### Currencies of Life

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#### #jesusisenough & Sermon on the Mount Stepping away for a moment...

Have you heard it said:

# Faith is the Currency of Heaven

#### **1.** Currencies:

**Definition** - a system of money in general use in a particular country. synonyms: money, legal tender, medium of exchange, cash, banknotes, notes, paper money, coins, coinage; the fact or quality of being generally accepted or in use Jesus, parables, pictures I "Currencies" as a metaphor For today: "Currencies" That by which people act, move or transact in life



#### 2. Heaven and Faith:

## **"The currency of Heaven is faith"** - Faith moves things in the Heavenly Kingdom

#### What is faith [geloof] ?

#### 2.1 Definition: FAITH

1. complete trust or confidence in someone or something. synonyms: trust, belief, confidence, conviction, credence, reliance, dependence; 2. strong belief in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof. synonyms: religion, church, sect, denomination, etc...

...And it is certainly not a foreign concept to the human heart

#### 2.1 Definition: FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) Now faith is the substance [realization] of things hoped for, the evidence [confidence] of things not seen.

#### And where does it come from?

2.2 Where does faith come from? From God, for God and His purposes -Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one.

So if you are a born again Spirit filled believer, you have a measure of faith

#### 2.3 God only hears one thing:

God is pleased with and only responds to the currency of heaven -

Hebrews 11:6 Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.

Prayer I The Way of Exchange... To "transact" Mark 11: 22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

#### 2.4 Our Citizenship:

#### If I am a South African?

Philippians 3:18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**Ephesians 2:19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household...

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." St. Thomas Aquinas

#### But we are on earth: KEY

#### The Lord's Prayer:

We are called to use heavens currency on earth

Matthew 6: The Lord's Prayer ...So then, this is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, 10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread...

**Examples: Currency of faith on earth** Matt 9:2 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." Matt 9:22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. Matt 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

Matt 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matt 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Luke 8:25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marvelled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!" Acts 3:16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

#### 3. FEAR: The counterfeit currency for Christians

What would you say is the "currency" of our culture / this world? What moves people in our culture?

FEAR

#### Definition:

an unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, 1. pain, or harm. synonyms: terror, fright, fearfulness, horror, alarm, panic, agitation, trepidation, dread, consternation, dismay, distress; 2. be afraid of (someone or something) as likely to be dangerous, painful, or harmful.

#### F.E.A.R = False Evidence Appearing Real

#### Matthew 6 | Do Not Worry

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 than food, and the body more 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 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?...

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....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.

# Faith or Fear?

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#### WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY WITH YOU FOR ANYTHING. You are welcome to meet a ministry facilitator at the front who will gladly pray for you.



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