

## Fellowshipping With God pt2

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**172-3** Those in the bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. They have 'thus saith the Lord' or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word. He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry so now He works in and through the bride.

She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time.

### **63-0825E - Perfect Faith**

**18** Now, let us read.

*...Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God.*

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and you shall have them.*

*And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also...that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

*But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

**19** Now, faith is based on forgiveness, then. And then, as we said this morning, trying to get the church into the place to where we could really see apostolic times moving among us, that's what we all hunger. **And it's just laying right at the door. We see it, but we want to see more of it. We want it such a flow that it'll be a help to us, us flow out to others.**

***(Think about what God done in the Garden to restore a fellowship with man and think about forgiveness being what faith is based on.)***

**20** Remember, Jesus (as we had in the lesson this morning), He never used His power for Himself, He used it for others. That's what it was sent for. And you think sometime, "Why would a Man that was so full of power, like Him, would have ever be sick?" Yes, sir. I've read in some book, somewhere, where when He raised up that boy, the widow's son from Nain (I believe, *The Prince of the House of David*), that He set on a rock and groaned with a headache. See? He

bore our infirmity. *Bear* means “to pack them.” See, He bore. And He had all things in...like we have. He had sickness, He had temptations, He had trouble, He had flusteration just as we have, because He had to be the right kind of a Mediator; so He had to be partaker, the Husbandman of the fruit, before He would know. The woman at the well and many things, see, if we looked right into the Scripture. (***Eternal Life is living for others, if it's in a person, then they live for others***)

**21** I want to say that I believe every Scripture, and every bit of It to be true. There's critics today that don't want to believe that. A critic once said that “when Jesus sent those disciples to where that colt was tied, where two ways met, that He prearranged that to where that colt was tied.” See, they don't understand that *God* prearranged it.

**22** God told me, other day, with Brother Dauch here, that I would “shake his hand, on the street again.” That's very strange, I wasn't here that morning; but two minutes longer, or a minute longer, I'd have not met him on the street. But I stepped off the car just in time to shake his hand when he was coming in, on the street. He didn't know me; he had his glasses off, he couldn't see me. When he heard my voice, he started crying. What was it? Usually he doesn't do that, but it was a answer to what was told him up there under the oxygen tent; he would do it.

**23** I said, “You'll also set in the church again”; his heart's desire. When we was having Chicago meeting, he wanted to come to that meeting, his heart was for it. I sent him a telegram of greetings for us and the children, told him we was praying that he'd get well, right quick. And a loving brother, who visited him, said that he just wanted to come so bad. But here he sets, tonight, with us. See? That was not prearranged. The same God arrange it, He makes everything work perfectly on the dot.

**26** Now, we want to speak now upon faith, and a different type of faith: *Perfect Faith*. That's a great thing. Now, faith, we're told in the Bible, “Faith cometh by hearing.” Now, you cannot be saved without faith. And faith is something that you have to believe it's there, **that really nothing else will declare it's there but faith**. Now I'm trying to bring faith to you, so that you can be ready for this prayer line, in the next few minutes.

**27** Now, faith: **“He that cometh to God must believe that He is.” And it's impossible to please God without faith, you cannot please Him**. And if you say you believe God...you have never seen Him, see, so then you've got to believe It by faith. And if you could see Him, it would be no more faith.

See? **Anything that the senses declares, is no more faith, it's a scientific**

**fact; see, it's not no more faith.** But you have to accept Him by faith. "And he that cometh to God must believe God; and faith comes by hearing the Word of God." See? **You must first believe *this is God's Word*, and you must come to God by the Word. See? Just take the Word, what It says, and "That's right!"** Everything else contrary to It, is not right.

**28** Abraham had to believe just what that Voice told him. And when he was a hundred years old, twenty-five years later, he was stronger believing It than he was twenty-five years ago when It was give to him. See? He believed It. And "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God, knowing that He was able to perform what He had promised." And that's the way, every one must be that way. You must come with an **unfailing faith**, believing that God made the promise. **But now, you have to be in a position to have that faith, and that's what we're going to talk on; see, to receive that faith.**

**29** In Hebrews, the Book of Hebrews, the 11th chapter, we are told that.  
*...faith is the substance of things hoped for,...*

**30** Now, here's where many people fail to receive their healing, or what they're asking for, because they take faith to be something that it is not. See? They don't believe it. It—it's not imagination. **It is a actual substance.**

**31** Now, listen close! See, **it is not what you imagine.** It's just as real to you as any sense of your body will declare anything else. It's just as real as my eyes says, "This is a piece of paper." It's just as real as to say that "that is a light." It's just as real as to say, "I feel my coat." It's just as real as I hear that baby talking there, or making its noise. See, just that real, as music playing. It's just as real as I taste anything in my mouth. It is that real, only you can't show it to somebody else. **You have it alone. Amen! It's yours. Faith is *the substance*; see, not just a myth.** So, many people come...

**32** Now, these are real deep lessons, and I'll catch the top of it, then you dig down in it. See?

**33** Notice, **it is something that you possess;** not imagination, if you really have it. It's just as real to you as any other thing that could be. It's just as real as you know that you're riding in your automobile. It's just as real as you know that you're setting in the church. It's just as real as you hear my voice. **It is a substance, not an imagination, not an emotion;** but something that you have, and **it comes to you by hearing the Word of God, and That only.** "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing the Word of God." That puts it back to where your faith, then, is not in some individual. It's not in a man. It's not in a organization. It's not in a group of people. It's in God, because God is the Word. See? **Your faith is in God.**

Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God.

**34 Then when God, by His Word,...not by what somebody else did, somebody else said, but by what God's Word said. He said, "Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be true."**

**35 Now, you see somebody else do something by a work or act of God, or a promise of God; and many of them say, "I can do that, too." It's an imagination. And when they do, you find them wrecked up out there somewhere. It's got to be a substance. Now, that is potentially a faith. That is something that would bring you to a faith. It's potentially, like if you'd asked me for an oak tree, and I give you an acorn. Potentially you have an oak tree, but it hasn't produced itself yet; but when it really brings itself out, it is an oak tree. And when you imagine that God does this,...But when it's revealed to you, it's a faith then, a Perfect Faith that cannot fail. *(THIS FELLOWSHIP IS A PERSONAL FELLOWSHIP)***

**36 That's the reason those visions are so tremendous to me, because it's been proved "right" every time. See? And I know that He promised that. And He promised it in His Word, and here He comes and promised it for this day. Therefore, you know where you're standing, when He said so. See, that gives me a faith, because He never does nothing contrary to His written Word. See? And if it was contrary to the Word, I couldn't have faith in it. Brings it right back again to the Word, see, faith in hearing the Word of God. You must hear the Word! God's Word is that all-sufficient Word. It's all you have need of, is this Word. *(SO FAITH IS ALSO BASED ON THE WORD, OUR INHERITANCE, THUS BASED ON REDEMPTION, BECAUSE WITHOUT IT WE WOULD BE NOTHING)***

**37 Now, faith being the substance, and in there we find out (in Hebrews) what faith was, and what those did who had faith. See, there's many times that people have faith today, and tomorrow they haven't got it; the next day there's *something*, and *something* else. But when God once anchors it, and you see it, there's nothing ever going to make you move from it. You're just poking, reaching, presuming. And *presume* is to "venture without authority"; you're just trying *this*, and you're trying *this*, and going *this* way, and run *here*, and run there. You haven't got the Faith yet! But when...that is what we call "Faith."**

**38** I... Excuse me. I want you to... Thank you, brother.

**39** I want you to get this now. We... the Church has got to lift itself in the power of God. How? **We are too close to the end, now; and I believe the Church is in condition where we can teach it a little deeper things, and rub**

**some of this make-believe out, see, and get into something real. See? It's got to be something that you know!**

And if you say, "Brother Branham, that isn't the light."

"Yet I know it's the light."

"How do you know it's the light?"

"I'm looking at it."

"Well, how do you know that you couldn't be wrong?"

"My sight has always declared to me that that was light." See?

**40** And that's the reason I believe those visions, **'cause it's always declared to be the truth, 'cause it comes from the Word.** See? Then if He says it, that settles it. **Now, when it's declared like that, there's no more guesswork, it's going to be. Then you hear it "THUS SAITH THE LORD," see, because it's beyond the human thinking. It's up into the realms of the Lord's thinking.** But you're standing here, just as the Vine... **just as a branch producing the fruit that's in the Vine.** See? **God uses man, and man only.** God doesn't use machinery. God doesn't use groups of men. God doesn't use organizations.

**God uses individuals, always!**

**41** Now, **faith is the substance, and by it, we understand, all of those things are done.** It's not a imagination, it is a substance; especially Perfect Faith. That's what I'm talking on tonight, getting to Perfect Faith. It is not an imagination.

**42** Now, others, have people come say, "Oh, I got all faith; oh, I sure have." Well, what are you standing here for, then? See? See? See, your very actions prove that you haven't got what you're talking about. See? If you had faith, then what you stand in the prayer line for? See? What do you do these things for?

**43** **See, if you had Perfect Faith, you'd look right straight to God and believe it, and walk away.** You would have no need of coming into a prayer line. You'd have no need of these things, because your faith has done made it so. See? What would be the use for me saying, "I got to put a shirt on"? I got a shirt on!

**44** "How do you know you got a shirt on?"

**45** "Well, I see it, feel it, and I know it's there." **Well, that's just how real that when Perfect Faith takes a hold. You don't need no more. It's already done; you know it.**

**46** "How do you know it?"

**47** **"Faith tells me so!" That's it. See? Do you get it now, what I mean? That Perfect Faith.**

**48** Now, other words, I'm venturing out, "Well, I'll go. The Bible said, 'Call the elders, let them anoint with oil, pray over it.' I know, I'll go up." And you say, "Well, I'm going to be healed." See, you're making yourself; you don't watch now, you're going to make yourself just worked up. Then when he pass through, he say, "Oh, I still don't see." See, there you was, you didn't have faith!

**49** Your genuine faith will do it right there. Your genuine faith will make it so real to you that... Look at that little woman with the blood issue, she said, "If I can only touch the border of His garment, I'll be made well." And as soon as she did it, she said she "felt within herself that her blood issue stopped." **She actually believed it.**

**50** And when she touched it... to prove that it stopped--it stopped, Jesus turned and said, "Who touched Me?" That Perfect Faith! And that same Perfect Faith tonight, will touch Jesus Christ just as it did then. **The woman come with a Perfect Faith for that time.**

**51** Now, now we see, at first the disciples didn't have this Perfect Faith. They didn't have it, because they'd had Christ, walking with Him; but then afterwards, Christ was in them. And so, you see, it's hard then to have this Perfect Faith without the Holy Spirit; It has to bring it, It does. Now, you say, "The disciples didn't have Perfect Faith?" No; for they had an epileptic child there, that they were trying to cast this devil out of him, and they couldn't do it.

**52** And the father seen Jesus coming, and he said, "We have brought my son to Your disciples, and they could not cure him." See?

**53** And afterwards, the disciples asked Jesus, saying, "Why could not we cure him?"

**54** And Jesus said, "**Because, of the lack of faith, of your unbelief.**" That's right. "Because of your unbelief at..."

***(NOW YOU SHOULD SEE HIM COMING UP ON FAITH BEING BASED ON FORGIVENESS, IT WAS BEGINNING TO BRING US BACK INTO FELLOWSHIP, INTO A COMMUNING WITH GOD. WHAT KIND OF FAITH WOULD "YOU NEVER SINNED IN THE FIRST PLACE" BRING?)***

**55** Now remember, they had the power. Jesus had given them power to heal the sick, to raise the dead, and cast out devils, just a few days before that. **They had the power, but not the faith to use the power. Now, there's the Branham Tabernacle! There's the Church, the Bride, today! The Holy Spirit is here with the power, but you haven't got that faith to move it. See what I mean? It takes faith to move it.**

**56** Here: I got a shell that I hand-loaded. I know what it'll do by ballistics, like the Word, but I've got to fire the gun. The fire has to get to the powder. The

powder's got the power, but it's got to have the fire to light it off. And the same thing, the powder's in the shell, but it needs faith to charge it and throw it out. **That's what it takes, see, Perfect Faith to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit which we have now, since He's come upon us; faith to ignite, to see great things, is to... the faith, something that presents it to you.**

**57** With a heart full of joy, you walk into the sickroom, knowing exactly what you're going to say. Walk in there and know what's going to happen, something's already been revealed, and you know it. And you walk in, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up from there. **THUS SAITH THE LORD!**" There you are; that's Perfect Faith. If there'd be ten million people standing there saying it wouldn't happen, you know it's going to happen anyhow, 'cause you know it. It's going to happen. Regardless of what anybody else says, you're the one that's got the faith.

**58** Could you imagine, Joshua, he'd call the elders of Israel together and said, "Uh, brethren, we are the servants of the Lord, I would like for you to say a... ask the Lord if it'd be all right if He'd give us a little more sunlight, see, and hold the sun a little while"?

**59** Nah; he had need of it (and without prayer, without anything), he had need of it, and he just commanded the sun! He said, "Stand there! I have need, and I'm in the service of the Lord, and He sent me over here to do this job, and I'm doing the best that I know how, and the enemy is routed, and they're out in here; if I let the sun go down, they'll get together and cause me more trouble. So, stand still! And, moon, you hang there!" Amen; she hung there for twenty-four hours.

**60** Now, if the world's turning and he holds it up, and the sun stayed in a place and it don't run, what happened then? Now, you made yourself an infidel, if you say of this; and then if you don't, you sure do fool with science, 'cause they said if the world stopped, it dropped. So now what? And if you say God's Word is not right, then you're an infidel. See? But it happened, that's the main thing. I don't know the mechanics of it, but it happened!

**61** I don't know the mechanics of the Holy Ghost, but I know It fell on me. I can't tell the mechanics of It, but I know the blessings of It. That--that's all I care to know about, is the blessings of the Holy Ghost. And mechanics, He works them. That's His secret.

**62** This boy could not be healed, because... The disciples had power; Jesus gave them power to heal all manner of sickness, to cast out devils, to cleanse the lepers, and to raise the dead. He gave them power, but they didn't have faith to operate the power that they had. And then they questioned Jesus and said, "Well, now, why couldn't we do it?"

**63** Now, remember, they had the Word; and the Word was Flesh then. And the Word told them, "I give you power." Amen! "I give you power." And they had the power, but they didn't have faith to operate the Word that was in them. See what I mean? But Jesus had it, He was the Word, and He had faith that what He said would happen. He said, "Oh, bring him here. How long will I suffer you?"

**64** He had faith, with His power. How did He? He said, "I can do nothing in Myself." Why? He relied upon what He was; He relied in knowing that He was the Word. And He had faith in God, Who made Him the Word. He was God (the Word), and they was in Him, and that give Him faith because He understood His position. He knowed what He was, because the Scripture had said He was this. And here every Scripture tied in, to prove that He was exactly what the Scripture said He would be, and He knew what He was.

**65** Therefore, He relied upon what God had made Him. And if He did that, then can't we rely upon what God made us as believers? "These signs shall follow them that believe!" He had faith in what He was. And if you are a believer, you have faith in what you are: you are a believer! And if you've got faith in God, the Bible says over here in... "If our--if our hearts condemn us, then we can't have faith; but if our hearts don't condemn us, then we have faith, we have confidence towards God." If you want to read that, found in Saint John 3:21. I got the Scripture written down there.

**66** Now notice, Saint John... I mean First John 3:21. Notice.

... if our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence towards God.

**67** But as long as you're doing things that's wrong, you can't have confidence towards God. So, you see, you can... you'll automatically know that you're wrong. You automatically put yourself back there a sinner, by knowing that you're wrong. But when your heart don't condemn you, and you know you are a believer, and there's nothing between you and God, you can ask what you will and know that it'll be given, because it's the Word that's given to you just like it was to those disciples.