed him in one place it says jesus wanted to heal the sick but he could not do many miracles there because of their unbelief some of the saddest words written in scripture he could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief not because he didn't want to not because they did not need it he wanted to they needed it they wanted it he wanted it but they did not have faith is it possible my brother sister there could be situations in your life where god wanted to bring a solution to that problem you wanted a solution to that problem but you could not trust him and so you lived all your life without a solution to that problem and

one day you stand before the lord in the final day of judgment and the lord says do you know i wanted to solve that problem in your life long long ago you need not have lived 30 years with that problem but you wouldn't trust me lord i wanted it and the lord says i also wanted it but i could only do for you according to your faith and you couldn't trust me is it possible i have often thought about that myself i said lord what sorrow there'll be in my heart if i stand at the judgment seat of christ and you look at me and say son there were so many things more of course you did something for me but there were many more things i could have done in your life and through your life if you had trusted me a little more i will hang my head in sorrow there oh god i will say give me another chance

and i won't have another chance dear brother sister christian work is not done with gifts and abilities and talents and money is done by people who have faith that god can do wonderful things through them who can trust him that god can take a weak helpless person and shake kingdoms through him it doesn't matter what people think about you if you can trust god this is a law according to your faith be it unto you do you believe that god can accomplish great and mighty things through you despite your lack of abilities despite your low intelligence despite the lack of opportunities you have don't complain about any of these things don't say some man is suppressing you no man can suppress you if god is a plan for your life and you trust him do you know how many people have tried to suppress me

and my ministry in the last 30 years hundreds there are people who've written books against me papers against me there are people who spread stories about me all over this country god will repay them one day i leave that to god vengeance is not mine i have nothing against them but if they have hindered the work of god god will deal with them one day but what i want to say to you is not one of them no book no article no track no person no demon has ever been able to hinder what god wanted to do through me that depends entirely on my faith where i had unbelief i limited god and i'm ashamed of those places but no human being can hinder what god has planned for you let the whole world speak evil about you let them all call you a demon and a devil a false teacher a heretic it won't make the

slightest difference god will accomplish his purpose through you it depends entirely on your faith according to your faith be it unto you if you can trust this law and live by it and when some things don't happen don't say oh well maybe that was not the will of god you know that is fatalism that is the teaching of heathen religions that when something doesn't happen we say oh maybe that's not the god instead of considering maybe it was because i didn't have faith remember what jesus said about that widow who went to the judge in luke chapter 18 i don't have time to turn to it saying give me vengeance against my adversary give me my legal rights judge said nothing doing get away i have no time for you she came back the next day banged away at his door in the middle of the night early

morning afternoon evening kept on pestering he kept on saying get out get out get out get out finally she got what she wanted she got her legal rights she got deliverance from her adversary supposing in that

parable she had stopped after going about 500 times and saying oh well it's no use it would have been as good as if she had never gone if she had gone the 501st time she'd have got something and at the end of that parable you know what jesus said in luke chapter 18 verse 7 he said when the son of man comes will he find faith like that widow had on this earth where are the people who will persist and say lord this is your will i have to get it i'm determined that i'm going to have a life free from anger i'm determined that i'm going to have a life free from murmuring complaining

grumbling i'm determined that i'm going to have a life where i'll never be bitter against my wife i'm determined that i'm going to have a life where i rejoice always i'm determined that i'm going to have a life where my life is going to count for god where my life is going to be a blessing to others wherever i go when paul said to the roman christians in romans 15 i know that when i come to you verse 29 i shall come in the fullness of of christ how did he say that he said it by faith many things we fatalistically accept oh maybe it was not the will of god it was the will of god but it didn't get accomplished in your life because you didn't trust him maybe you trusted in men cursed is the man jeremiah 17 5 says who leans upon man who makes flesh his arm who expects man to help him who runs

to man when he's in trouble and when he's in difficulty he immediately thinks oh there's that brother who will help me cursed be that man because he'll be like a barren tree in the wilderness blessed is the man jeremiah 17 verse 5 to 8 who trusts in the lord he will be like a tree planted by the rivers that's the difference it's a law many are barren because they trust in men they trust in human resources they trust in money they trust in people they trust in organizations they trust in earthly things there are others who are constantly fruitful despite all the opposition of men despite all the opposition of demons because they trust in god be one like that my brother sister and be a living demonstration in this country of a man a woman who trusts god and whom god never let down

throughout your life let's pray faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of christ god wants to accomplish a tremendous lot in you and through you but as long as you trust in your own resources your own abilities in money in people in organizations and in anything human god will never be able to accomplish that in you he's waiting for the day to come in your life where you will trust him and lean upon him totally heavenly father help us to be among those who live by faith in your word every day and to be a testimony to this land in our generation we ask in jesus name amen

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