



And I see it come to pass...

How many Christians today can say they see things accomplished in their lives when they pray?

I see unfortunately more people praying for the same things without having a result than the opposite. Yet this is not how God planned things for His children. Most of the time it is due to a lack of knowledge that we don't see the things accomplished in our lives. However, there are other parameters that have to be taken into account.

In this study you will be able to learn and understand what you need to modify in order to see your prayers succeed, and in all areas of your life. You will also learn that 'see things come to pass' is more a way of life, rather than a method to implement. By entering this mode of life with God, you will see this time, the things for which you pray, be accomplished.

When we make a negative statement or which is not satisfactory in our personal life, the rule is as follows:

- *« If I want to change my result, I have to change my way of doing, and if I want to change my way of doing, then I have to change my way of thinking ».*

I see many people who have the same results for many years sometimes. Week after week, month after month, year after year, they live in the same disappointment, the same frustration sometimes, because the result doesn't change. The problem is that these same people don't change their way of doing,

nor their way of thinking, and it is for that reason that things are not changing in their lives.

This may seem simple and obvious, but many Christians are in this case.

If you have a certain way of thinking regarding the result of your prayers, and that you have no results since years, you need to change your way of thinking and by effect, your way to speak will also change. If you listen to some teachings, that you put them properly in practice for years, and nothing much happens in terms of result in the fulfillment of your prayers, you must change the teachings that you are listen to, because clearly they aren't good.

This may seem a little radical. Yes I can confirm it to you, it's totally radical!

Understand that we are not in a religion supposedly, simply just improving our daily lives. We're here to understand who we are, know our potential, know how to use it, and see its accomplishment.

This is not a joke. As we said earlier, it is a way of living. It is the way of living that God has created for us. He thought of it in all His perfection, and then when Jesus left heaven to come to Earth, He came with the life that God has planned for us to offer it to those who want to adopt it.

I have often noticed that the most popular things among Christians are those who bring a profit for themselves. We can very easily see it in the books, the various teachings, social networks, DVDs, etc. There is always a huge craze, once there is something to receive for oneself as a good job, finance, a spouse or husband, etc... All these subjects are very popular among Christians. I'm not saying that's a bad thing, not at all. I just think that things need to be handed over in good balance.

When on the other hand, we offer subjects such as: helping his neighbor, talk about the good news of Christ, studying the Bible, etc... Then, the craze drops substantially.

What strikes me the most is in Christian bookstores. In Australia, we can find large libraries of hundreds of square meters, with rays of all kinds, books on almost any subject. There are even sometimes a small restaurant in the store for sitting and reading or talking with friends.

It is almost always the same pattern, the radius of the Bibles for example is only 2 or 3 percent of the store. Bible studies books are about 8 or 10% of the total of the literary offerings. However everything else, which means more than 80% of the books are just titles that promise to help us achieve such or such purpose in our lives and that will improve our lives.

On social networks, there is the same popularity for slogans like: "God will give you this or that" or "You'll receive a blessing" or even "your problems will be solved."

I am not at all against these things or that kind of themes, but there must be a balance.

Don't get me wrong, all these things are good because God gave them to us: the blessing in all areas, a good job, the best spouse or husband, and our basic needs provided. But all must be at the same level. Our passion must be of the same level regardless of the biblical subject, regarding our own life or the life of others that we can help. We must love others as we love ourselves. We will come back to this point later.

When God gives me, it is of course for me first, but I also have to share what I have received.

How many born again Christians virtually never talk about Jesus around them?

A large majority, unfortunately!

How many Christians that have received a healing by prayer, pray in return for others or demonstrate the desire to learn how to pray for others?

Just a few unfortunately!

It would be very easy to find other examples which show that only few Christians share of what they have received.

What we should remember, it is that God has given us, of course for our own lives, but we also need to give to others. I don't speak here of financial donation at all, but simply to continue to let flow the flow we receive from God in our lives. Far too many Christians have selfish attitudes. This shows that it we have not properly understood the love that God has for us.

Some will be able to tell me: "*Franck, understanding the love that God has for me has nothing to do with being generous with others*".

It's however the first step to see things come to pass in our life. Without it, I cannot give effectively to others. It is because I will understand, know and experience the love that God has for me, that I will be able to love others effectively. I have to learn to let God love me.

1 John 4:19 (GW) *We love because God loved us first.*

John here tells us here that it is because we have experienced the love that God has for us that we can love Him in return.

Not only love God in return, but also love others. This means that I cannot give what I've not received previously.

To understand the love that God has for me, I will have to know what He did of me, but also what He has done for me.

We are used as a Christian to hear more or less the same things about this subject. By hearing them, regularly they becomes as a soft music which we pay almost no attention anymore. Most of these phrases are summarized in:

"Jesus died on the cross for you" or "it is because of His blood that your sins are forgiven", and even "God gave His son for you".

We've all heard this kind of sentences for years, but unfortunately they don't produce the expected effect, because it is quite rare to find a person who teaches these things in a little more in depth.

Yes of course that Jesus died for my sins, of course it is because of His blood was shed that my sins are forgiven. But to stop there will significantly reduce things to their simplest expression.

If I come to you, and I suggest you to buy a mobile phone for \$150 that has a value of \$100, you would buy it?

Obviously not, of course.

Why?

Just because you don't want to pay something for a price which is above its value. Well, do you think that God is less intelligent than a human being? Of course not, this is obvious. So do you think that God would have paid a price "overvalued"

for our redemption? The answer is also there too: no of course! He had to pay with the life of His own son.

If we move a little deeper we can see that Jesus is the Word of God.

John 1: 1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness didn't comprehend it.*

This word is Jesus. When He was on Earth, Jesus was able to say that He was God. He came as the Son because He was in a human body, but at the same time, Jesus is God, He said it Himself.

John 14:10 *Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I don't speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.*

John 10: 30 *I and My Father are one.*

If Jesus is God, then God gave His own life to redeem humans from perdition in which they were.

God gave His life and a lot of suffering for me.

Remember our example...

Do you think that God would have paid a price too high for you?

Do you now begin to realize, to understand how much God loves you?

If He paid my redemption from His own person, so then, what is my value?

God has not redeemed me with a price too high, not at all; He paid the right price for me. My life has as much value as God's. We are far off to realize the value that we have in the eyes of God.

If you ask this question to 10 Christians: "According to you, what represents the cross, what is coming out of it?" ... More than 8 people will answer you something like: "the cross is there to forgive my sins", or "the cross is Jesus who died to save me".

However, this is not what actually appears first. The cross brings out first my value.

Think back to all what happened on this cross, all physical and moral sufferings that Jesus had to endure, then His death... This is your value, this is how much you are worth, and this is the price of your person.

The cross is there to show me my value in the eyes of God.

God has paid the right price, He didn't overvalue us. We are more than important for Him, it is essential to understand it. This will help you to know who you are, to know the tremendous value that is yours and to build your identity.

Often I hear about our value in Christ, but Jesus died for all humans: no one was born again before His death. He has therefore paid this price for all human beings, not only for the Christians of course!

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

This tremendous value that is ours, is therefore not arrived until after our new birth. It's all humans' beings who have this tremendous value.

This is what your value is; whether you are born again or not, this doesn't change your value.

This point being now clarified, we can move forward in the identity that we have when we are in Christ, that is to say born again.

God loves us, it is a fact, He loves us. This is when I will begin to understand this love He has for me that I could not do otherwise than to give it to others. Likewise, it's only when I will comprehend who I am, what is my potential, which I will be at ease and without restraint in my relationship with my Father.

I remember that when I started to understand my value, but also what kind of love God has for me, a strong feeling of purity and holiness began to grow in me. Oh of course, I didn't become pure and holy in all my actions, but it is because of this that I realized this change in me. This is when I messed up, when I have made a mistake that I began to realize that this feeling was in me. What would have not hindered me in normal times, began causing me problems, I had a desire to do better, and to live better, because I felt loved by God, I began to understand

my value. Not my value only in the eyes of God, but my value simply in its reality. God doesn't say: "Hey, I'll consider that humans have such value". No this isn't a fad of God in regards to us, it is actually the price that we are worth: the cross.

The more I'll understand the love that God has for me, the more I'll have a desire for holiness in me. This is that way, that you will see that you begin to understand how much God loves you.

These emerging feelings will push me to repent, that is to say to change my way of thinking. (For more details on this topic, see my study: "the *repentance*").

1 John 2:24 *Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.*

When we are born again, we are used to hearing that we are "in Christ". However we are not only in Christ, but also in God Himself. In the same way that God is in me by His spirit, I am in Him also by my spirit.

I remember the first time I said this to my wife Christine, she was in the kitchen, I came close to her and I told her: "you know, I think that the Holy Spirit just teach me something new". Often she smiles because she knows that when I come to talk to her about spiritual things, sometimes the discussion lasts a bit because I'm a bit long to explain: I give a lot of details, and I show the process as a whole. She is as well often surprised and even a little reluctant sometimes, especially if I don't have a biblical passage to prove what I say. But that day, she listened to me when I told her that not only God dwells in us by His spirit, but we are also in God by our spirit. I remember her reaction just as if it was yesterday. She told me: "we live in God? I could never ever think such a thing, it seems to me very proud to talk like that. How can we live in God, we human beings!"

At that time, I had not noticed yet this verse of 1 John 2:24 to give it to her. It is months later that I found this passage which confirmed in the Bible what the Holy Spirit had taught me.

All this to say that most Christians who don't know this passage, have no idea that God is in them, but they are also in God.

Things are not the same anymore when we realize that.
Why?

Because it is not the same position at all. To well understand this fact, it is important to well separate my soul from my spirit (for more details see my study "*manage all my being with my spirit*").

If God dwells in me, I will receive from Him because He gives me, He speaks to me. I am therefore subject to His intervention in me, which means that I can talk to Him, ask questions, etc... I will see what He will show me.

However if God dwells in me, and in addition of it, I live in Him, it is a very important additional parameter. Jesus talks about it in this passage, because this is what He lived with His father.

John 5:19 *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can don'thing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*

If I'm in God, I'll be able to observe my Father acting, I'll see Him in His nature, in His entirety.

It's a bit like when we know a person, we talk with him, we do activities together, or we are working with this person. With this kind of relationship, we will be able to speak, to appreciate and to rejoice together. This could last a few years. Then one day this person invites me home. I will then see him in his own environment, I'll see him acting. I then will see an image of him more personal and intimate. It is exactly the same thing when I realize that I am in God as God is in me. I will be able to "see Him doing".

All spirit filled and born again Christians are in God, but all don't know it. If I don't know it, this will profit me for nothing, because I won't take advantage of it.

I have to say that I have not yet come to a result that satisfies me to see "God doing". I think I will learn for all my life in this area... but what a difference!

How does this take place in the practice?

It is by praying that I will see "God doing", that I will hear Him, will watch Him with my spirit. I am not alone in this process, because the Holy Spirit is with me. Of course we should not count our time to live such experiences. Jesus spent entire nights to pray and watch His father doing.

Luke 6:12 *Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.*

Do you believe that Jesus only spoke all night long?

Of course not!

He watched, heard, and also spoke.

I remember about 20 years ago, I heard the pastor of the Church in which I was going to, said that David Yongi Cho prayed regularly for 5 to 6 hours per day. When I heard this, I thought: "this man is an alien! It is impossible! How can he pray for 5 or 6 hours? ". It seemed to be totally inaccessible. At this time the moments of prayer that I had were more monologues than anything else, I was talking all the time. I had the feeling that I had to talk all the time.

Today I realized that if I was doing this it was because I wasn't able to hear God speaking to me, because nobody had taught it to me. I was very pleased with myself when I was able to pray for 30 minutes. But today this is no longer the same approach, I don't count my time because even if this is not a matter of time, it still takes some time to achieve certain goals. Today it has happened to me several times to be amazed and see that I was there with my Father, speaking with Him, listening to Him, asking Him questions, watching Him doing, for several hours.

I don't say this to show a score, because it would be totally ridiculous, but simply to show that with a little bit of practice, we reach some degrees of deep intimacy with our Father in heaven.

It is therefore very important to understand my position in Christ. Because it is only through the knowledge of this position that I'm going to get the most of it.

When I have correctly assimilated my position as son or daughter, I have no restraint anymore. I don't feel guilty, frustrated and ashamed. The moments when I didn't dare doesn't exist anymore. No matter what, I do my best in my life to follow the teachings of Jesus, and even when I miss it, I know that my position of son (or daughter) doesn't change. I keep the same attitude toward God, since He keeps the same attitude towards me. This is not to say that the Holy Spirit will not rebuke me at times, but my position and the love of God for me will never change regardless of the situation, without exception.

This is crucial, because satan has understood the uneasiness among most Christians today. He knows that guilt is easy. He will quickly persuade you not to pray this time by telling you in your mind: "Look what you did, how can you expect God to answer your prayer, don't waste your time praying, God is not even listening, he is angry against you." Or: "But what do you think, do you think

God will grant your prayer, you never read your Bible, you pray only when you have a need, forget it! ..."

Your value or your position is not based on your performance, you are sons and daughters of God and nothing will change that. If you sin, then yes of course you will suffer the human and spiritual consequences of this, but your identity and position in Christ will never change. If you have never read the Bible, satan can make you believe anything, because you will not know what God has for you. If you only pray when you have a need, then you'll never improve, because it is by doing that we learn. That's the kind of thing that will impact you, but God doesn't change towards you because of what you do or what you don't do. This is not to please God that you pray often, it is to be efficient and to see things accomplished in your life and of those for whom you pray.

This is not to please God that you will study the Bible, it is because you want to know and take by faith what God has given you. Do you understand the difference between a lifestyle and a religion?

God loves you, He is in love with you. I understand that this may seem a bit strange, especially for a boy. We have this kind of thinking when we don't have a good knowledge of God. God is neither male nor female, for He is spirit. It is our human way of things that pushes us to see God as a man, because He is called our father. Yet God is not man, nor male, He is Spirit and He is God, full stop.

You will tell me: "But then why do we call Him our Father? "

God is our Father as we get out of Him, He is our Creator that is why we call God "Our Father", because He has regenerated us in Christ.

Do you understand a little better now that your Father in heaven is in love with you? And it is because you will feel this love in you, that you will like store it in you and in the same time pour it out on others.

Too many Christians exhaust themselves to love God. But how to love if I have not myself known the true love? It is simply impossible!

I cannot give what I have not previously received, it is a rule.

Then these same Christians tire out, form resolutions they can never keep, all that finally to finish in frustration that remains unspoken most of the time.

Then understand what your position is, understand that you need to let yourself be loved by God, and your love for Him will grow by itself without any effort on your part. It is on this basis of relationship that God built with us. Don't say that you can't make it, don't say you're hopeless, don't say that it is too difficult for you. You have as much value as God Himself, it is Him that has decided so. Your potential is more than huge!

This is when I understood who I am and what my position is that unwavering stability and strong insurance seized me. Anything can happen to me, I know who I am, I know my position. Who will make me tremble? Who will put me down? Who will make me feel guilty? Who will make me believe that God is disappointed or angry with me because I would have done this or that? Nobody! Absolutely nobody!

Once my position and my value are clear for me and that I have this assurance that God loves me whatever happens, whatever I do, whatever I say, and that I live a relationship of love with Him, then I'll be able to work on the authority that He gave me.

It is also a very important fact, and even crucial, to know that I have a spiritual authority given to me by God.

When I talk around, I realize that this is a rather unclear notion for a majority of Christians. Most Christians remain on these exceptional blessings of God which we talked about, and are merely happy with a miracle every 3 or 4 years in their lives.

The most talking fact about it, is that whenever someone contacts me -often because he has seen one of my videos where I pray for the sick in the street or elsewhere, and that people are immediately healed- it is often for a situation where I am asked to pray for a physical problem. I always ask if the person is born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. Most of the time they say they are. Then I keep going by asking the person if he practices the prayer of authority, or if he knows how to pray with authority. Most of the time he tells me: "of course yes!" And I ask: "But in that case why do you need me?" The answer is almost always the same: "I pray with authority, I know how to do it, but it's better if you

could do it yourself". Which is to say that these people don't know how to use their authority in Christ, otherwise they would have seen healing occurring after their prayers.

After this kind of response I always tell them: "If you did know how to use your authority you should have seen a result".

This shows unfortunately that many Christians, including pastors are not humble enough or true to say "*no Franck, I don't know how to do it, I would like to learn*". As I always reply to them, telling that I can do much better than to pray for them, I can teach them how to pray with success. But I have to say that at least 90% of the people don't want to learn, as those continue to tell me that they would prefer that I pray myself for them.

However, if a person who comes up to me and because of his suffering cannot focus to pray effectively, I will immediately of course pray for him ; but I am referring here to people who are quite able to pray without any problems, and are in perfect condition to learn. These are the same people who complain non-stop to not move forward spiritually, to not see much positive happening in their lives. These people are what I call a "*spiritual assisted person*". Their first reflex is always the same that in the society. I am sick so I'll immediately go to see a doctor.

Once at the doctor place I am given a list of medications to swallow most of the time. Then I go to the chemist to buy the medication. And then I go home, I swallow the treatment and often I lie down and I wait for the treatment to be effective. Then after 6 or 8 days, if the problem is still there I go back to see the doctor again telling him: "*Doctor I am still sick*". Then, sometimes the doctor changes the treatment; there I go back to buy other medicines, and I go home to swallow the treatment, then I expect that the disease goes away.

You see in this example, the main point that always comes to each situation is to remain passive from the beginning to the end. The doctor does things for me, the chemist does things for me, and then I wait in the suffering that the disease goes away. I'm passive from the start to the end!

Those that I call "*spirituals assisted*", are exactly in the same approach. Often it is the pastor who replaces the doctor, and it is brothers and sisters who replace the chemist.

As soon as a problem arises, they remain passive until the end. They call the pastor: "*pray for me, I'm not going well!*". Or they leave a message on social networks saying: "*pray for me, I'm not going well!*" (Once again I don't speak here

about people who are not able to pray themselves because they cannot concentrate in prayer).

And these same Christians live exactly as non-Christians in society, they are passive and require assistance without ever doing anything themselves. I would like to clarify here that I have anything against good medicine. I'm just saying that when we are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, there is much more powerful than medicine: the Word of God which is in us. I will never criticize a Christian who goes to a doctor, because each one acts according to his own convictions.

I took this example to show that too often there are Christians who act like people who want to receive without ever causing things with what God has given to them.

To use my authority, this requires an action on my part, this is surely not staying in a passive and assisted attitude that my authority will activate. This seems to be obvious.

Yet there is no other choice if you want to see things come to pass in your life, you must understand and agree that you have received a spiritual authority. How do you want to get something that you don't have the means to realize yourself, without an authority, without a right, it is simply impossible.

Let's take the case of our society. Money gives right: the right to buy whatever seems good to me as long as I have the necessary sum. Sometimes it's my age who will give me authority to buy a car, for example. Other times it is my professional status that will give me authority over other people. Without authority I could never get anything that I can't perform myself.

You will say: "But Franck, when someone gives me a gift, I get something without having any authority". Yes you are right, it is absolutely correct!

This happens very often in our spiritual lives. God gives us many "gifts". It sometimes happens that Christians receive a healing, see a thing accomplished in their lives for which they have prayed without using their authority. Yes this thing exist, I call them "*gifts from God*".

As we said earlier, the problem is that most of these same people think that, because it worked once, then it should always work this way.

If things should always work this way, we would have no reason to exercise our faith, as everything would happen without really much conviction. These are

"gifts from God". It is because He loves us so much that God sometimes does these things happen in people's lives without the intervention of their faith in Christ. Don't ask me what His criteria of choice are, I don't know, I think that only God knows. These gifts are there to help us to activate our faith, to help us to see that the supernatural exists in our lives.

I don't count the times anymore where people have come up telling me: *"I don't understand, the last time everything has worked well, but this time, nothing happens, yet I have done nothing less than the last time... I see nothing come to pass!"* This is quite normal, the last time you received a gift from God. He did it to show you how to do, now it's your turn to go!

These gifts of God in our lives are of course very nice, we would like that things will continue to do so forever. But these gifts have a specific purpose: helping us to use all our authority in Jesus Christ. These actions of God are not there to let us rest on our laurels and enter into carnal comfort.

That is why many are like frustrated, without admitting it. There are many more people in this case than we could think. They are cranky with God without telling Him. They don't really trust Him anymore. There is doubt when they pray that things may be fulfilled in their lives. Or for some others, they don't even pray anymore saying to themselves: what's the point? ... Maybe God is mad at me because I did this or that sin. So we elaborate some stupid theories such as: "If I don't see my prayer come to pass, it's because God has changed His mind, or because He is angry at me".

It is in this state of thoughts that more than half of the Church of Christ is in the world today. I was going to say "How sad it is", but this is not even this, I would say rather "what a mess!"

If you found yourself in these descriptions, get up, because you have the solution at hand by studying this text.

Still today, too many Christians think that God is acting like at the time of the pool of Bethesda. At this time an angel was coming to agitate the water, and the first arriving in the water was healed of his disease. Today all this is finished, Jesus showed it in this passage.

John 5: 4-9 *For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had*

an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

This man was healed without even knowing who Jesus was.

John 5: 12-13 *Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed didn't know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.*

You see at that time, under the law, nobody could take his authority without God giving it to him in an exceptional manner. But this time is over! Stop living like this man that could not do otherwise.

For more than 2000 years, the authority on all things has been given to all the children of God. But there are still too many who live like this man. They are healed by a supernatural intervention of God without knowing what happened. They are unable to know what element generated this achievement. The effect of such a thing is that they will be absolutely unable to reproduce what has happened when the next problem come. If it is about a healing, when the day where the disease hits once again they will be lost without knowing what to do. Then people say: "I'll fast" thinking that God will have pity on them because they deprive themselves of all food.

This is totally false and absurd! (See my study on fasting for more details) And of course often nothing happens even after fasting. They are like this man who didn't even know "who" had healed him.

Certainly God act sometimes this way, but this is exceptional. He acts sometimes in a supernatural way with us, by sending us a healing, a blessing, all this to encourage us to just use our authority. But in no case this will become automatic. God loves us, He wants to show us by these exceptional actions that the things He gave us work perfectly, and that it is our responsibility to grow up and enter in the faith and authority. A too large majority of Christians today live only on these exceptions of God's actions, while they are only there to push us to go further and further, using what we have received by Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

When Jesus prayed, He did it with an authority that He had received from God.

Colossians 2:10 (GW) and God has made you complete in Christ. Christ is in charge of every ruler and authority.

Good news! We also have this same authority!

It's wonderful to see that Jesus has not given us just a bit of His authority, but that we have everything fully in Him. The original word translated as "all fully" is the word "pleroo". This word means:

- Being filled
- Fill up to the edge
- Make full
- Fill to the top
- Make perfect
- Get to the end

Nobody can therefore say: "Oh I only have received a bit of authority, I cannot do much". It is all the opposite. This verse from Colossians 2:10 shows us that we cannot in any case receive more, simply because we have already received the maximum.

Understand that God doesn't make things halfway or in an incomplete manner, because in this case God would not be perfect. As I say very often: "God *can't do otherwise than perfectly*". Something unfinished is imperfect because it will miss one or more elements in it. This is why God always finishes what He starts, He does things in a perfect way. Jesus is well above any authority, and we have everything fully in Him. Do you think that something is missing in you about that? Absolutely not!

When it happens that I listen to Christians praying for something or another, most often, I hear them imploring God, begging, reminding Him of the verses of the Bible. I even read teachings where it was written to "take God at His word", by reminding Him what says the Bible.

It is not with this kind of things that we will express our authority. It is not even by trying to "take God at his word", just like if He had said things that He would prefer forget, hoping that nobody takes Him seriously.

To use your authority, the first thing to do is to stop talking to God, to Jesus, to the Holy Spirit when you need to pray with authority. This might seem a bit odd, but it is the first of things to do. It won't be easy right away, because habits will perhaps take time to disappear. I say this to encourage you to persevere if things don't happen as quickly as you would have thought.

Start talking to things, to circumstances, to diseases. You want to pray to find a job, very well! Then talk to the circumstances, command things:

"In the name of Jesus I command that circumstances are created so that I meet the right people, to find this job I need".

"I proclaim in the name of Jesus that I meet the person who will offer me the job I need".

Or:

"Headache I command you to go now in the name of Jesus".

"Stomach, I have good news for you, I proclaim you are healed in the name of Jesus".

"Brain, I command you to operate normally and to recover all your functions in the name of Jesus".

Here are a few examples of prayers of authority. It is not more complicated than that. This kind of prayer doesn't last minutes and minutes. In the same way, when you give an order to your child or to someone else, it takes ten seconds to give this order, not more. This is exactly likewise when I pray with the authority of the Holy Spirit in me.

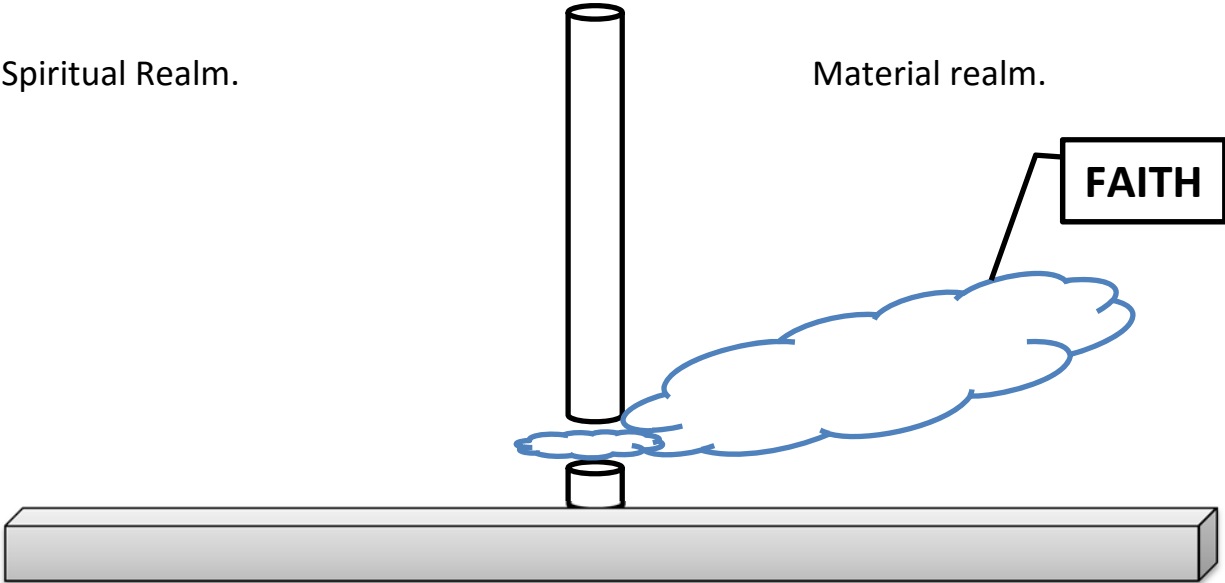
So stop telling God what He already knows about the situation, stop describing things, stop quoting Him verses from the Bible that He knows already, stop asking God to heal you, stop asking God to change the circumstances. God has given us the responsibility of doing things by ourselves with the power of His Word which is in us. So take your responsibility seriously... He gave you everything.

You have everything you need, you simply have to learn how to use what you have. (For more details on this subject see my study: I take and I use my authority).

To see things come to pass in my life, I also need to well understand that there is a spiritual realm and a material realm.

I remember, years ago, an evening with my wife Christine we were teaching our children about faith. That day I had made a drawing that I had projected on the wall of our living room. There was a very high wall that separated two places on this drawing. At the bottom of this wall there was a small hole which put these two locations in relationship. I had explained to them that evening, that there are two distinct realms, and that the things we speak about in our prayers should move from the spiritual realm to the material realm by means of faith, to see them come to pass.

It was a bit like this scheme:



The material realm is the one in which we live, it is made of different material, tangible things, but also of things that we can evaluate with our 5 senses. When I pray, all things depart out of the spiritual realm to finish in our material realm. In this case the faith acts as a vacuum cleaner, it is the faith who will 'extract' or "suck" the things of the spiritual realm into the material realm in order for me to see them come to pass.

Thus, faith is an essential element in this process.

I'm sure that we have all heard repeatedly some teachings about faith, explaining that one must have faith, that he should use his faith. But what we hear much less, are teachings that explain how to use our faith, teachings that explain clearly how to "put those things into practice".

We easily realize that there are two types of people in the body of Christ, and this is valid worldwide.

There are those who have positive results in their prayers. These people see the things for which they pray regularly come to pass in their lives. All seem easy for them. So many think that they have received a great faith from God. But it is totally wrong! We all have received exactly the same measure of faith!

Then there are those who are struggling, they are people who pray but nothing much does come to pass in their lives. They don't see many positive results. Then after a while these same people give up. They get discouraged. Most of the time they are victims of bad teachings on this subject. They think that some have a lot of faith, and that others have not so much faith. Then, with a resigned attitude, they say: "*Bad luck for me, I have not been chosen by God to receive lot of faith*". Then they burrow into their comfort zone, praying less and less, trying less and less, and of course they see less and less things to come to pass after their prayers. After a while they end up living a life where they don't expect much anymore from God, they don't expect much from their prayers. Certainly they pray but knowing in advance that nothing will happen. The result is that, actually nothing happens, it is quite normal in that case because they have not learned how to use their faith.

The next step for these people is to seek another Christian who clearly has good results when he prays. Then they come to be dependent on others whenever they have a problem. Unfortunately it's about two-thirds of the body of Christ in the world that act this way.

This kind of problem is even present in most of the local churches or home groups. How many churches and groups are filled with sick people years after years that don't get heal despite the prayers of the believers! How many of those churches still have people who cannot find a job despite the prayers! And we could add other topics.

This is not normal! This is not what God has planned for us!

Too often we see it as a fatality. We believe that there are those who have received the faith, and there are those who received only a little bit of faith only. As a result, 60% of the Christians in the world are assisted by the remaining 40%.

How the good news can be spread in the world with power in such statement fact? All this because of teachers who don't ask themselves the right questions, because of resigned Christians who prefer to call a brother or a sister to do the job instead of them. This is not how things should happen.

Of course I am not talking about a person who would not be able to pray effectively for a moment, because he could not concentrate enough because of a physical or moral suffering, or because he would be young in the faith.

When the apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, here's what He told them.

Luke 17: 5-6 (MSG) *The apostles came up and said to the Master, "Give us more faith." But the Master said, "You don't need more faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it would do it.*

Jesus has not said to them: "Ok boys, sit down, I will lay my hands on you so that your faith increases".

Do you think that if Jesus had had the possibility of increasing the faith of the apostles He would have not done it? Of course He would have done it! But the fact is that He didn't done it. Jesus didn't think of it because this was simply not necessary.

Look at what Paul says in this regard:

Romans 12:3 *For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the measure** of faith.*

God gave exactly the same measure of faith to each of us, His children. Often we think that this measure is different for everyone, and there are even people who teach it. This is not what Paul says here. At the time of Paul, often the merchants were using a measure because there was no conditioning as we have today in shops for foodstuffs, for example. Paul speaks about only one measure, nobody

has received different measures, we each have the same one, it is the same for all of us, because is THE measure, there is only one kind of measure.

At that time on the markets, they were selling wheat, oil, etc. and the seller had its stock in big bags or large jars or vases. It was necessary that, neither the buyer nor the seller would be robbed on the goods. This is why an identical measure for all clients was used so that each buyer had the same amount, but also that each vendor would not lose anything because he would have given a little more for the same price. This is why a measure was used to give the same unit of value to everyone.

It is exactly the same thing when Paul tells us that God has dealt the measure of faith to all of us. God has used the same measure for all of us, we all have received the same measure of faith.

Then why are there still Christians who don't have results in this area?

For two main reasons:

The first is that many don't know that they have received the same amount of faith that Paul, John, and any other person who has beautiful results of prayer in his life.

The second is that sometimes Christians imagine that everything happens without having anything to do. Certainly God has all given to us by grace, but it is through our faith that we have to enable this in us.

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,*

But after reading this study you will be in the full knowledge of things in order to see each of your prayers come to pass in your life. You will just have to put things into practice.

It is a fact, we all have received the same amount of faith in us. We all are therefore, in this regard, on an equal level.

In the Bible everything is really simple, it is often us who complicate things. We have just seen that it is therefore possible to possess something that God has given us, but to not necessarily benefit or take advantage of its fruits. This is the case about our faith. It is therefore quite possible to have faith and not to use it because of ignorance, or simply because we are not ready to make the necessary effort.

Our faith dwells in our spirit, and we have to make this faith go from our spirit to our soul so that it can express itself. This is why Paul tells us to renew our soul or our mind regularly.

Romans 12:2 ...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Here, what Paul calls the *mind*, it is our soul (for more details see my study: the spirit, the soul, and body). It is important to well understand this process because it is often here where Christians struggle. They don't understand why on one hand they all received the same amount of faith, and on the other hand they don't see this faith being manifested in their lives.

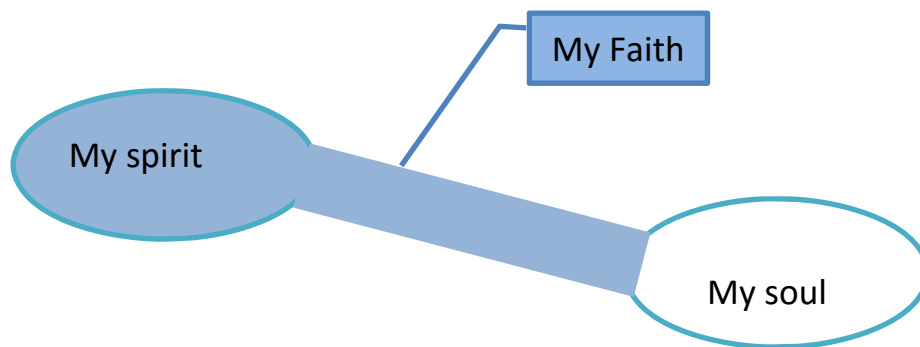
For those who didn't know that we all had received the same amount of faith because they didn't have a good teaching, the problem can be easily resolved: we just have to inform them on this subject. If you were in this case, this is now done, you now know that no one can say that he has more or less faith than his brother or sister.

It happens to me to talk with some people and notice that they know all that, but nevertheless they are unable to use this faith which is in them.

This is a put into practice problem that unfortunately we found very often in those who teach the Bible. They bring only the theory. The theory is a very good thing, but it is still incomplete in itself. If I stay only on a biblical theory, this will serve me for nothing, because the purpose must always be the practical implementation of things. It is important to understand that God has placed His measure of faith in me. It is in my spirit that He placed it, and this faith must be transported from my spirit into my soul.

How can I do to transport it?

You could say that things go as follows: suppose that my spirit is located slightly higher compared to my soul, and that faith is a liquid stored in my spirit. This would give a diagram like this.



On this diagram, we see the typical case where my faith is in my spirit, and it is like a liquid that goes down to my soul. The problem is that my soul is sealed. I have to understand that it is not by increasing the pressure from my spirit on my soul that it will fill it with my faith. Instead, it is my soul that should open the path, and that will make my faith able to pour out.

What makes my soul sealed is the doubt. The doubt comes from various things.

For example, suppose that I just have prayed because I have financial problems. I proclaimed that I won't be in need of anything in the name of Jesus. Then on my way out from my home, I take my mail, and I realize that I have received an invoice which will increase my debts. Two solutions are available to me:

- I keep my peace, and I proclaim aloud Psalm 23: "*the Lord is my shepherd: I will always have everything I need. Yes I have a big Bill to pay, but my father has already provided the solution*". In this first case, I'll continue to let my faith pour out in my soul: I'll activate my faith. I have just broken a thought of doubt attempting to try taking root in me.
- I watch my Bill, I start to worry and lose confidence; I'm afraid, I feel that my peace goes away. I don't seek to proclaim the Word of God to cast out this thought of doubt that begin to settle. Then another thought comes: "*How are you going to make it? It's a disaster*". I'm starting to panic: my soul is now totally hermetic, the doubt has driven out the faith.

My faith is always ready to be poured out into my soul, but often it is my soul that blocks the entrance of it. This will then help me to understand what is

happening. I have no need to ask God to pour out my faith in my soul, or in my intelligence, because it is already at the door, ready to enter.

It is of course at the level of my soul that things have to change.
Do you now understand why Paul says:

Romans 12:2 ...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,...

The word "transformed" is the same that the one used when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain with Peter, James, and John. ***Matt 17:2*** .

This word «METAMORPHOO» means:

- Change in another form.
- Transformed,
- Be transfigured,
- Metamorphosed.

It is the effect of the Word of God pronounced on your being. It changes your shape, metamorphosed you. This is a radical change, as when Jesus was transfigured. You are no longer the same person, as your soul has let enter your faith and let your spirit run your entire being. In this case, no matter what the circumstances are, regardless of the bad news, no matter how a situation turns up, you are calm and confident. This quietness and trust is your strength, because you are in peace whatever happens without letting you drive away from God's blessing upon you.

Here, the transformation is in the fact that it is my soul that will be filled with my faith that comes from my spirit.

What will happen in my mind (my soul)?

When my soul is filled with my faith, it is renewed. The biggest change that will occur is in my system of thought. I'm not thinking the same way anymore, I will no longer have the same vision for some subjects, my priorities will change. When my thoughts change, then my words change too, my attitudes change, my gestures change also, and this is where will start the process of the fulfillment of the things in my life.

Now you'll surely think: *"Yes thanks Franck, but how do I open this door of my intelligence, in order to let my faith pour out?"*

There are several ways to open this door of my soul to my faith. The first is very simple, we saw it together: removing the doubt. Another way will be to do what you're doing now: by reading this study, also by studying the Bible, by reading good teachings, by listening to inspirational messages that go in this direction. Reading and listening to the Word of God are the important ingredients to let my faith enter in my intelligence.

Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

It is by "*hearing*" that my faith comes. The hearing is part of one of our five senses, which refers to our flesh, here our soul. Paul said in other words: "It's when you are in contact with the Word of God in terms of your flesh, by some of your senses that faith comes and enters into your soul (your intelligence)." Or: "the door of your soul opens to let come and enter your faith when some of your senses are like "saturated" of the Word of God.

Whenever I am in contact with the Word of God in its different forms, Bible, teachings, discussions with other Christians, I let this door of my soul open and I let my faith drip.

You may think that renewing our soul once would be more than enough. But not at all.

Why?

Simply because this door which is located at the entrance of my intelligence has a spring loaded, or a self-closing, which activates at the contact of the world in which we live, because of all its carnal and tangible thoughts. The fact of having inherited sin in us, our flesh (body and soul) is naturally attracted by what is opposed to God, which is tangible as opposed to faith. Therefore, if I stop to renew my intelligence, after a period of time, this door will close by itself, because remember, there is no pressure in my faith. As soon as the door closes, the flow of faith stops and remains behind the door, waiting for this same door to open again.

This explains that sometimes we can reach good results, and later on, we go back to our original state, because we will stop to hear the Word of God. This means that we have choices to make. The error would be to say that these choices must be the same for all Christians. Not at all, everyone must make their own choices based on what he feels when the Holy Spirit shows him things. For example, since several years now, there is not anymore a television in our house. This doesn't

mean that it is a 100% bad thing, but simply that we have decided to spend more time to speak, read, play together, rather than listening to broadcasts that don't add very much to us. But I will never say to anyone to throw his television away. For others, it will be another thing like the internet for example, social networks. Everyone must sort his own life, but not in making decisions, frustrated or forced. This would be ridiculous. When you make the decision to stop doing a certain thing in your life, you must do it with joy, with conviction. If this is not the case, don't do it, because this will bring more negative than positive. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you on this subject.

Faith is what allows me to believe, and believe is one of the keys to success.

Mark 5:36 *As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Don't be afraid; **only believe.**"*

They came to announce to this man that his daughter had just died, and the response of Jesus was to believe. Jesus didn't say anything else, He only said to stay calm and to believe. There is therefore no other recipe.

This is where we start to penetrate into the heart of things in order to see our prayers come to pass.

Believing is the key.

When I happen to talk to Christians on this subject, most of those who don't see the things come to pass, always give me the same answer: "*but yet I believe!*" Then I tell them kindly: "*No, you don't believe, because if you believed, you would have seen your prayer come to pass*". Otherwise Jesus would have lied when he said:

Mark 11:24 (DAR) *For this reason I say to you, All things whatsoever ye pray for and ask, believe that ye receive it, and it shall come to pass for you.*

It seems to me that the action of believing is really one of the things that has most been falsified by satan. I rarely saw my brothers and sisters actually really understand what believing does mean, and what this implies.

We think that we believe, but in reality we don't!

Fortunately we have some indications that allow us to see if we really believe.

To see if you really believe, listen to yourself when you talk. I am not saying just to listen in a distracted way. Really listen to yourself talking; pay attention to your words, analyze your remarks, and your decisions.

One day one of my friend had a cyst on her forearm. She told me: *"Franck could you pray that this cyst to disappear?"*

So I took a little while to explain to her how to activate her faith and pray by herself, by commanding this cyst to disappear. When we prayed the cyst was still there, but the power of God had begun the healing process. As I knew she struggled to believe, I told her: *"if tomorrow, the cyst is still there, continue to proclaim that the word that you speak is stronger than it, and that it will disappear, it is a certainty"*. The next day the cyst had not yet disappeared. When my friend saw this, she said: *"it is still there, it didn't work"*. With this word she had just proclaimed that the word of God wasn't sufficient to heal her, and thereby canceled her own prayer, as she had by this words proclaimed that this Cyst was stronger than the word of God pronounced. Her words showed that she had not activated her faith.

If you have just prayed to see something come to pass, then stay positive in your words when you speak about it to someone for example. This is the most typical case, I pray by commanding a pain in my body to get out, and then when I finish my prayer, the pain is still present. If I meet one of my friend sometime later, and that this friend asks me: *"Hello, how are you?"*, and I answer him as many Christians would respond: *"Oh I have a pain in my back which doesn't leave, I'm suffering so much"*... In this case, I have just simply confessed my pain.

Confess means *"to come into agreement with..."* If then I confess my hurt and my pain, this is like to doubt; with such words I declare myself in pain, and totally out of the power of the word of God who heals me. Such words deactivate my faith.

On another hand, there is not point to deny the facts, it would be quite stupid. If I pray for healing and the pain is still present, when someone asks me how things are going, the right attitude is to say something like: *"Fine thank you, I had to pray to cast out a pain in my back, it is not yet gone, but the power of the word of God that I have spoken over it is in the process to heal me. I'm sure that soon everything will be all good"*. This should not be some positive thinking, not at all.

If I pronounced this kind of sentence it is because I know that I know that it is the strict truth. I have no need to persuade myself because it is a conviction that

cannot be shaken. I have not denied the facts, but I have stayed in an attitude of confessing the word of power that I have spoken over my body. It is therefore quite possible to remain in the words of faith, even if I have not yet seen the fulfilment of my prayer.

Listening to yourself talking is very important. Paying attention to the words that I will speak, is as important.

Jesus said:

Matthew 12:34 ... *For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*

What comes out of your mouth is the result of your thinking, it is a rule. That is why listening to our speaking is a perfect barometer to see if the door of our soul is always open so that faith continually flows to enter.

Sometimes some words may seem insignificant to us, but they are in fact devastating.

Whenever you pronounce a word that goes against what the Bible says, you speak a condemnation against yourself. Not that God condemns you, not at all, you just condemn yourself. Our thoughts have power over us and our words are the reflection of it.

Proverbs 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*

This Psalm shows us very well that depending on the words I speak, I'll create the life or death, which means the positive or the negative.

To use your faith is relearning how to think. It's on your way of thinking that you must focus in order to change your language, and not the opposite.

Remember, our words are the result of our thoughts. Don't think that this will be done in a few minutes, for most people, it is like an apprenticeship. Above all, don't give up as long as your thoughts have not totally changed. You will be encouraged along this path by the achievements you'll see in your life. This is what is wonderful in this process, it is that we are not required to have reached our goals to see the first fruits. Then use this encouragement that you see and live throughout this path as a power to move forward.

Believing it is adopting a thought in agreement with the Bible, even if one of my five senses shows me the opposite. When I believe, I agree to no longer take into account what my five senses are telling me, or what the circumstances say, but rather what God's word says about this subject.

The word of God, the Bible says some things that we can make our own regardless of our situation. You can rely on these five things without taking any risk.

- Jesus acquired me eternity with Him, this will never change.
- God wishes that I am always in good physical and mental health.
- My father wants that I will not be in need of the essentials in my life.
- God gave me enough to heal any disease by praying for others.
- His will is that I'm talking about the Gospel whenever I get the chance to do it.

There are still of course many other things that God has planned for us, but you can already experiment those ones, your life will be changed. The goal is to make these five truths some quite natural things in you, because regardless of the situation or the person, these truths are unchangeable.

Now, the same way you have fully comprehended and taken into account the laws of the earth such as the law of gravity for example, these five laws must also be part of your "natural."

No one can convince you that if you drop a massive rock at a certain height above your head, it will not smash you.

Who would like to try to see if the law of gravity doesn't apply in this case?

Certainly nobody!

Why?

Because everyone believes and has perfectly integrated and embraced the law of gravity in his conduct. No one would question the law of gravity, of course.

It is exactly the same thing for these five truths, or those five proclamations that God has given to us. This isn't a matter of persuasion, it is not necessary to force yourself to believe, not at all. These things are simply the truth. There is therefore no question here to prove them, because they are unchangeable facts.

All this is a process, as of course it is difficult to have lived decades relying on his five senses only, and all of a sudden, for some subjects, not any more relying on our five senses. I totally understand that it's like a small revolution in our

intelligence, because since our birth, we were all accustomed to using our five senses to communicate information from our body to our intelligence.

Now, since we are born again, one of the major differences comes that our spirit has come back to life, regenerated by the Spirit of God. Like any life that animates, there are manifestations and signs of this life. One of the manifestation lies in the fact that we have the faculty to think with our spirit, and especially with our soul. Our spirit is the one that will give us spiritual information's. It is he that will make us discover the spiritual laws, the truths that God has proclaimed about us. (For more details see my study: manage all my being with my spirit).

As in our earlier scheme, it's from our spirit that comes all these spiritual truths when they arrive in our soul (our intelligence). The most important is to get out of the idea that says that everything which cannot be seen with one of our five senses doesn't exist. This is entirely untrue. It is often on this point that we can't believe and that doubt settles.

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

This is exactly what said the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews: it is not only possible to believe something that you don't see, but also to have the insurance of it without any fails, about things that we are sure to see done. This is the definition of faith. When the Bible speaks about hope, it is not at all the same concept that we have today. *Hope* according to the Bible is to have an assurance. When it is written "I hope", the concept is: "I firmly believe that..." That's why sometimes, some make the mistake of thinking that Paul "hoped" in the sense "I'd like that this will happen....". This is not the meaning of this word in the Bible.

James 1: 6-7 *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;*

If I doubt, I cancel all effect of fulfillment of the things for which I prayed. As we have already said, the doubt pushes the faith away... but good news: the faith also pushes doubt away!

Always remember these five truths of God towards us, learn them by heart until they are engraved in you. They must become as natural as the earthly laws that

you already know. You would not put your hand on a flame because you know that fire burns, and you also know that water is wet. These things could make us smile, because they are obvious and logical. But if you would ask the question about these five spiritual truths by telling me: *“Franck you cannot believe these five things, how can you get their evidence?”*. I think that I would smile also, because they are things obvious and true, not less obvious than these earthly laws that we know: they come from the same person, God!

These things have become natural for me. Note I use the verb "become", which means that it has not always been the case for me. I have entered into a process that has allowed me to get assured that these things are natural, to believe that everything that is written in the Bible is available for me. Today nobody can make me think another way, because in addition to believe it, I can't count how many times I saw them happening in my life.

Some Christians come up to this level of assurance, but yet some of them don't see things being accomplished before their eyes. They believed, didn't look to the circumstances nor to what their five senses were saying, and yet they have not seen the thing for which they had prayed happening. It is not enough to believe the correct way, to have good thoughts along with the right words and the right attitude.

Some will tell me: *“Franck, I don't understand anymore, you said that it is what was needed to get there!”*.

Yes it's true, that's what I said.

To get there, you should continue to believe until the accomplishment of things, and not just believing a bit of time at the beginning. This firm assurance must be permanent in me, and not lasting just the time I'm praying, for example. The time should never affect my faith.

All biblical examples of people who have seen things come to pass, have one thing in common: the time had not affected their attitude or their insurance.

No matter how long it takes, if I don't believe up to the end, I won't see much come to pass. One key is to stay focused on my Father in heaven. It is far more important than anything for which I will pray. His love for me is the primary thing in any situation. The fact to remain hooked to His love for me will have the effect of keeping me in a perfect balance in my thoughts. It is no longer the thing for which I pray that is at the forefront, but it's my Father; He loves me unconditionally, and this love surpasses all other things.

Understand that everything is connected; when I begin to think, I have to keep this way of thinking until the end.

These people often don't understand. They say: "But yet I believed, I expressed the action of my faith, when I prayed I had good thoughts, I had the right words!" But the problem is that they have not kept going with this attitude for very long.

This is why it is important to listen to yourself speaking. If I listen to me talking, I'll easily realize if I'm still in the right approach, or if I'm trying to confess doubt and condemn myself.

When I believe, the circumstances have no control over me, this is another effect of believing according to the Bible. Even if what I hear or what I see shows me otherwise, my thought remains riveted on what the Bible says about this subject. The example that we took earlier spoke of a pain that would still be present, there may be amounts of other things which can be opportunities to generate doubt in me. We can't of course list them all here, but whether to find a job, to receive a healing, a provision, to achieve a reconciliation, etc... I will never change my way of thinking because of an apparently negative circumstance.

To see things come to pass, I need to remain calm, with all my trust in the Holy Spirit, because I understood that God is in love with me.

Isaiah 30: 15 ... In quietness and confidence shall be your strength...

If we reverse this verse, we can say that if I'm not confident and calm, I will have no strength to see things come to pass. Often people think that to remain calm and confident, you must be in a quiet situation. Not at all, I can proclaim that peace is on me, and this peace will generate calm and confidence even in the turmoil.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Peace is part of what Jesus has given us. So, we can activate it with our faith because it is already in us, we don't have to request it. Peace is also part of the fruit the Holy Spirit has produced in us (Galatians 5:22). Often we think we should ask God what we need, but God has given us everything. God is omniscient, He knows all things, and He knows everything we need to succeed our life in Christ.

Do you think He would say: “*Ok, peace: they will need it, but I will give it to them only if they are really in trouble*”. No, God is in love with us, He loves us so much, that He gave us everything.

Romans 8:32 *He who didn't spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

Paul shows it to us here in this passage, God has absolutely given everything to us without any exception.

There are situations where we need to see things come to pass for others. When you pray for someone else, for example. Here also, there are some truths that must to be known.

I remember when I started to pray for strangers in the street, on car park of supermarkets, the Holy Spirit had already begun to teach me. This has lasted for months. I started to feel like crying, thinking about all those people who die every day without being born again. However, I'd never been someone very sensitive. I always helped my family, but I had never really been close to people. But this time, I was thinking about all these people without Christ in their lives, and great sobs came up in me. I identified myself with these people when I walked in the streets, I had compassion because I thought that most of them, they were not saved.

Often for Christians in a similar case, the question is to know if it comes from the Holy Spirit without them asking anything about it, or if the Holy Spirit responded to a longing which was in them.

I think that the Holy Spirit comes to influence us without us asking Him. But it may not mean that all is lost if I have the desire to turn more toward the others and that I need Him to help me in this regard. We are all at the same level. Certainly we have all different personalities, but the Holy Spirit will never refuse to give me more compassion for others regardless of the plan that God has for me. It is therefore something that not only you can ask Him, but I think that every Christian needs to use a great compassion regardless of the domain where he is active. Compassion is the result of loving my neighbour. And I can't pray for a person with success, if I don't have a deep love for him or her.

It is something that I see regularly when I pray for the people in the streets or markets: the more my love for people grows, the more I have results in the miracles that I see.

To see things come to pass when I pray for someone, the first thing is loving, because God loves him or her also. The Bible says that God is love. Love is the "engine" of God, His identity. I can't love others as long as I haven't understood and known the love that God has for me.

Often you may hear people say it takes a special call to pray for others. Yes it's true, but this special call, God puts it on all Christians without exception. All the excuses like: "*Oh I have not received a particular call to pray for people when they are sick*", must be confronted with this passage:

Mark 16: 17-18 *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

You have believed in Jesus Christ?

You are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit?

If you answer "yes" to these two questions, then this passage applies for you.

If you don't experience these miracles in your life, I announce to you that you have received everything you need to experience them. If you don't know how to start, contact our Ministry (our contact details are at the end of each of our studies), we will be more than happy to help you. Not a single person to whom I taught to pray for others can say that he has not reached the goal, either pastors or Christians, all have been able to see things come to pass when they prayed for sick people for example.

Pray for others requires of course the same conditions that we have discussed since the beginning of this study, with in addition this dimension of love for others. Don't think that this is only restricted to evangelists who work full time for this, not at all. All Christians are concerned without exception.

It happens that Christians tell me: “*Franck, pray for me that God bless me*”. I don't always have time to go into the details, but I'll do it here, so that everyone can understand what the blessing of God really is.

Genesis 12:3 “*I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you, I will curse. Through you every family on earth will be blessed.*”

As children of God, we are of the offspring of Abraham, then we are blessed by God, it is what this verse says. When God blessed Abraham, He told him that all the families of the earth shall be blessed in him.

On the other hand, no family on the Earth was blessed before Jesus was nailed on the cross, this is a fact. But today, all the families of the earth are blessed. Why?

Well because Jesus died for the sins of the world. Any family today has all its members forgiven of all their sins. Nobody was born again when Jesus died on the cross, this is why we can say that Jesus has forgiven the sins of all human beings. Which implies that all are eligible for salvation in Jesus. But for this salvation to be active in the life of a person, he must accept it and “validate it” by becoming a disciple of Jesus.

It is through this promise, that all the families of the Earth are blessed today, in the fact that anyone who has the opportunity when he wants, at some point in his life, to be saved in Jesus Christ. And how much more, a person who has agreed to be saved, will see all the fruit of this blessing. It is a fact, every Christian is blessed by God. This is very important to realize, because this truth will help me to activate my faith to see things come to pass.

The inner of a blessing is that it may not be removed.

Genesis 27: 36-37 (GW) *Esau said, “Isn't that why he's named Jacob? He's cheated me twice already: He took my rights as firstborn, and now he's taken my blessing.” So he asked, “Haven't you saved a blessing for me?” Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him your master, and I have made all his brothers serve him. I've provided fresh grain and new wine for him. What is left for me to do for you, Son?”*

When Isaac was deceived by Jacob, he could not remove the blessing of his son to give it to Esau. The Bible says that God doesn't change His mind when He gives.

Romans 11:29 (GW) *God never changes his mind when he gives gifts or when he calls someone.*

God doesn't repent of what He gives, it means that He never changes His mind when He gives something.

What thus "be blessed" means?

When I am blessed, it is firstly a permanent action upon me. There is no on and off in the blessings that God has given to us.

Often I hear many Christians say that they have been blessed, which is false. We are already blessed since our new birth. There are not many layers of blessings; this blessing which we should benefit according to the promise made to Abraham, has been activated in our life at our new birth. I can no longer say that I have received a blessing.

We can make a parallel to try to better understand.

Let's take the case of a plumber, and a baker. These two people have both a company, a plumbing and the other a bakery. These two persons receive a wage through their status as plumber and Baker.

After a few years the plumbing business closes down, as well as the bakery. Therefore this plumber and this baker don't get salary anymore. They have no more income of money, but do they cease to be a plumber and a baker because of that?

No of course!

Yet, they have no more salary, but they keep their status and their qualification.

It is exactly the same thing when I am blessed from God. Whatever the situation is, I will never lose my status of a "blessed" person by God.

That plumber and that baker will be able to find a job again or restart a company because of their status, because they haven't lost it. If they had lost their status, there would be no chance for them to work again in the same trade.

Often we mix up the blessing with the consequence of the fact that we are blessed. I will never stop to be blessed, it is a fact in which, without taking any risk, I have a strong assurance of. However events will occur in my life and I'll see some of the consequences of my blessing disappear.

Let's take an example to differentiate these two facts.

My fridge breaks down. I have to change it and I have no money to buy another one. The next day a person that I know knocks at my door and tells me that God told him to buy me a brand new fridge, and he's coming to bring it to me. I'll be in great joy, I'll thank him, and praise God for His provision.

Is this fridge a blessing?

No, this is not a blessing.

This is a consequence of the fact that I'm blessed, which is different.

Most of Christians would say: *"Oh this fridge is beautiful, God has blessed me!"*. No, God has not blessed you here, because He has already done it; you are blessed anyway. This fridge is a consequence of the fact that you are blessed.

Why?

Let's move forward in 15 years' time, in which condition this fridge would be? It will perhaps already be broken down? What is certain, is that someday this fridge will be good for the trash. If so you had considered this fridge as a blessing, you will say: *"My blessing has disappeared!"*.

Or let's take the case of something quickly perishable, or that is quickly consumed as fuel for a vehicle.

Suppose you're at a petrol station to refuel, a person comes to you and tells you: *"Hello I would like to tell you that God loves you, and for this I would like to offer you the full tank of petrol"*. What will be the reaction of most Christians? They would say that God has blessed them through that person and that full tank of petrol is a blessing.

If you consider that this free full tank is a blessing, what are you going to say about this blessing 2 or 3 weeks later when you will run out of petrol?

Your "blessings" will have disappeared in smoke!

If so you had considered that this tank of petrol was a blessing, then you will just have to say, I used my blessing, and now it has disappeared.

No! This wasn't a blessing, because you are already blessed, and it is precisely because you are blessed that you've seen the result of it by receiving this tank of petrol for free.

The right attitude is to say: *"Yes I have no more fuel, but it was a consequence of the fact that I am blessed and not a blessing in itself"*.

Often people say to me: "*Ok Franck, but it doesn't change anything! Blessing or consequence of blessing, the fact is that my fridge no longer works, and that my petrol tank is empty now*".

Yes it's true, your fridge will no longer work after a while and your petrol will be gone in smoke and it won't change. But what will follow on from this is not the same thing anymore!

Why?

Just for a matter of faith!

Together, we have seen that it is only by faith that we can get things from God.

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him...*

This verse says that it is only by using my faith that I will be able to grasp what God has given to me, because things are so. There is no other way to achieve this. When it is told to "pleasing God" often people think that God will love me more when I'm nicer.

But it's wrong.

God loves us with a maximum and unconditional love. This means that the level of His love for me will never change, and won't be even less based on my actions. God loves me, full stop. Nothing can change that.

Without faith I can therefore take nothing nor receive anything from God. This shows that faith is therefore an element more than important, we have already seen it earlier.

So, if we go back to our two examples, and that I consider that this fridge or this petrol were a blessing, then when at one time or another, I will no more have them in my possession, I' going to say: "I no longer have my blessing". Then in a conscious manner or not, I will consider that the fact to be blessed goes with what I get. That is, if I no longer have "my blessing", I will consider that I will have to get again another blessing from God. I will then consider that I will have to go back from scratch whenever I have a new need. With this kind of way of thinking, I consider that I'll have to get the fact to be blessed each time.

On the other hand, when I have the right way of approaching God's blessings for me, I know that everything I get is only a consequence of the fact that I'm blessed by God, and nothing else. Because when I get something, I see it as a consequence of the fact that I'm blessed, then my blessing itself remains always.

Do you remember that a blessing cannot be removed? It is thus in this way that I have to take my blessing. Then in this case, when I take our two examples, when

I'll see my fridge broken down, out of service after 15 years, or when my petrol tank will be empty, it won't be a problem at all.

Because I have considered this as a consequence to be blessed, so this is not because this thing is gone that I am not blessed anymore. It is because I know that I am blessed no matter what, that my faith will remain activated. And if my faith remains full on, then I see things come to pass, because I know that I don't have to regain my blessing whenever I have a need. I live in this state of fact. No matter what may happen to me, regardless of what situation is, I am sure that I'm blessed, and nothing can change that. With such a way of thinking, I know that the blessing of God remains on me regardless of the situation, and this is why I proclaim that I am blessed, that my faith will enable many other consequences of my blessing to show up.

This is not because I'll lose this or that that everything will collapse, not at all. A thought remains in me: "I am blessed". This assurance is the open door to receive from God in all areas of my life without any exception.

Another very important fact is to not limit things, to not compartmentalize things. There is a phrase that I like to repeat that is saying: "*the only limits that we have with the Holy Spirit are those we put on*".

The Holy Spirit is the one by which the power of God gets active in my life. It is He who creates the circumstances in order to see things come to pass. My way of thinking is also directly linked to what I will see come to pass in my life. If I am a person who tends to settle for the minimum, then I will see the minimum happening in my life.

Why would you limit things yourself?

It is a shame to put a limit while you don't know what God has planned. When I think in a restrictive manner, I will myself establish an end to things. In this case it would be as I was saying: "it is here that things stop, I think that's a good thing that things don't go any further".

If you've read my study "The person of Jesus Christ", you now know that what characterizes the Holy Spirit is the fact that He never puts any pressure on us. The Holy Spirit never forces us. He will sometimes insist on several occasions, but He will never force us to do anything whatsoever.

It is easy now to understand that if I set myself the limits, if I determine in advance how far things will go, then there is a lot of chances that, actually things stop there where I have planned in my thought.

What is subtle in all this is that even if I don't pronounce this limit, even if I don't express it with one of my five senses, my thought will be nonetheless respected by the Holy Spirit.

Then how can I do?

Where should I place the limits of the action of God in my life?

The answer is very simple...

It is not up to me to place limits on the action of God in my life. This is the option I have personally chosen now many years ago. I consider that it is not my job to do it, I forbid myself to generate the slightest thought on this subject. I let God do for it is up to Him to decide how far things should go.

This doesn't mean that we are always below the limit set by God in some areas of our lives. It happened to me sometimes to have setup a limit for a situation much beyond what God had planned to do.

Did God go with me where I had setup this limit?

No! He didn't go there.

In this case it might happen that we could be disappointed and frustrated, because we have not yet understood that God has placed the end of a good thing before the limit I myself had set.

There are therefore two advantages in letting God placing the limits of things for us. The first one is that I will not deprive myself or limit the action of the Holy Spirit in my life. Each process, each of my prayers will go up in their perfect accomplishment. Nothing will be missing.

The second one is that I won't be disappointed, because things will not be gone into something that I myself set unnecessarily. I would therefore never been troubled or disappointed.

The right attitude is not in remaining without any thought, not at all. I must not remain inactive in this process. My thinking must simply always be prepared to be guided by the circumstances that God generates in my life about this subject. I always have to be ready to go further. Which doesn't mean that I have to start in advance, not at all.

To be ready for something is not the same thing than generate this same thing. I have to be prepared that things would go well beyond what I could imagine,

and at the same time, I remain there, quiet and attentive, ready to go further when the Holy Spirit shows me.

All this is happening in my thought, therefore it is not a question to act to be ready. It's only in my thoughts that I have to be ready to overcome all my limitations to go much further than what I could imagine.

This kind of thinking will leave an open way for the Holy Spirit. I let Him the choice of things. I don't count the times where I saw God by His Spirit take things far more, or in a different direction than I had imagined. Of course this doesn't prevent me to have an opinion on the situation, I can tell myself: "*it seems that the outcome will be this one*". This is not a problem at all to think so, as long as this thought doesn't take over.

One day, I was on a market with my friend Mark where we both had set up a "healing tent". We were praying for all those who were sick and wanted to see a miracle of healing. In the middle of the morning, I saw a man dressed as a Muslim coming toward me. Then he handed me an invitation to go the next day in an evening "open day" in a mosque not far from the market. I took this invitation and thanked him. Once he was away, I thought that it would be a very good thing to go there, because I will surely have the opportunity to talk about Jesus or pray for some sick people. The evening coming, we went to the mosque with my wife Christine, where a meal had been prepared. There were hundreds of people, large aligned tables, and everyone was talking and eating this meal. I had this thought: "Stay ready, you will surely have the opportunity to speak about Jesus to one or more persons". But at the same time I didn't hold to this thought, letting the Holy Spirit do as He had planned. I remember looking in all directions during the meal, in order to see if I could have an opportunity to talk to someone. I had noticed a mother with her veiled girls not far from our table. So at the end of the meal, I got up to see them and asked if they had a problem in their body, pain, or any sickness so I could pray for them and they would be healed. They answered that everything was fine, and they thanked me.

The evening came to its end. If I had set a limit to pray for Muslims during this evening, then I would have told to myself: "It is now time to leave, things have not happened as I had planned". But I remained open, without setting any limit. We left the place where we had dinner. It didn't seem, to a human point of view, that I could now speak about the Gospel to one of this Muslims, as we were all standing, next to each other ready to leave the place. I could have said: "*it is over, I came here for nothing*". But it wasn't my thoughts. I remained open minded, without setting any limit to the things or circumstances.

Then suddenly I saw someone coming quickly toward me. It was a young woman for who I had already prayed on the market at our healing tent. She had been healed of her two knees. There, she came to me saying: *“Franck, I am glad to see you here, I was invited also. Could you pray for me because I fell this morning on my both wrists, I can't bend my hands anymore, because I have big pain”*. Then in front of hundreds of Muslims, I was able to pray for this young woman. I prayed three times for her, and in less than 10 minutes she had already regained 60% of her mobility without any more pain. Of course all those who were around heard us and saw that I was praying for her in the name of Jesus and that I had thanked the Holy Spirit for His healing power. Nobody told me anything, it seemed to me that they were more surprised than anything else.

If I had set a limit regarding this evening in this mosque, telling myself that I would speak about the Gospel or pray for Muslims, I think that it is quite possible that my actions or my choice would have been different. In this case I would not have surely seen this young woman. But before heading to the mosque, when we were still at home, I told my wife Christine: *“I don't know what will happen, or how things will unfold, but the Holy Spirit has planned to make beautiful things”*.

That's actually what had happened that evening, because I had not setup limits, I had established no scheme, I didn't want to limit the Holy Spirit, but instead I let Him using me as He had planned.

John 5:19 *Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*

Jesus said Himself He didn't think of His own will, and He was completely subject to His father. The devil can no longer do anything against me when I submit to God, which means that I place myself in a position where I make abstraction of my “me” to adopt a dependent attitude on my Father.

James 4:7 *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

The original word translated as "submit" has a clear notion of volunteering. When James says to submit to God, he wants to say that this is something that we do voluntarily. This notion is often understood in another way in our societies, because when it comes to submit, we think of an action against our will. But in this passage this is not the meaning. It is with all my pleasure and joy that I submit to God, because I understand that in any situation there will always

be a perfect solution, which will be much better than mine. I don't want to take over because I know that I won't be always right, because I'm not perfect in my reasoning.

Imagine that you had a plumbing problem in your home, and you're a person who can't manage a hammer or any tool in your hands. When the plumber arrives at your place and begins to do the repairs, will you still do things by yourself, or will you submit to the skills of the plumber so that he may repair your leak?

You will let him do of course!

You will not even try to get in his way because you know that he knows much better than you and has much better skills than yours in this area. It is deliberately and with a great joy that you will submit to the skills of the plumber.

So what is the fact that will occur, that I will submit myself to God with great joy?

Just because I will have understood who I am and what is my place.

Too often I see people wanting to do things instead of God. Their thoughts will be: "Yes, but I know..."

It's only when I understand that I am nothing without Him, that naturally I will submit myself to God with great joy.

I cannot submit to God as long as I don't understand how much He loves me! The love of God in me is the source of everything. To submit myself to God I need to know His unconditional love for me, I need to let Him love me. I need to tell Him: "*Love me Daddy! I want to let your love come even deeper into me*".

Thus, submit to God becomes not only a pleasure but a need.

Submit to God is to have clearly understood that I need to give Him all that belongs to me.

James 4:7 *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

Often most Christians forgot the first part of this passage. They say they will resist the devil and he will flee far away. But there are many times where they are forced to see that he doesn't do it. I can't see the devil flee away from me if I am not, first of all, submitted to God, it is simply impossible.

Submit to God means to give Him everything. It's about His will, not ours.

"Franck, you're telling me that I must give to God all I have? "

Yes, this is exactly what I say.

"Everything I own, and even my family, my work? "

Absolutely! We must give everything to God. It is the only way to submit to God.

I give you a very precious indication:

If I'm reluctant to submit to God, it's because I haven't understood yet what it implies for me.

Paul says in Romans 14:23 that if I do something without being fully convinced of it, then I commit a sin. Therefore, I understand that there is no way to submit to God if I don't do it willingly and convinced that it is the best thing for me.

Then why is it that many Christians are struggling to submit to God?

Simply because they don't understand what means "submit to God"!

When Abraham had his son Isaac, he was one hundred years old. Isaac was the child that he had always wanted to have with his wife Sarah, it was the child who would accomplish the promise that God talked to him about. Although Ismael was already 14 years old at the birth of Isaac, Isaac was the one he had waited for during his entire life, according to what God had said to him.

Over the years, Abraham had developed a special relationship with his son Isaac, who would have become harmful to him over a period of time. He considered Isaac as so important for him, he loved him so much that with the time Isaac would become more important than the relationship Abraham had with God.

Would it be that God would be so egocentric that He asks us always to give him everything?

Not at all!

God wanted Abraham to build a healthy and balanced relationship with his son Isaac. For Abraham to attain this goal, He had to help Abraham to put his ideas in good order. Abraham had to submit to God in regard of Isaac.

What people don't often understand, it is that God wants to receive all from us, just to give it back to us in a balanced manner.

Watch how things ended for Abraham. Did he lose his son? Did he lose his riches? His family or his life?

Of course not!

God wants us to give Him everything in order to give us back those things in a holy and well balanced condition.

How does this happen in the practical way today?

How can I give my children or even my family to God?

Of course it is not in building an altar to sacrifice everyone!

It is the perception that I have of my children, my family and my friends that I have to give to God. I have to accept to say: *“Ok I abandon them at the risk of losing them. I give them to you Dad, so that you will do something much more beautiful. I know that whatever happens, things will be much more balanced and beautiful, and I won’t lose anything”*.

The same thing applies to my own life. When I submit to God, then I agree to abandon everything I am, but also any perception of the things that I own.

Then God will give me back everything: my personality, my relationships, the perception of my property, of those I love, everything that makes my life. He will put them through a filter of perfection, and give me back all I gave Him, in a holy and clean condition.

I remember when I was 5 or 6 years old, I was playing with a set of plastic bricks. That day I was building a house. I was very proud of my house. My father came to see this house of plastic bricks. The problem was that I had built the walls of this house with piles of bricks on each other, and these piles together alongside others formed the walls. Then my father told me: *“Look, your walls are not strong, because if you push a pile of bricks your wall collapses”*. And when he pushed one of the pile of bricks, half of my wall collapsed. I remember being very angry at him. In my perception of things, I saw only one thing: my father broke the wall of my house which I was so proud of. So as a good dad, he told me: *“Don’t be angry, I’ll show you a much better way, let’s redo this wall in a much better way, and just trust me”*.

Then my father taught me that day that I could put bricks in staggered rows. Once the wall finished he told me: *“Now try to bring down this wall we have just done”*. It was impossible for me because it was so strong that even if I was pushing on the bricks, they were now anchored with each other to form this solid wall.

What do you think I did when my dad came to show me a better way to do things?

I eagerly put down the remaining walls of my home, in order to rebuild them the right way!

It is exactly the same thing with our Father in heaven.

God wants us to give Him everything, so that He can give us these things back, beautiful, clean, sustainable, on purpose for us to enjoy them much better than what we would have done by ourselves.

Abraham hadn't lost anything, he won everything. Upon his return, he regained all his possessions, his family, but in a perception that wouldn't give him stress anymore, no more fear of losing them, because he knew that now it was God who was taking care of them, and not himself anymore. He had changed his way of thinking.

We all have in our lives today, areas that we love so much that we want to keep them for us so that no one will damage them. We have in our personalities some areas that need to be modified so that we could live much happier and holier. Do you now understand what God wants to do with everything we give to Him?

When I decided to give my personality to God for instance, He has given it back to me so much more beautiful. He is still giving me back these facets of my personality as my progress goes on, and I see myself changing for so much better. Today I have a full assurance that God will always give me back what I gave in a much better condition than when I told Him: "I give it to you".

It is only once I have understood and assimilated this that I'll run to give everything to God, because I know I'll get it back in a holy and clean condition, generating love and joy.

This is all the difference that we see with some Christians who are in a constant frustration, because they know that God asks them to give all, but they don't understand that they will have everything back in a perfect condition. They don't understand that it is beneficial for them to submit to God.

By nature, I had a little bit of a perfectionist personality. I used to like that everything would be well organized, that nothing comes to disrupt things in my life. Then when I did things, I tried to predict everything, even the worst case, in order to have a ready alternative. This kind of thing is not necessarily bad, if it doesn't come to an extreme. But the problem was that I tended to act in extremes, wanting to direct everything by myself.

Today I realized that at the time, I wasn't a fun person at all for my entourage sometimes. I didn't like surprises, so I was trying to anticipate everything so that

everything will happen in the best way. Finally today I know that this kind of attitude was only a lack of assurance or of spiritual confidence. I was saying to myself: "God is perfect, yes, but I prefer to manage things myself...!"

What a difference since I gave Him my person, who I am. God gives me things back so much better. I don't stress anymore for situations because I know that now, He is the One dealing with them.

This doesn't mean that I dropped my personality without no longer thinking about it, as if I wanted to change by myself. When I give myself to God in order for Him to give it back to me in a better condition, I have to use my faith. I must have this assurance that I will find things beautiful and changed.

For example, in my natural personality, I used to get angry very easily. When God gave me my personality back, anger wasn't part of it anymore, this is how He 'filters' things in the practical.

The key is to understand how much He loves me, because it is only that way, that I will receive everything that God will give back to me with this unconditional love He has for me.

Once you have understood and assimilated all this, then you'll run to give to your Dad everything you are, everything you have, all those you love. Your attitude will be to say: "*Thanks Daddy, take it all please I want to give you all, because you're going to give it back to me, generating much more joy, happiness, than it was originally*".

This is what means "*submit yourselves to God*". It is an act that must be absolutely voluntary, who comes from a huge and strong desire, because I have understood all the meaning of it.

Once submitted to God, then I'll be in a good state of mind to be able to resist the devil. I'll be able to resist him because I have given everything to God, and God will be here giving me things back, balanced. I no longer manage things by myself, I have no more stress, I have nothing to lose anymore, and it's so easy to resist the devil in these conditions!

The last part of this passage of James 4: 7 is now almost automatic: "*and he will flee from you*".

The first effect of my submission to God will be that I will be able to resist the devil, and then satan will flee from me. Flee, is not going away and slamming the door. Flee, is leaving quickly because of fear. Satan will no longer have anything against you from the moment you submit to God, and things will continue to come to pass in your life. (For more details see my study "the true colours of satan").

Some will be able to tell me: "*But Franck what do you do with this passage from 1 Peter 5: 8?*"

1 Peter 5: 8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Yes, this verse confirms exactly what we just said precisely.

Of course satan will always be looking for a way to harm us, it is a fact that will never change. It is only what this verse says, and nothing else.

Most of the people by reading this passage imagine that they are in a life where they must be careful to always hide, don't do anything good for the Gospel that will attract the attention of the devil on them, just in case he would come to devour them.

This is not at all what this passage is saying!

Yes, satan is always on the look-out for harming us, but if I submit to God, I'm also in a position to resist him, and if I resist him, this lion that roared near me will run away. God wants us to give Him all because He wishes that we can see things for which we pray, come to pass in our lives. It is not for Him that he wants us to submit to Him, but it is for us.

There is another passage in the Bible, very important to help us to see things come to pass. It is also, like many others, misunderstood by so many.

Luke 9:23 *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

This word of Jesus summarizes in itself all what we have just said. The fact to submit myself will propel our Christian life in some powerful dimensions.

For a majority, this passage means: as Christians, we must carry our defaults, take everything that makes that we are not perfect, and move forward somehow in our Christian lives by putting up with our moral or physical infirmities sometimes. Or alternatively then, we must carry the downsides of our life, and somehow like pay for our imperfections.

But none of that is right!

A deeper analysis of this passage will help us to see more clearly. (For more details in order to understand a biblical passage, see my study: "How to understand the Bible").

Jesus says here in other words that one who wishes to follow what He taught, must renounced to himself, or agreed to give his person to God, or to submit to God. We have extensively detailed above what it means to submit to God.

Then He said that it is every day that we must take up our cross.

Take up his cross doesn't mean that I have to carry anything. This doesn't mean that I have to undergo some sufferings for some reasons I wouldn't be aware of. Not at all!

The word translated as 'take up' is the Greek word "AIRO". This word means "raise", but also "take to appropriate" or "take procession of".

In this perception, things are now not the same at all.

Jesus said in other words: "That he (her) has to take possession of what the cross has given to him (her)" or "That he (her) takes all the victories that were acquired for him (her) at the cross".

So if we summarize this verse in this perspective, we can say that man or woman who wants to follow Jesus' teachings, must first submit to God by giving to God what he is, everything he has, in a joyful manner because he (or she) will understand that he (or she) will receive everything purified and well balanced in return. Once this is acquired, then this person will be completely led by the Holy Spirit, he will be free of himself. Then he will be able to take possession and enjoy everything the cross provides, such as: the authority in Christ upon all the evils powers, the salvation in Christ, the healing, the safety, not be in need of anything, etc... This verse is not a burden, but instead it is a great encouragement.

It is only by practicing and by activating all these things which we have detailed in this study that you will see things come to pass in your life, regardless of the area. You will also see that there is a synergy in these different topics, because knowing your identity in Christ will activate your faith. If you know your potential in Christ, you will use your authority. If you know the love that God has for you, then you'll love others in a supernatural way, and you will also submit to God. We could expand this list easily.

What's great is that these things are related and produce the force to activate the next one, without meaning that there is a special order to process. Seeing things come to pass is at hands, but sometimes we are our own enemy in this regard. Everything is already in us, and it is ourselves either with our ignorance or with our knowledge, that we will block or release the power of God in order to see things come to pass.

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