

FAITH

I want to share something the Lord said to me this week;
In the hope that it will inspire you & cause faith & expectation to rise to a new level;

As most of you know, I oversee the finances of the church;
You will also be aware of our current growth in:

- Property development
- Increased staff

To better provide for the increase of people, who will soon come & are coming;
WE MUST BE PREPARED!

So sometimes I get scared by the demand for funds verses the physical reality that they're not there yet!
It gets too much to bear;

That was were I was, earlier this week;

Until God said;

Peace, Stop allowing yourselves to be **agitated & disturbed**; and do not permit yourselves to be **fearful, intimidated, cowardly** and **unsettled**. Jn 14:27

Why are you so **fearful**? **Where is your faith** (your **trust**, your **confidence** in Me, in My **veracity** and My **integrity**)? Luke 8:25

Do not, therefore, **fling away your fearless confidence**,

The just shall live by **faith**.....and **if you draw back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in you**. Heb 10:35-36 & 38

Faith that doesn't show itself by action is no faith at all – it is dead & useless;

So If like myself you've been experiencing the Holy Spirit's prompting to live a deeper level of faith in the face of desperate need, to act in faith though the financial funds are not apparent to your natural eyes, I urge you to step out of the boat onto the water of Faith, because the church leadership/staff & board are already out on the water by faith.

We can not afford to wait to see the provision before we act, that would be fear and not faith. It is faith that pleases the Lord!

Let me leave you with these comments from

John Kaiser's book 'Fish or Cut Bait'

If we will not give up real money, real time and real comfort for something, then it's not a real value for us!

Winning churches answer the question,
'What's it going to cost?' with **'Whatever it takes'**

Maybe you're thinking "it's easy for you to say Catharine! You're not even dealing with your own money!"

Well neither are you – It all belongs to God

We've been given stewardship, Of which we must give an account One Day!

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