

**“THEIR”  
CONVERSATION  
WITH ME ABOUT  
FAITH**



*“ In Your light,*

# *we see the Light ”*

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## **FAITH**

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### “THEIR” CONVERSATION?

**How much** of the Word of God, under Holy Spirit guidance, is in the **conversation** between **Father God** and you, between **Jesus Christ** and you, and also in the conversation that you have **with yourself**? **Let** the Word as **Truth speak** to you.

**Heart to heart** conversations through the Word of God, establish eternal quality and depth in your **relationship** with God.

The **Word of God** is the foundation for **communication**, **interaction**, **declaration** and **interpretation** in our **relationship** with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Get **involved** in the conversation about **FAITH**!

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May God minister to you in a very special way as you take **time** with His Word and **walk** with the Holy Spirit through this “**study guide**” about “**Faith**” (as one of many themes available).

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# “ OUR FATHER’S EXCELLENCE ” (OFE)

## BIBLE SCHOOL

“For **His** divine power has bestowed **upon us all things** that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] **knowledge** of **Him** Who **called** us **by and to His** own glory and **excellence** (virtue)... **employ** every **effort** in **exercising** your faith to develop virtue (**excellence**, resolution, Christian energy), and in [**exercising**] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), and in [**exercising**]... [develop] Christian **love**.” (2 Pet. 1:3,5,6,7b AMPC) Love: the **more excellent way** - (1 Cor. 12:31)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a (special) people for God’s own possession, **so that** you may **proclaim the excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of Him who **called you out** of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Pet. 2:9 AMP.)

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## OFE VISION

**DISCIPLE** people into the lifestyle of a true worshipper of God, set free to live an excellent life, practically, all as if unto the Lord.

**BUILD** character, knowledge and skills into the members of the Body of Christ, into the living stones of God’s house, to serve the church effectively.

**TRAIN** people through the Word of God, to accurately obey His Word with excellence and respect.

**ACTIVATE** and release people as Spirit-filled vessels equipped to be witnesses of the Truth under His guidance.

**PLANT** strategic people as church, ministry and community leaders, according to their specific calling, vision and destiny on earth.

**REACH** all generations with the message of the Kingdom, as ambassadors and co-workers of Christ.

**ENJOY** your life with God and His family, as you see how your Father's dream becomes a reality in the nations.

**“ In Your Light, we see the Light ” (Ps.36:9)**

## **8 ACADEMIES in OFE, (Our Father's Excellence) BIBLE SCHOOL:**

- **WORD**
- **PRAYER**
- **WORSHIP**
- **PROPHETIC**
- **SHEPHERDING**
- **TEACHING+TRAINING**
- **CHURCH FOUNDATIONS**
- **MISSIONS+EVANGELISM**

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## **WORD ACADEMY OF OFE : VISION**

**“Study** and be **eager** and do your utmost to **present** yourself to God approved (**tested by trial**), a **workman** who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly** analyzing and **accurately** dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15 AMPC.)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every **good work**. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

It is our desire to see people **grow** in their **love** (Ps. 119:97,127), **understanding** (Eph. 1:17) and **application** (Ps. 119:11, John 8:31) of the **Word**.

“You have **commanded** us to keep Your precepts, that we should **observe** them diligently. Oh, that my ways were **directed** and **established** to observe Your statutes (**hearing, receiving, loving and obeying** them)!”

Then shall I not be put to shame (by failing to inherit Your promises) when I **look (with respect)** to all Your commandments.” (Ps. 119:4-6 AMP.)

Allow the **Holy Spirit** to fulfill the first priority promise from God in the New Covenant.(Heb. 8:10) “... **and I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts...**”

**“ Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ” (Ps.119:105)**

**Strategic, practical  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
for EXCELLENCE in your personal life,  
unique calling, dreams, ministry and destiny.**

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If you are **already** involved, or if you **want to** be involved in different **ministries**, (worship, children, youth, prayer, dance, technical, marketplace, financial, pioneer, etc.) in your **church, community, and nation**, you need to **continually develop** in authority in your field of ministry, work and unique calling, and challenge yourself for **excellence** in your **life and ministry** in and through the church!

This authority includes **character, gifts, skill, Word foundation, passion** and **accurate alignment** in **relationships** where God has called you in a specific church for successful impact in a specific community. When you consider your unique calling in the body of Christ, **commit to serve effectively** where God has placed you. “... a planting of the Lord, for the **display** of His **splendor**.” (Isa. 61:3b)

**Grow** in a **lifestyle** where **God’s initiative** is evident and **God’s excellence** is seen through who you are and what you do. Identify through the Holy Spirit, **who** is taking the **initiative** in your work, ministry and personal life. Evaluate your lifestyle and be accountable to leadership in your local church about your **development**.

You need **Godly authority** in your life to stand in Christ with victory, set free to **live the dream** Father God has for you. Godly authority with excellence can only be established **through** the **Word of God** in every

ministry and it is very important in order to **fulfil** your **calling** and achieve the **goals** that God has for you.

Our **challenge** in many ministries and church networks is to establish a **strategic, practical development plan** for members, volunteers, leaders and serving teams to grow effectively in what they do **for** Christ and **with** Christ.

There are many great seminars, short-term courses and conferences having impact in ministries, and there are amazing theological seminaries and Bible-schools, for fulltime training, but the “**gap**”, **lack, need** and **prophetic priority** now, is the long-term strategic development plan for the family of God to become the mature, relevant, effective church to:

- **Proclaim** the **excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of God. (1 Pet. 2:9)
- **Declare** how **excellent** His Name is in all the earth. (Ps. 8:1)
- **Approve** (discern, show forth) the things that are **excellent**. (Phil. 1:10b)
- **Show** the more **excellent way** (love). (1 Cor. 12:31)
- **Develop excellent** speech. (Prov. 17:7)
- **Exercise** your faith to develop **excellence**. (2 Pet. 1:6)
- **Allow** the process for God to make you an eternal **excellence**. (Is. 60:15)
- **Meditate** on... what is **excellent**. (Phil. 4:8)
- **Sing** to the Lord for He has done **excellent** things. (Is. 12:5)
- **Believe** that you as saints are the “**excellent ones**”. (Ps. 16:3)

That is why we want to introduce to you strategic, “set out”, specific Authority Fields for your development in who you are **in** Christ and what you do **with** Christ and **for** Christ. **Authority fields** are groupings of 7 **specific** subjects designed to focus on development in a **specific** area of ministry or personal growth.

We want to **help** and **assist** you with this **suggested road map** of development, to grow in doing everything with **excellence** as if unto the Lord.

**Prayerfully** look at the “set out” combination of **strategic training fields** and commit to it personally or even set it as a development path for you, your family, church and ministry partners/ friends. You can find the details at

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In this specific book/manual you will find 4 of more than 48 units for self-study (with 4 exam papers). These 4 units/themes from God's Word form part of the **training development program** for **excellence** in your walk with God.

**My prayer** for you and me in Psalm 19:14 (AMPC): "Let the **words** of my mouth and the **meditation** of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in **Your sight**, o Lord, my (firm, immovable) **rock** and my **Redeemer**."

*Cornelis van Heyningen*

## **1. FATHER'S conversation with me about ...**

### **FAITH**

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I have given you everything you need, not just to be saved, but to have a quality eternal relationship with Me as your Father. The key is faith that has given you identity and destiny in My Son, through the Word and the Holy Spirit. **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through My Word.** (from Rom. 10:17)

As you made My Son, the Living Word, the center of your confession, and respect the Truth through your faith, you will be free to live life today, a life with eternal value. Your faith and confession today will also save you from the destruction that the enemy, the world and your flesh might "plan" for you.

Remember, according to Rom. 10:9-11:

- **"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord",**
- **and believe in your heart that I raised Him from the dead,**
- **you will be saved.**
- **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,**
- **and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**
- **As scripture says, anyone who trusts in Me will never be put to shame".**

You were given the privilege of hearing the truth about life, Me and you. May gratitude for My grace always keep you humble in your Word-based faith.

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourself, it is a gift from Me.** (from Eph. 2:8)

My eternal love for you gives you an unshakable hope as the foundation for every step of faith. Heb. 11:1 says: **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**

Reach out to Me through the faith that comes from My Word, and I will meet you in a very special way, for **without faith it is impossible to please Me, because anyone who comes to Me must believe that I exist and that I reward those who earnestly seek Me.** (from Heb 11:6)

Learn to walk by faith, for: **you walk by faith not by sight.** (from 2 Cor. 5:7) and, **“The righteous will live by faith.”** (Heb. 10:38)

When you believe in Me and My Word, you will see that your deeds will glorify Me. Even though demons believe and respect Me and are yet against Me, your lifestyle can be an expression of a heart to heart relationship through faith in action that comes from My Word. **“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”** (James 2:17)

Follow the example of My Son and believe His Words! **My Son has told you the truth, anyone who has faith in Him will do what He has done. He will do even greater things than these, because My Son has come to Me.** (from John 14:12)

Focus on Him, not on your circumstances or challenges. Then you will see by faith how everything aligns with My perfect plan.

**Have faith in Me, your God! My Son Jesus has told you the truth, that if anyone says to this mountain go, throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore He has told you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.** (from Mark 11:22-24)



My Son is already in your future, and He believes that you will find Him by faith in your “everyday” life. **Therefore, fix your eyes on My Son, Jesus, the Author and Perfector of your faith, who, for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of My throne.** (from Heb. 12:2)

My Son is the Victorious One, and His victory is alive and working in you through your faith in Him. **For everyone born of Me overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even your faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is My Son.** (from 1 John 5:4-5)

Expect freshness in your daily “faith walk”! **Whoever believes in My Son, as scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.** (from John 7:38)

As you speak, live, work and walk by faith, you will experience clarity and breakthroughs in your destiny. **Trust in Me with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Me, and I will make your paths straight.** (from Prov. 3:5-6)

I will do it, for I am your God!

## 2. JESUS' conversation with me about ...

### FAITH

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You have everything you need to find yourself in Me, and to walk into destiny with Me. Through My Word, you can see what others in the world cannot see. **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through My Word.** (from Rom. 10:17)

You are saved as you receive Me by faith, and with the honouring of My Message in your confession, you can have quality life everyday! Speak your faith declaration against what the enemy and the world want to throw at you. As it is written:

- **“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord”,**
- **and believe in your heart that My Father raised Me from the dead,**
- **you will be saved.**
- **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,**
- **and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**
- **As scripture says, anyone who trusts in Me will never be put to shame”.** (Rom.10:9-11)

You were given the privilege of hearing the truth about eternal life, Me and you. Let gratitude for this amazing grace keep you humble in your Word-based faith. **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourself, it is the gift of My Father.** (from Eph. 2:8)

My eternal love for you gives you an unshakable hope as the foundation for every step of faith. Heb.11:1 says: **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**

Reach out to My Father through Me, your Saviour, and He will meet you in a very special way, for **without faith it is impossible to please My Father, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.** (from Heb. 11:6)

Learn how to walk by faith, for **“The righteous will live by faith.”** (Heb. 10:38) and ... **you walk by faith not by sight.** (from 2 Cor. 5:7)

When you believe in Me and My Word, you will see that your deeds will glorify Me. Even demons believe and respect Me, but your lifestyle can be an expression of a love relationship through faith that comes from My Word. **“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”** (James 2:17)

Follow My example and believe My Words! **I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have done. He will do even greater things than these, because I have gone to My Father.** (from John 14:12)

Focus on Me, not on your circumstances or challenges and you will see by faith how everything aligns with the perfect plan My Father has for you. **Have faith in Me. I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, “Go, throw yourself into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart but believes what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.** (from Mark 11:22-24)

I am already in your future, and I believe you will find Me by faith in your everyday life. **Therefore, fix your eyes on Me, the Author and Perfector of your faith, who for the joy set before Me, endured the Cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of My Father.** (from Heb. 12:2)

I am the Victorious One, and My victory is alive and working in you through your faith in Me. **For everyone born of My Father overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even your faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that I am the Son of God.** (from 1 John 5:4,5)

Through faith in Me, quality life will flow from you! **“Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”** (John 7:38)

As you speak, live, work and walk by faith, you will experience clarity and breakthroughs for your destiny. **Trust in Me with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Me, and I will make your paths straight.** (from Prov 3:5-6)

I will do it, have faith in Me!

### 3. MY conversation with myself about ...

## FAITH

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God has given me everything I need, not just to be saved but to have a quality, eternal relationship with Him as My God. The “key” is faith that gave me identity and destiny in Christ, through the Word and the Holy Spirit. **Consequently, faith comes to me from hearing the message, and I hear the message through the word of Christ.** (from Rom. 10:17)

I declare Jesus Christ as the center of my confession and choose to respect Him as the Truth through faith in all circumstances. I know that I can have quality eternal life today, free from what the enemy, the world or my flesh can throw at me.

As it is written:

- “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’
- and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,
- you will be saved.
- For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
- and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- As Scripture says,
- ‘Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.’”

(Rom. 10:9-11)

I have been given the privilege of hearing the Truth about eternal life, God and me. May gratitude for God’s grace always keep me humble in my Word-based faith. **For it is by grace that I have been saved, through faith – and this not from myself, it is the gift of God.** (from Eph. 2:8)

God’s love for me gives me an unshakable hope, as the foundation for every step of faith. Heb. 11:1 says: **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**

When I reach out to God through faith that comes from God’s Word, I can experience, more and more, the place of breakthrough in His perspective

on my life. **And without faith it is impossible for me to please God, because if I come to Him I must believe that He exists and that He rewards me if I earnestly seek Him.** (from Heb. 11:6)

I will ask the Holy Spirit to teach me through the Word how to walk and live a life that will honour and please God. By God's grace, **"... we walk by faith not by sight."** (2 Cor. 5:7)

**As the righteous, I must live by faith.** (from Heb. 10:38)

Only if I believe in Christ and His Word, my deeds will glorify God. Even demons believe and respect God, but my lifestyle can be an expression of a heart to heart love relationship through faith in action that comes from God's Word. It is said that: **In the same way, my faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.** (from James 2:17)

I choose to follow the example of Jesus Christ and accept His faith in me, for, **Jesus tells me the truth, that if I or anyone has faith in Him, I can do what He did. I will do even greater things than He did, because He has gone to the Father.** (from John 14:12)

I will focus on Him and not on my circumstances, challenges, success or failures. I know I will then see, by faith, how everything aligns with God's perfect plan. **Jesus says that I must have faith in God. And that He tells me the truth, that if I or anyone says to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and if I do not doubt in my heart but believe what I say will happen, it will be done for me. Therefore Jesus tells me, whatever I ask for in prayer, I must believe that I have received it, and it will be mine.** (Mark 11:22-24)

Jesus Christ is already in my future, and He believes that I will find and keep Him in sight by faith, in my everyday life. **I must fix my eyes on Jesus, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** (from Heb 12:2)

Jesus is the Victorious One, and His victory is alive and working in me through my faith in Him. **For if I have been born of God, I have overcome the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even my faith. Have I overcome the world? Only if I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.** (from 1 John 5:4,5)

I know that I can expect freshness in my daily “faith walk,” **If I believe in the Son of God, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within me.** (from John 7:38)

As I speak, live, work and walk by faith, I will experience clarity and breakthroughs in my destiny. **I will trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding; in all my ways I will submit to Him, and He will make my paths straight.** (from Prov 3:5-6)

I know God will help me, for He is my God!

## 4. TRUTH'S conversation with me about ...

### FAITH

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Everyone, even demons, have faith that God exists. It takes even more faith to believe that there is no God, for the facts declare the opposite. There is a faith that draws you into an eternal quality relationship with God, and there is a faith that draws you into a destructive worldly relationship with others, yourself or demons.

Rom.10:17 says: **“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of God.”**

The main question would be: Whose word will you believe? Rom. 10:9-11 declares:

- **“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’,**
- **and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,**
- **you will be saved.**
- **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,**
- **and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**
- **As the Scripture says,**
- **‘Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.’”**

You need to be deeply grateful for the fact that you could hear the truth about the only true living God who gave you the opportunity to receive salvation as an eternal gift. Eph. 2:8 says: **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourself, it is the gift of God.”**

God gave you this opportunity because He loves you and that love gives you an unshakable eternal hope, as the foundation for every step of faith. Heb. 11:1 says: **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**

Reach out to God, through His Word, by faith, for; **“... without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”** (Heb. 11:6)

Rom. 1:17, Hab. 2:4, Gal. 3:11 and Heb. 10:38 all declare that **“The righteous will live by faith.”** and **“... we walk by faith not by sight.”** (2 Cor. 5:7)

The evidence for the kind of faith you have will be seen in what you do. James 2:17 says: **“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”**

Jesus even said in John 14:12: **“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”**

Follow His example, and all intimidating circumstances or challenges will have to align according to God's perfect plan. Mark 11:22-24 explains this principle: **“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”**

Just remember that the faith imparted to you from God's Word has Jesus Christ as the primary focus. Heb. 12:2 says: **“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

Jesus Christ is the Victorious One, and His victory is alive and working in me, through faith in Him. **“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”** (1 John 5:4,5)

Through faith in Jesus Christ, quality life will flow from us! **“Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”** (John 7:38)



We speak, live, work and walk by faith, because we know that we are safe with our God. Let us therefore always surrender and submit to Him alone, as the Word of God challenges us in Prov. 3:5,6: **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”**

Sometimes we want to “understand” before we “trust”, but God has a desire for us to focus on Him and to walk, work and relate to Him, ourselves and one another, by faith!

Through the quality of faith from the Word of God, you will always be able to see the beauty of life, in the midst of challenging circumstances and situations.

**You can live this eternal life today!**

