

Believing and Receiving

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Some years back, we were believing God to receive some land in Tanzania. It was out in a Maasai tribal area near a water well we had dug for the people of a certain village. In fact, I had written an official letter to the village elders and requested that they "gift" the land to Hidden With Christ Ministries. I left the letter with a Maasai Pastor that we worked with there who was scheduled to meet with them in a few weeks. We knew that they could respond in a number of ways, but we were believing that God would move on their hearts to freely give us the land for the projects we desired to begin in that area.

I was in Northern California attending a Pastor's Conference when I received a phone call from Tanzania on my cell phone. We were at lunch at the time, less than an hour after a morning session where Pastor Bill Johnson of Bethel Church had all the ministers stand up who were trying to obtain buildings or land. He prayed for us, saying that God had spoken to him that it was time for churches and ministries to receive the buildings and land they needed for the ministry. My husband and I stood up to receive prayer for that very issue. When my cell phone rang during lunch, I could see from the caller ID that it was that Maasai Pastor calling me from Tanzania. I was so excited to hear what he had to say because I knew he should have had that meeting with the village elders by then.

"Mama, the village elders met and made their decision," the Pastor said. "What did they say?" I asked holding my breath. "They said, 'Tell Mama, to come back quickly. We want to give her the title deed in person. She can have as much of the land as she wants.'"

In Mark 11:23-24 Jesus was teaching His disciples about faith and prayer when he said, ***"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."***

God gave us the grace to BELIEVE and to RECEIVE from His hand that piece of land in Tanzania. A Christian couple who heard this testimony of the miracle of the land, handed me a check for the full price of an airline ticket to Africa with a small post-it note attached. The note read, "GO AND GET THE LAND THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU."

God wants to impart that same grace to you to believe for the things HE has on His heart to do in the earth. Has God already given you a dream and a vision that is for His kingdom purposes? Then simply ask Him for the grace to believe and receive.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

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