

THE BURIED TREASURE

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THE BURIED TREASURE... AND THE MAP TO FIND IT!

One writer in the New Testament declares that faith is a “gift”... and then with a simple question, “do all have it?” clearly indicates that not every one has this special kind of faith. He is not writing about an intellectual “faith” or “belief” in something... he is writing about a special kind of faith. An action based faith that produces special kinds of things beyond what is considered natural or normal.

Some people actually “hide behind” this doctrine that “not all have this kind of faith” as an excuse for not following the instructions on the treasure map that Jesus provided for finding this special kind of faith. Some people believe that this special kind of faith is a “gift” and cannot be earned. Therefore, following a formula to receive this gift is somehow a form of sacrilege. Think about this for a moment... It is an obstacle in the way of receiving for many. The following, if absorbed into the mind and spirit, will overcome this obstacle to receiving the gift of faith that produces miracles!

Let us see (imagine) in our minds a beautifully wrapped gift complete with a pretty ribbon tied around it and it has YOUR name on it. This gift is yours... it already awaits you... but it is like a buried treasure in that you don't know where to look for it... and once you find where it has been kept for you... you have to first dig it up... and then unwrap it. The following is a treasure map. Clearly marked with an X so that you know where to find it.

This is the first step in your journey to find what ALREADY exists for YOU.

Plant this seed in your mind so that it will continue to grow... as you water it and provide good soil mixed with fertilizer. Your gift of faith ALREADY exists.

Step one of the formula is the realization that the gift of faith ALREADY EXISTS. Yes, we are being redundant so that we breakthrough into the consciousness of truth that this kind of miracle producing, healing faith already exists... FOR YOU!

This faith that moves mountains is a gift, remember, and so you don't have to do anything to earn it -- you merely have to go where it awaits you. Let's look at our treasure map... it is actually a road map that will take us from a small town called Bethany to Jerusalem. Let's go back in time to when Jesus and his twelve followers were walking down this road. Jesus was hungry -- and seeing off a way in the distance he noticed the leaves of a fig tree. He was hungry and went to see if perhaps he could find some figs on the tree. There were none... because it was not the season for figs. So what did Jesus do? He said to the tree, “Nobody will eat fruit from you ever again!”

Jesus and his little band continued on their journey to Jerusalem. He created quite a ruckus when he arrived... he went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those who sold things... The religious leaders and teachers heard about it and began to plot how they might destroy him... for they feared him... because all the people were astonished at his teaching.. That night, Jesus and his little band left the city and went out in the countryside to sleep.

In the morning they were back on the road again. As they passed by the fig tree... they noticed that it was dead... completely withered from the roots to the top of the tree. Peter exclaimed, “Wow, Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed is dead!

Correctly translated from the original, Jesus said... “You can do this too. All you have to do is have the same kind of God-faith you saw me use.” (to kill a poor innocent fig tree, no less). Some understanding is necessary here... The words in the original language make it plain that Jesus commanded, or more literally, demanded that the fig tree die.

There is some spiritual symbolism throughout this narrative that is worth looking at... but right now, let's concentrate on following the treasure map to get at where this gift of faith... (including how to simply speak to kill a tree) is buried.

Remember the first step in the formula is knowing that the gift **ALREADY EXISTS**.

We have now discovered the second step... **DEMAND** – with authority.

How do we get to the point of being able to demand with authority?

Let's pause for a moment. What is our goal? TO FIND THE GIFT OF FAITH THAT TAKES US TO THE POINT OF BEING ABLE TO DO THINGS THAT SEEM BEYOND THE "NATURAL." How do we get to the place where it has been "buried?" Answer: We follow the clear instructions provided on the map.

Immediately following Jesus' words of instruction... "You too should get this God-faith..." he explains how to obtain it. "For I tell you most emphatically, whoever..."Whoops let's pause again for just a second... WHOEVER... ANYONE... including YOU. Got it?

"Whoever says (commands/demands) to this mountain... (obstacle to receiving this special gift of faith) 'I lift you up and cast you violently down into the sea'... and does not allow himself to be divided in his mind, or be bothered by thoughts or spirits trying to distract him, but continues to demand until he sees the obstacle gone -- will have whatever he keeps on demanding."

UNTIL... step three in the formula!

This entire narrative is a literal and accurate translation from the original language. A pity that it has been so watered down by religious tradition and easily proven mistranslation! One might ask, why? And why do powerless teachers refuse to acknowledge the truth and perpetuate the tradition and mistranslation?

Continuing on... "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you demand..." (this word is usually mistranslated as "ask" -- the word in the original language is a financial term still used today in that same language in financial documents and is accurately translated into English as 'due on demand') "...and keep demanding and see them in your mind as already having been received, you will receive.... Now, whenever you stand speaking and demanding like this into the spirit realm... make sure that if you have anything against anyone, release them from your judgment... so that you can walk in the perfect release that your Father has already provided for you... for if you do not release them... you cannot walk in the power of His perfect release that is already provided for you."

This is the treasure map and you have already arrived. You merely need to get out your shovel and dig -- follow Jesus' instructions. His formula:

Know that such "miracle working faith" **ALREADY EXISTS**.

DEMAND that all the obstacles to getting this faith are removed... kill the trees (negative thoughts) in your mind that are not bearing fruit, i.e., not contributing to your goal of finding and opening your gift so that you can put it to proper use).

Continue demanding **UNTIL** you have it and know it... and can use it.

Finally, understand that you cannot operate in this tree-killing exercise unless you forgive and forget... literally from the original... release and send away... all bitterness, criticism and judgment of anyone else. How do you do this? Lift these feelings up into the air and violently cast them down into the sea! Every time they crop up... get rid of them in the same manner. In this way you not only can "forgive" -- you also escape the lie... "but I cannot forget." Oh yes you can... by lifting the thought above your head and casting it down violently... Elsewhere in the Bible referred to as "casting down vain (literally worthless) imaginations").

Take this formula provided by Jesus literally and follow it... and keep on following it UNTIL you see (experience and notice) the changes in your life. Don't be divided in thought... focus on getting this gift... as all else follows.

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