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Dear Partners and Friends,

Below are essential elements to receive from God. None of this excludes the fact that God can at any time act out of his great compassion and mercy, and he does. But for an ongoing victorious walk, the following is key:

BELIEVE AND OBEY: WHY SOME PEOPLE RECEIVE AND OTHERS DON'T

The Bible is true, God is Real, Jesus is real, the Holy Spirit is real, angels are real – so too are the devil and demons. Most people may give lip service to some of that, but few really believe it. I read a good line recently – believers don't really believe.

It was when I began absolutely believing the promises and statements and commands of God in the Bible that I began seeing miracles on a regular basis. God brought the first obvious miracles directly to me when he saved my and my family's lives in California and then when he came into the car on the New Jersey turnpike. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. If you want to receive from God, you have to believe he exists and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

That began the process of opening up my spiritual eyes. And I began to expect the supernatural. I read and meditated and studied the Bible. And sought God and listened to him. God does say "you will find me when you seek me with all your heart." That's true. Another truth from the Bible.

Jesus says that if we love him, we will obey his commands. He also says we are his friends if we obey his commandments.

Obey is a rock solid word. You either do or you don't. Most people don't. They approach the Bible as if it were a guide book. They approach all this halfway if at all.

But God is serious. Obey means obey. Believe means believe. Faith means faith.

Let's look at believe. That word is a weak word in our modern society. People use it in place of think or suppose. But in the Bible believe is rock solid. In the original Greek it means making a commitment. I like to say that you believe the room you are in has enough oxygen to keep you alive. If you did not, you'd rush out. That is the definition of believe. Absolute. Rock solid.

Remember the time Jesus was going to the house of Jairus to heal his daughter, and someone came to say the daughter was already dead. What did Jesus say to Jairus? Only believe. Jesus said similar words to the father of the boy attacked by demons. And the father wisely asked Jesus to help him with his unbelief.

So obeying and believing are important.

What does Jesus expect us to believe and obey? How about every word out of his mouth. Most of what he said are commandments or parables teaching commandments and principles. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind ---that's one. In other words, nothing in life comes before your relationship and focus on God, not your family, not your job, not your home, not your friends, not any hobby or sport. Nothing.

Jesus also said that those who believe in him will do the same things he had been doing. What had Jesus been doing? Healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing lepers, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, casting out demons, walking on water, changing the weather, just to name some obvious ones. Have you been doing those? He says believers will. That's a command.

In fact, he later says he will do anything we ask in his name, in other words, that lines up with who he is. He also says that his father will give us anything we ask in Jesus' name. So we have no excuses for anything, do we.

But you have to have rock solid faith. You have to believe. And you have to obey.

No one who does not step out and act on his faith can expect to receive anything from God. You have to know the word, the commandments, the promises, and then act on them, not threat them as nice guidelines from a warm book.

The Bible is God's system of government, his explanation of who he is, his book of how we should live, his warning of what the future holds.

People who receive divine healing - as well as anything else from God - exercise their faith in God's word. By his stripes, we are healed and made whole. God forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases. They believe the word. Or they believe the anointing power of God and they put themselves in position to receive. They don't focus on what others think or what others are doing. They realize the relationship with God is their personal relationship with him.

No one can act for you. It's your relationship.

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