Key to Living in this World

Introduction Part 1

People are dying, people are sick, people are starving, people are homeless, children are not learning and do not know how to survive because they are not surviving.

This hurts me a lot. I see this and I pray and pray and pray. I pray for God to save them, to feed them, to help them. But they are still starving and dying. We give and the world gives, but they are still starving.

Why? I pray, "Ok God use my faith and give funds to me, and I will provide for them. I will get them jobs, and food, housing and cloths. Use my faith and prosper me so that I can provide for all of those starving." But no answer, I do not see any help. I do not receive abundantly so that I can start helping others greatly. So many are starving. I am so sad.

God says that if you have the faith the size of a mustard seek, then you can say to this mountain, move over there. So I believe that I have that much faith, and so I say to the mountain of poverty and starvation, move over there and let God's children stop starving and dying, let them not want for anything.

Nothing. Why, why, why? I ask God over and over.

Finally, His answer was, "It is not your mountain." "Your faith can move your mountains, but those are not yours." "Those are their mountains, only their faith can move their mountains."

Then He reminded me of the chicken story. Do you know how a chicken is born?

No.

It goes like this.

When the chick in an egg has grown to a certain age, it needs to break out of its shell. So it pecks and pecks at its shell. Eventually it starts to break the shell. So it keeps pecking and pecking, finally it can get its head out of the hole that it has pecked through. But sometimes its head gets stuck. So it struggles and struggles, and finally the shell breaks enough for the chick to get its shoulders out of the hole. Then it continues to peck and peck.

You can see the chick is getting tired and looks almost exhausted after so many hours of pecking and struggling. But finally, it does it and breaks out of the shell. The chick looks terrible and like almost dying from this exhausting struggle.

As you watch this miracle of life happening, you feel so sorry for it, and you feel like you should have helped it. But then after a few moments, it takes off and finds its mother who now helps it to learn to care for itself.

Now do you know what would happen if you had helped it to breaks its shell? It WOULD HAVE died. The struggle and pecking is necessary for survival and for it to live. This struggle and traumatic experience is strengthening the chick. The struggle is making the chick strong, it exercising its heart and lungs. But if it does not struggle and exercise, it will die.

Granted some do die from this ordeal, but more will die if they are helped. Those that died would have died anyway soon after it they were helped.

For many, struggling for life is a necessity to survive, it is part of living and to help them is to cut their life short. **We must trust God that He knows what He is doing.** So God is saying that it is not my mountain, and if I did move it, those who are struggling to survive will just end up dying anyway, because they did not exercise their faith.

I have used my faith and moved many of my mountains. I am doing well and am wanting for nothing, except more of God.

No one has helped me. My family was not wealthy; I did not inherit anything from them. I am not smart, strong or good looking. So I have no real attributes that would naturally have helped me become prosperous—wanting for nothing.

I was not able to go to the best colleges and so as to get a great job. No I barely finished a very low college. And then even that education did not do me any good. I did not work or get work because of my college.

No, I have survived this world because of <u>God's grace and mercy</u></u>. I have learned to live by faith in my Loving and Gracious God. Everything I have, He gave me—that is a summary of what has happened to my life, of course it did not happen that easy, but He did provide.

When I first met God, one of the first things I read in the New Testament was this

MT 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

MT 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? [26] Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns,

and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? [27] Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

MT 6:28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. [29] Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. [30] If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, **O you of little faith?** [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

As I read this I sensed in my heart God saying, that this was the Key to living.

By the way, do you know what worry means? It means, "Much thought". Thinking too much about something to the point where that is all you do is to always and constantly think about it. When you do this, you open the evil window, and now the evil spirit is constantly whispering in your ear about it, because you did not trust God to fulfill His promises.

When you open this evil window, it also opens the window to fear. Now you have a real problem.

And why do you to that. The bible says in the above scripture:

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Other words, worry can do nothing for you but cause you depression, loss of sleep and destruction. **Worry is anti-faith**.

If you asked a friend to do something, and they say yes that they would do it, do you constantly keep thinking about it, do you keep thinking as to whether or not they will do it, which leads you to start thinking of the damages or other problems that would be caused if they did not do it. You start thinking of all of the "what ifs". And evil spirits are more then glad to bombard you with more evil ideas, and evil thoughts that keep you worrying about nothing.

Or, do you stop thinking about it because you trust them to do it. Normally, after a friend says that they would do it, you never give it another thought and you go on your way expecting them to do to it. If you trust your friend to fulfill what they promised to do, then you would never again think about it until they report to you that it is done, or

that they had a problem. But until then you just trust them to do it and continue on to other things.

This is how it is with God. If you trust Him to fulfill His promise, then you would never think about the problem that He is taking care of again, until He reports back to you. So if you trust Him, you never worry about what He is doing and that means you have faith in Him. Likewise, if you worry, then that means that you do not trust God to fulfill His promise. And that means that you do not have faith in God. Without faith, your prayers can and will never be answered or fulfilled. You cannot move your mountains, because you do not have faith in God. The main part of faith is to trust.

Faith is to decide to believe God, to decide to trust God and then to act on those beliefs. The act or action—what I He calls "Doing"--in this case is to obey Him, in His promise.

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you."

Seeking the Kingdom of God, what is that? It means to decide to find out how the Kingdom of God works. It means to decide to find out God's way of living. It means to decide to search for God and find Him first before all things, to depend on Him and only Him. It means to decide to find out how God does things, to find out the truth according to God, the will of God, the very desires of God, and the love of God, all those things that are of God. It means to decide to learn, to understand and to know how God lives and wants you to live. And naturally, to decide to do something means to act on that decision.

You were born into the kingdom of the world, controlled by the devil. So you know how the kingdom of the devil works, such as their teaching that "dog eats dog"; that you were taught that you must depend on yourself, and no one else, that you have to survive even if that means you have to kill, lie, cheat and steal. The world teaches us that we must depend on our feelings and to live by them. And as a Christian, you know that all of this is false and lies.

But you do not really know how the Kingdom of God works. Sure, some times you are taught how to be good, and to be nice, but of course that is only so that you will not be thrown in jail or be socially outcast, but you really do not care about it.

Do you really think that you know and understand the Kingdom of God? Well if not, then you must find out. You cannot have faith in God if you do not know what God is about, what God wants to do, what God has promised you, or how the Kingdom of God works. When you do, then you can decide to have faith in God and that will allow Him to move your mountains, like He did with me.

Next you need to seek His righteousness. What does it mean to be righteous and righteous in His eyes, not mans. To be righteous is to be **willingly obedient to God**, to

His teachings and His style of life; it is to be willingly, joyfully, peacefully, obedient to His commands, or requests or guiding and leadings.

The first part is to "Seek first the Kingdom of God". Well what good is finding the secrets of the Kingdom of God and not do them? When you do and live the life style of the Kingdom of God you are being righteous. You are living the good life with God. You are living by the Spirit and not by the world. For you cannot live God's life, without the Holy Spirit living in you.

Like I said, I was a starving, hopeless, and sick person. But once I started to trust God to fulfill His promises, I have never been lowly, starving and hopeless person again. He has always provided. He has always moved whatever mountain was in my way to survive, to prosper, and to provide for my family.

He has never failed me. He has been ever faithful.

So why not everyone? If He provided for me, then why not everyone? Why are they starving? I am nothing special, I am not a Peter or Paul, I am just like everyone else. So I God will do it for me, why not you? God is not partial, He does not have teachers pet, He only has His children. I is partial that way, in that He will only do for those who have faith, but if all have the same faith, then He is the same for all. But if you do not have faith, then He can do nothing.

I am willing to be the funnel for prosperity, I am willing to use the same faith that God used to move my mountains, so why not theirs? Because it is their mountain, and they have to use their faith to do it. You cannot use your faith to move God to move others mountains. Yes we need to use our faith to help them, but to help them that does not break their egg. We can pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort them to protect them, to save them.

He will do it, but He does not have any grandchildren only children. God will not use the faith of the parents or grandparents to move the mountains of their children; the children must use their own faith to break their chicken egg. If the parents break the child's egg, the child will not grow, they will die.

Is it better to die physically and be saved, or is it better to have all of the wealth of the world and loose your soul, to die and go to hell—do die spiritually?

Sympathy says to help those struggling and suffering in their struggles. It says that if you have the ability and strength, and finance, then to do it for them. But if you do, you have condemned them to hell.

One of God's biggest pet peeve is Sympathy verse Compassion.

Simply put Sympathy is where a person should want do to something, knows that they should do someone but is either too lazy to do something all of the way or just does

not want to work that hard to help, so they take the easiest way out. They help by giving money, cloths, things, but never themselves. Giving money is the easy way out. So for a starving person they give them some fish. After he leaves they are hungry again, it was a one time thing.

Whereas, the compassionate person wants to truly do something that will make a change, make it so that they will not starve anymore. So they give something of themselves, something that has meaning and long term value, they take their time to by the necessary tools and then takes the time to teach the starving people how to help themselves: he teaches them how to fish. He gets involved and personally shows and then teaches them, where, when and how to fish. Then when he leaves he has left something behind of himself and they are no longer starving and it is a lifetime thing.

If a person wants to help, he must first be able to be compassionate, by teaching the starving man how to fish, if he does not know how, he must first learn how to fish himself, then he must learn how to teach. Then he can fulfill his compassion, by teaching the starving how to fish.

Finally, sympathy is the feeling from the copy-cat the devil. He is a copying God's compassion and twisting it a little, making people believe that his sympathy is the same as God's compassion. It cannot be, because compassion functions out of obedience to God, and sympathy functions out of the feelings of evil spirits.

I help out of obedience to Jesus, and not because I feel sorry or sympathetic for anyone. The bible says to help the poor, the widows and orphans, love your neighbor like yourself. I know when I am stuck I sure would like help.

So I give or help as I can, as the Lord shows me to. If you live by the Spirit, then you will be living by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I mean, I know God's awesome power, I have seen Him heal and prosper people. He has me. I know that God can stop all poverty and starvation, but what would that do? Would that save them? No.

LK 16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. [20] At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores [21] and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

LK 16:22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. [23] In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. [24] So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

- LK 16:25 "But Abraham replied, `Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. [26] And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'
- LK 16:27 "He answered, `Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, [28] for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'
- LK 16:29 "Abraham replied, `They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'
- LK 16:30 " 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
- LK 16:31 "He said to him, `If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Salvation comes first, then prosperity. Everyone must break out of their own chicken egg first, then we can help them.

God says in the bible over and over again, "Your faith has saved you." Not God's faith, not the faith of their parents, or Paul's or Peter', but their faith. Your faith moves your mountain, not mine. YOURS.

So if you want to not starve, or to be homeless, then you must learn the secrets of the Kingdom of God, you must:

But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.

To do this you must study the bible, you must pray, you must repent and change to God's ways. You must learn to have faith, and to put it into practice.

- MT 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. [8] For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.
- MT 7:9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? [10] Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? [11] If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who

ask Him! [12] So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Finally,

MT 16:24 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it. [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done. [28] I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

MT 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

DT 8:1 "Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. [2] Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. [3] He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. [4] Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. [5] Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you."

Once you have found out what the will and desire of God is for you, then you can use that faith in God to pray and move mountains; the mountains of poverty, starvation, homelessness.

Once you know the will of God, then you can use that to build your faith, by deciding to believe that He will do it, to decide to trust Him to do it and then act on your trust in Him.

EPH 4:1 "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. [2] Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. [3] Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were

called-- [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

EPH 4:7 "But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. [8] This is why it says:

"When He ascended on high, He led captives in His train and gave gifts to men."

EPH 4:9 "(What does "He ascended" mean except that He also descended to the lower, earthly regions? [10] He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) [11] It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up [13] <u>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God</u> and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

EPH 4:14 "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. [15] Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. [16] From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

The rest is placed in Introduction Part 2. They were too big for the ISP.