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## **HOLD FAST TO THE PROFESSION OF YOUR FAITH THROUGH CHRIST!**

I'm going to get something brand new from God right now!  
For HE is faithful that promised!

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(References in Greek taken in part from a teaching by Reverend Rick Renner)

- A. *Hebrews 10: 19- 25 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised); and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more as ye see the day approaching.*

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering

*First we have to understand who the writer of Hebrews was writing to at this moment. He was writing to the Jews who had received the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is good news, and these Jews in the early centuries, embraced it for all the wonderful good news that it is. When you hear someone telling of the goodness of God, that is the Gospel, but when you hear someone preaching about the God who is going to punish because of "sin in the land", by killing, and causing calamity, or by causing illness, that is not the Gospel of Christ! Guilt and condemnation are not from God, but goodness and the opportunity for peace and reconciliation is the Gospel! So, these early Christians (who were in the beginning Jews who had embraced the Gospel, had embraced it as healing for their bodies, soundness for their mind, prosperity in their life, it was healing for their finances, it was reconciliation for their families. For the first few years, there was no problem, they walked in miracles, signs and wonders, they walked in the joy of the Holy Ghost...For almost 20 years after Pentecost there was virtually no persecution from the government. The Roman Empire was somewhat like the United States in relation to the fact that it's constitution guaranteed the right of freedom of religion, so there were more than 3000 religions that were tolerated and accepted at that time. When Christianity came along it was just religion*

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# 3001. *In fact in those times, the persecution was being experienced more from the old Jews who had not embraced the Gospel. So, for over almost 30 years, these Jews had been holding onto the Good News, and year after year, after year they were hanging onto the promises that all their goods and the things that they had lost would be returned to them, restored to them. As the years go by they began to get tired, and they begin to release that promise which once they so firmly held onto in the hearts. So the writer of Hebrews said: Let Us HOLD FAST.*

Hold Fast: (Greek) Catecho (Compound of two words) The first is Cata which means something that comes downward, usually carries the notion of something that is conquering, subjugating or a dominating force.

Echo To embrace something

Together these two words compounded mean: “Let us wrap our arms around this thing, hold it down, hold it firm, and the notion is if you don’t hold fast, if you don’t hold it down or conquer it, it will have a way of slipping away from you. Therefore, if you are going to keep hold of what God has given you, you’ll have to put all of your weight on top of that thing. You have to make the choice this is mine and I’m not moving, I’m going to hold fast to this thing, I don’t care what life does, I don’t care what people say, I am not going to let go of what God said to me, I’m going to hold fast to this thing!

Now he continues to say Hold Fast the profession of our faith, one version says the confession of our faith. Well I cut my “faith teeth” first on Pastors Randy & Cherri Gilbert, which introduced me to ministers such as Kenneth Copeland, Gloria Copeland Dr. Jerry Savelle, and Joyce Meyer. Through the years I have also realized the anointing on and through good Gospel teaching such as Brother Rick Renner, and others such as my husband Bob Gregory, and Gary & Janis Wright, George & Brenda Ballans, Allan & Shirley Eldridge, Nick & Cathy Tsouroullis, Steve & Sherry Jones, Sister Kay Ogle and many others who may or may not be “ordained” by Christian organizations.

I have told some of you some of the early experiences that I had while new in the faith. So now let’s move forward in the sharing of our faith to the other details in the teaching of the Gospel concerning GOD FAITH.

Confession: in the Hebrews 11 scripture is from the Greek word, Homologian: Also a compound word which consists of :

Homo: Meaning “One of the same kind”, and Loggia from logos. Logos always represents the written word. Homologous: literally translated means: “To say the same thing”, but the deeper literal translation means “alignment”.

For instance, if you were to read one of my books, then you would be agreeing with my book...then you would be in alignment with me, thinking the same thing, on the same page, we see things the same way, we hear things the same way, we believe the same things...it’s not just you shallowly repeating the things I say, it is that we truly are one in this, so when the Bible refers to confession it is not referring to you just repeating the things that God says, instead it is literally referring to divine alignment, divine agreement, when God’s heart and your heart are in such agreement that your heart and God’s heart are one! When you

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*come into this kind of alignment, or agreement together with God then you are ready to make the kind of confession or profession of faith that will bring results. One of the reasons that so many people do not attain results, when they begin to stand in faith is that people don't give themselves enough time to allow something to really sink down into their heart. It has to be in your heart, you have to be in alignment with God's Word in order for the God-faith on the inside of you to be activated. Those who merely repeat confessions will not usually see the results that they hope for and then they begin to waver or get weary in their stand of faith. Many times people make confessions, and they are not really forming their heart in alignment with God's Word, and therefore they are not true confessions, my husband calls it "wishin' instead, with all good intentions, at times "wishin'" is all people are capable of until they are seasoned and have been able to grow the measure of faith that the Bible says we all have been given the measure of (Romans 12:3). In fact in order for you to make confessions that will bring results will take your life. It says let us hold fast, the reason that it says let us hold fast is that something wants to take it away from you! May things and people will serve as the devil's advocate in this. Life will take this away from you, your relatives will take this away from you.*

*We are well oriented with another word used in Hebrews 10: 19-25 that is the word, Wavering: "So weak that he can no longer stand", this denotes someone saying possibly.... "somebody get me a chair, then progressing to that person saying, "somebody get me a bed", and the word literally means to recline, literally means "lose energy", or to begin to spiritually wobble- then this person "goes to bed on their faith". No condemnation or criticism to that person, a lot of us have been there, done that. It is sort of a "human" weakness. However, it is important for us to recognize it and to be aware and mindful of it when it "raises its ugly head".*

*When God speaks a Word to you, you'd better hold onto it, because your life depends on that Word (in fact many lives depend on it)! God's Word has already said to you... "HEALED, WHOLE, SOUND, NOTHING MISSING, NOTHING BROKEN, THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL, BELOVED & APPROVED, CALLED, ANOINTED, APPOINTED, BOUGHT & PAID FOR BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS! ONE WITH HIM!"*

Now go to...

*Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

*The hidden things of God are revealed to US who KNOW HIM!*

*Vs 1: different view...everybody say, "substance":*

*Substance: Hooplestosis; Hoople: to be alongside of something  
Stasis: to stand*

*Another Compounded Word: Now faith is standing by things hoped for, the picture of a bulldog that has found the bone of his dreams. He has locked his jaws around that bone, and he does not*

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*care how hard they kick, pull, jerk at that bone to get it away, he will not let go of it! HE has wrapped his jaws around it and he is going to stand by it. Therefore we find that faith is an attitude! Faith is an attitude, you can see faith or you can see the attitude of faith. You can see faith because faith is literally an attitude. Jesus always saw faith, and he could also see their lack of faith.*

*See it in line with chapter 10 where the Bible says, "Let us hold fast". Once God has spoken a Word to you about your life or your ministry, you are to wrap your jaws around that. Faith is going to say.. "I'm going to stand by that thing that God said to me, and I'm never going to let go of that assignment....NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME CAN PROSPER!!!!!"*

*Now go to verse 2: For by it, by what? By faith....By this unrelenting-never give up-bulldog kind of faith. For by it, by this same kind of unyielding faith the elders obtained a good report (they experienced manifested good results). Who were the elders? The elders in the Old Testament, the Old Testament patriarchs. Who had this same kind of attitude? All of Hebrews 11 is talking about Old Testament and how they used this kind of faith to obtain the promises of God.*

*There is further research that is needed with verse 3:*

*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Creation: Cosmos: Refers to the universe or "Gase": the planet earth...but neither of those words are used here. Instead the word "ionas" is used: Specific periods of time, in the history of man. Like a decade, it has a concrete ending, a concrete beginning. A Century, a millennium, a generations, a specific allotted period of time. So now you would translate the verse:*

*Through faith we understand that different time periods, different generations, within the history of mankind were framed by the Word of God. This word framed is not the word for creation; it is not the word used for creation. Rather this word "framed" is to take something already existing and to refashion it and to completely reshape it. For instance if I was a potter, and I made a vase and after I had made it I said this vase is not what I had wanted, what would I do? I would run out and get me brand new piece of clay or would I take the old clay and work it over. I could take the old clay and smash it, and with the very same clay I could remold it and I could reshape it and make it into what I wanted it to be. Same clay, different shape.*

*Through this same kind of unyielding, never give-up faith, we understand that different time periods and different generations, within the history of mankind have been completely realtered and reshaped those who received a Word from God, so that afterward the things that existed were nothing like they were before they received their Word from God!*

*Men/Women who received a single Word from God, based their whole lives on that word. It took all of their energy and all of their focus, and all of their devotion to come into alignment with that Word and to stay in alignment with that Word from God. But because of one Word they received from God they changed the whole course of human history. One of the first examples of this in Hebrews 11, is Noah. A man who received a Word from God and despite of the ridicule and the persecution of all those around him, he changed the course of the world forever!*

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*Brother Oral Roberts, grew up in Oklahoma, healed of tuberculosis, God healed him and told him "God is a good God and the devil is a bad devil"  
He staked his whole life on that word! He got a Word from God and he has stood by it.*

*Kenneth Hagin, Faith, the just shall live by faith.*

*Kenneth Copeland, Obey the Word, speak the Word, live by the Word.  
Pastor Bob and I, have received several Words from God... Advance the Kingdom of God, No  
More Church As Usual, Take this strength of Faith to the Midwest.*

*What has God said to you? What Word from God, that bore witness in your heart of hearts in  
the past, or in the present or for the future has been slowed down, causing weariness,  
compromised by confrontation or persecution? Even in the midst of an unexplainable attack  
according to the worlds wisdom, ask yourself this question....What dreams or callings have been  
distracted, or due to the devil's attacks, the worlds ways or the flesh have been pushed down,  
causing you to waiver, or to doubt those dreams so that they were put on the "back shelf?"*

*HEY YOU, ARISE, SHINE! You are destined to change the course of human history! Tell the  
world, the devil, the flesh, and any other thing that would tend to try to thwart your  
purpose...ACCESS DENIED, NO ENTRANCE, GET AWAY FROM ME NOW, IN JESUS' NAME  
AND BY HIS BLOOD I COMMAND IT!*

*Now go on and recover! Start THERAPY now IN HIM! Do that which God has ordained you to  
do from the start, and do not give up on that GOD FAITH on the inside of you...ONE DAY AT A  
TIME BY FAITH.*

*YOU: HEALTHY, WHOLE, SOUND and COMPLETE! MADE FREE!*

*HOLD FAST!*

*In JESUS' NAME!*

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