Faith Factor – 5

Fear is a part of everyone's life
The world just accepts it as a normal part of life
Fear is not something that should be tolerated in the life of a believer

2 Primary Spiritual Laws

Romans 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. NKJV

These two laws are complete opposites of one another

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus covers
everything God has promised in His Word – the blessing,
eternal life, faith, a recreated spirit, peace, prosperity, the
gifts of the Spirit, healing, deliverance, protection, the Holy
Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, and more.

The Law of Sin and Death includes fear, the curse, sin, condemnation, bondage, poverty, oppression and depression, addiction, sickness, physical death and ultimately separation from God in Hell.

Fear is the entry point through which Satan gains access and Faith allows God in our life – The Faith Factor

The enemy's primary goal is to get us to doubt that God's Word will come to pass in our lives

Fear attracts destruction Faith attracts blessing

Consistency is the key to your breakthrough – as soon as fear shows up you must counterattack it

Living in a world where bad things happening are common place its important that we don't let the spirit of fear get in and steal peace from us

We may even think...

"How could God allow these bad things to happen?"

It's important that we build up our faith to trust in Gods divine protection in every circumstance

To do that we need to remember we have an Enemy

The reason bad things happen is because our enemy, "The Devil" is called the god of this world (age) – he is a ruling force in this current world system

2 Corinthians 4:4

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. NKJV

2 Timothy 2:26

26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. NKJV

The Fear of Lack

There is no question that the financial systems of this world are failing
Unemployment is at an all-time high
Joblessness continues
Gas prices will continue to sore

If we put our trust in manmade institutions such as banks, social and political organizations, and even the government – we will find ourselves on a path of despair and financial hardship

We need to learn to trust the Lord in these troubled times as our source of provision or the fear of lack will control our thinking

Financial lack is probably one of the most common fears that people deal with on a daily basis

When we don't realize that God is our provider life becomes a rat race in which the objective basic survival

It is not God's will for you to go through life toiling for your next meal wondering how your bills are going to get paid

Remember Satan can only operate in the life of the believer when given access through the spirit of fear

Overcoming the fear of running out

Deuteronomy 2:7

7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing." NKJV

In the first part of this scripture we see that God has blessed the work of your hands – Deuteronomy 16:15

- You have an empowerment to prosper through your own hands
- God is saying I have equipped you and empowered you to be successful in all I have called you to do

Secondly it says that when it says that Israel lacked nothing for forty years it means NOTHING!

 All of their needs were taken care of including their health and strength for the journey

Deuteronomy 29:5

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet. NKJV

Psalm 105:37

37 He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes. NKJV

Luke 9:3-4

3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. 4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. NKJV

Jesus was teaching them to trust His provision

The bible says that went throughout the towns and villages preaching the Gospel and healing people everywhere, and they never lacked anything at any point because God took care of them

1 Thessalonians 4:12

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. KJV

Psalm 34:10

10 The young lions lack food and suffer hunger, but they who seek (inquire of and require) the Lord [by right of their need and on the authority of His Word], none of them shall lack any beneficial thing. AMP

Do you think food and shelter are beneficial? Do you think clothes, transportation and electricity are beneficial?

According to this word you will lack nothing beneficial

Many people suffer in this area because they are unaware of what Gods word says about His provision Don't be destroyed by your lack of knowledge

Hosea 4:6 NKJV

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

o Destroyed – "Cut off"

Don't be cut of because you don't have understanding of God's work about provision – His word is full of promises

Sometimes we don't receive what God has for us because we become slack

Joshua 18:2-3

2 But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? NKJV

Slack – to be slow to move, slow to believe, slothful, lazy and idle. It can also mean that a person's perception is dull

We need to reach out and seize the things we see in Gods promises be faith

Habakkuk 2:4

4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith. NKJV

Deuteronomy 29:29 NKJV

29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

God wants to be your source, and He wants to eliminate lack in your life

When we lack something in an area it affects everything from our peace to our physical well-being

Lack is a huge enemy that the Lord wants to destroy off of our lives

Deuteronomy 28:7 NKJV

7 "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

We need to arm ourselves with faith until we see the enemy of lack smitten in our lives

If God took care of the Children of Israel for forty years in the wilderness He will do it for you

We have a covenant with Jesus and He never changes

Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

2 Corinthians 1.20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. NKJV

Psalm 35:27

27 "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." NKJV

The word prosperity here is Shalom which means... "Well being, completeness, wholeness, nothing missing and nothing broken in your life"

Philippians 4:19

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. NKJV

Psalms 65:11

11 You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. NKJV

Lack may be a reality in the world, but for those who trust in the Lord we have nothing to worry about

Taking care of our needs is easy for God

When we allow the word of God to become more real to us than our circumstances, when we seek God and create an outflow of finances by sowing seed into the Kingdom of God, we will find ourselves living in a constant flow of provision