

# Understanding the Tense of Your Faith

**“You have to say that you  
got it before you get it.”**

**This teaching shows believers how to keep their faith in the right tense—believing and speaking from what God has already finished, not from what they hope He might do later.**

**Faith is always now. It agrees with God’s completed work in the spirit realm, speaks the end result He has already declared, and stands on His settled Word like spiritual law in a courtroom. When you stay in the completed tense—saying “I have,”**

**“it is done,” and “it is so”—  
God manifests His reality in your natural life.**

**This is how you walk in true faith and enforce your redemption in Christ Jesus.**



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## **Introduction**

In this teaching, you will learn what it means to operate in the tense of your faith. Faith does not look to the future hoping God will do something later. True faith agrees with what God has already completed in the spirit realm right now. You will see how to align your words with God's finished work, step into your God-given identity, and enforce spiritual law so that God's reality manifests in your everyday life.

## **The Divine Revelation: The Tense of Your Faith**

A couple of years ago, I was walking down the steps to the basement floor of my employment where I was working, and the Lord spoke to me. He said, "It's the tense of your faith." That was such a powerful revelation, and I began to explore that and look at what God was saying.

Faith isn't about hoping God will do something in the future. Faith operates in the completed present or past tense. It means standing on what God has already done in the spirit realm, even when it has not physically manifested in front of you yet. Keeping the tense of your faith in the completed now keeps your faith alive because you understand how God works.

**Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)**

**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

When you look at that word "now," grammatically it ties together everything that was said previously to what is being said going forward. But spiritually

speaking, faith is always NOW. Faith stays in the completed tense. You have to say that it is done, it is complete, and it is so.

## **Standing on the "I Have"**

Look at how God spoke to Abraham about His promise. Abraham did not consider his physical circumstances or the body of his wife. He chose to believe what God had already declared over him.

### **Romans 4:17 (NKJV)**

**(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations")  
in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives  
life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as  
though they did;**

The key word there is **"have."** God said, "I have made thee a father of many nations." He used past tense. It was already preordained and made a reality in God's eyes before Abraham ever saw a child with his natural eyes. God gave him a vision of the future He had created for him, and that is what Abraham stood on.

God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means father of many nations, before he had a child. Why? Because that was a prophetic statement of what God established him to be. When God changed his name, Abraham accepted the name change. You have to accept your new identity of who God says you are in Christ Jesus. When you accept your new name, you come into agreement with God, and God makes it a reality because you believe it and call it as so.

## **Agreeing with the End Result**

When you walk by faith in God's Word, you must understand that God speaks the end before the beginning. Having the proper tense of your faith means keeping your mouth in line with the end result that God has already established and completed.

### **Isaiah 46:10 (NKJV)**

**Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'**

### **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)**

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.**

Why will He direct your path? Because He is bringing to pass what He has already planned and purposed for your life. You are walking in the completed work of God. When you stay in alignment, it begins to manifest in your natural life day by day.

Operating in the natural looks only at what is seen or felt. Operating in faith looks at what God said, looking not at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not yet seen in the natural. You stay in agreement with the completed work by declaring that it is so now.

## **The Spiritual Law of the Courtroom**

Faith is a spiritual law. Think about going into a courtroom when there is a dispute over something. You do not go in and make up your own rules. You take the written law that is already in force on the books, and you state your case based on that law.

When you stand your ground stating your position based on the law, the judge is required to respond and answer within the framework of that law. It is that simple. When you stand in agreement with what God's Word says in spite of seeing it or feeling it, God establishes the spiritual reality of it in your life.

## **Psalm 107:2 (NKJV)**

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**

Words spoken in court become evidence. If you speak negative words against yourself, you are producing spiritual evidence against yourself. When you speak what the Word of God says about yourself in Christ Jesus, it becomes spiritual evidence that you believe Him.

When problems and trials come, it is like being cross-examined by a prosecutor who tries to put pressure on you emotionally so you will say something contrary to what the Word of God says.. Once you go on record doubting and saying it is not true, you are out of faith. But when you enforce God's Word by speaking to negative circumstances and saying "it is so," God backs His Word and rules in your favor.

## **Simple Mechanics: Speaking the Completed Work**

There are no complicated intellectual gymnastics you have to do. You just have to understand the mechanics of faith and how to stay in faith, which is agreeing with the Word of God in spite of not feeling or seeing it in your life.

## **Mark 11:24 (NKJV)**

**Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**

When you pray for something, you believe that you receive it at the moment you pray. Everything in the natural may stand contrary to you, but you speak the end results of what Jesus has done for you.

When sickness tries to attack your body, you stay in the completed tense and say, "I believe that by His stripes I was healed. I have been redeemed from the curse of the law."