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***2015: THE YEAR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY!***

## **Resting Faith**

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**Resting Faith Definition: Faith that is confident, assured, centered, and focused in the One that brings about the purpose and plan for our lives.**

- **Confident: feeling or showing certainty about something**
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### **Resting Faith**

- **Resting faith is not relaxed. It is not aimless, it is not lazy. It is placed or supported so as to stay in a specified position.**
- **Resting faith understands that God's purpose and plan for our lives are of paramount importance to Him.**

### **Resting Faith**

- **If you can discern God's purpose and plan, you must pursue Him in faith. God has blessed you with the knowledge of why you are here. If you can't discern it yet, that just means your mind needs more renewal...and you must also pursue Him in faith.**

### **Romans 12:1-2 (New Revised Standard Version, NRSV)**

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, **so that you may discern what is**

the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## Resting Faith

- **Resting faith trusts the Lord implicitly, understands that the Lord is good, has good plans (plans to prosper and not harm), and knows that God’s purpose and plans are grounded in His love for us. So we have no reason to worry or be afraid.**
- **Resting faith is not wrestling faith...operating in resting faith, we no longer try to wrestle things away from God or try to do it our way. We trust God’s ways are better than our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9).**

## We Have What We Need

### Psalm 29:11 (New International Version, NIV)

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

### Psalm 29:11 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

The Lord will give [*is continuously giving*] [unyielding and impenetrable] **strength** to His people; the Lord will bless [*is continuously, resoundingly blessing*] His people with **peace**.

- **If you look at the Hebrew, the verb tense for “give” has an on going never-ending meaning. He’s always given, gives now, and always will give. God is continuously giving of His strength.**
- **The verb tense for “peace” is similarly continuous, but it also has an emphatic emphasis to it. He’s not just blessing, He’s really blessing, He’s overcoming us with His blessing of peace. His peace is meant to overtake us.**

## Strength & Peace

- **If you have strength and you have peace, you have the ability to make (and carry out) decisions based in faith.**
- **Strength gives you the ability to endure the process of faith.**
- **Peace gives you the ability to rest in God, and trust Him with the process.**

### Isaiah 40:31 (Contemporary English Version, CEV)

But those who trust the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired.

- **When we trust the Lord, we find our strength.**

## Empowered by Faith

- **The enemy uses the passage of time to make us believe that our faith is not productive. Based on that belief, we act out emotionally.**

### Romans 4:20-21 (AMP)

20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was **empowered by faith** as he gave praise and glory to God, 21 Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.

- **Abraham was not perfect in faith. But the Word still says that he grew strong and was empowered by faith...that he was still assured that God was able. We may mess up as we live by faith, but that does not mean that we are not people of faith, or that we are not growing stronger, or that we are not empowered by faith.**
- **Don't let the enemy convince you that you are not a person of faith, when you do still believe that God is able. You just need to take the next step!**

## Wait for it

- **When we don't see the progress we want to see with our natural eyes, the enemy convinces us that it's all for nothing.**

### Habakkuk 2:2-4 (NRSV)

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, **wait for it**; it will surely come, it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but **the righteous live by their faith**.

- **We hear this scripture all the time...but do we really HEAR IT? God has placed a vision in you. It is not for naught. Wait for it. God does not want us to give up on the dreams He has placed in our hearts. He wants us to experience it all. But we will only get there by faith.**

## Our Choice

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- **The proud put their trust in themselves, not in God.**
- **The righteous put their trust in God, not in themselves.**
- **We have a choice...who do we put our trust in?**

## **By Faith, NOT by sight**

- **The opposite of faith is not doubt, the opposite of faith is sight. What we see (or don't see) is the biggest challenge to our faith. Doubt, fear, anxiety, and worry are the products of sight.**

### **2 Corinthians 5:7 (New King James Version, NKJV)**

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

### **2 Corinthians 5:7 (AMP)**

For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance.

## **Exercise Our Faith**

- **Doubt, fear, anxiety, and worry are the enemy's devices to weaken our exercise of faith.**
- **Faith is like a frequency, we can tune into it or out of it, but it doesn't go anywhere. Faith is tuning in to see things as God sees them. We exercise our faith by acting according to how God sees things.**

### **Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)**

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

- **This is why faith without works is dead, because if you're not convinced enough to act upon how God sees things, you don't really believe. You see but you don't see, you hear but you don't hear.**

## **Why this message now? Your assignment!**

- **Discover who you were born to be!!**
- **And live it!**
- **Be it!**
- **Do it!**
- **No matter what other people may say or think! And no matter how daunting it may seem.**

**John 10:10 (New Living Translation, NLT)**

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

- **Don't let the enemy steal your purpose! That is what the enemy loves to do!**

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**This can still be an Extra-Ordinary Year – the year you walked confidently, assured, centered, and focused in faith toward God's purpose and plan for your life!**