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Dedication

For all who have grown weary sitting in the waiting room—believers who long for God’s provision, promise, and power—this booklet is for you. Step out. Move by faith. Your promised land awaits.

Introduction: Don’t Die in the Waiting Room

Too many children of God live as if they are in a waiting room—waiting for God to do what He already promised, waiting for miracles while refusing to move, waiting for blessing while clinging to doubt. The waiting room of poverty is not always money; it is any place of limitation, stagnation, and small thinking born of unbelief. God does not reward passivity. He honors the walk of faith.

This booklet calls you to action. Biblical history shows a pattern: God moves when His people move. He parts seas for those who step into the water and releases heaven’s provision when His people obey. We will examine Scripture, expose the stronghold of doubt, and give practical, spiritual tools so you can stop living in the waiting room and begin living in your promised land.

Chapter 1: Faith and Unbelief — Two Ways of Living

Faith is confident action toward God's promise; unbelief is a spirit that hardens the heart, grieves the Spirit, and keeps believers out of rest (see Hebrews 3–4). The Israelites left Egypt but did not enter Canaan because unbelief stole their rest. You can be saved and yet live short of God's best because unbelief keeps you in a wilderness of unmet expectations.

Faith moves: it speaks, acts, and risks. Unbelief sits: it explains away promises and rationalizes limitations. Often one courageous step of faith is the difference between lack and abundance.

Chapter 2: God Works Wonders for Those Who Move

From Genesis through the Prophets and into the New Testament, God's pattern is clear: He honors obedient movement.

- Abraham moved in faith and became the father of nations (Genesis 12, 15, 22).
- Moses obeyed and lifted the rod; when Israel stepped into the sea, God divided it (Exodus 14).
- Joshua led Israel to march around Jericho in

obedient faith; the walls fell (Joshua 6).

- In the wilderness God provided manna and quail for those on the move, and water from the rock when Moses obeyed (Exodus 16–17).
- The cloud by day and fire by night accompanied movement and obedience (Exodus 13).

These accounts teach that God often waits for our obedience to release His miracle. When you step into the water, the sea can split. When you speak God’s Word in faith, heaven opens.

Chapter 3: Born Again — Water and Spirit

The New Testament calls believers to be born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5). In Apostolic Pentecostal understanding, this involves repentance, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and receiving the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2; Acts 10–19). Repentance turns us from sin; baptism identifies us with Christ’s death and resurrection; the baptism in the Holy Ghost releases power to live and minister. Seek the Holy Ghost, pray for it, expect it, and move toward it.

Chapter 4: Miracles Follow Faith

Jesus promised signs that would follow those who believe (Mark 16:15–18). In the Gospels and Acts, signs and wonders often occur where faith is present—faith that acts and presses through obstacles.

Examples:

- The paralytic was healed because friends acted in faith and brought him to Jesus (Mark 2:1–12).
- The centurion’s faith—“speak the word only”—brought healing to his servant (Matthew 8:5–13).
- The woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus’ garment in faith and was healed (Mark 5:25–34).
- Jesus often said to recipients, “Thy faith hath made thee whole,” showing the link between their faith-filled action and God’s response.

Chapter 5:

The Gift of Faith and the Gifts of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit distributes gifts as He wills (1 Corinthians 12). One gift is the gift of faith—an extraordinary release for miracles in a moment. Cultivate faith by hearing the Word (Romans 10:17), acting on God’s promises, praying in the Spirit (Jude 20), and exercising faith by stepping out—sowing seeds, speaking God’s Word, laying hands on the sick. The gift of faith is for the church as she yields to the

Spirit.

Chapter 6: Practical Steps Out of the Waiting Room

1. Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
2. Seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues.
3. Pray in tongues daily to build the inner man and grow faith (Jude 20).
4. Speak the Word of faith—confess God’s promises.
5. Act on what you believe—step into the water when God prompts.
6. Fast and pray against strongholds.
7. Give and tithe in faith—be a faithful steward.
8. Join a community that believes God for signs and wonders.

These are disciplines, not formulas. Do them consistently.

Chapter 7: Pulling Down the Stronghold of Unbelief

Unbelief grows through discouraging voices, past disappointments, and fear. Break it by identifying the lies you believe, replacing them with Scripture, confessing dependence on the Lord, and praying targeted prayers to renounce doubt. Record God’s

answers—testimony builds faith.

Chapter 8: Testimonies — When People Moved and God Moved

- A single mother tithed in faith and received unexpected provision the next day.
- A man paralyzed took steps after a faith-filled command and walked.
- A woman who refused “not now” received the Holy Ghost with tongues and new power.
- A sister pressed through doubt like the woman who touched Jesus’ garment and was healed.

These testimonies reflect a biblical pattern: God honors faith.

Chapter 9: The Church Called to Action

The apostolic Pentecostal church is called to be bold and active: preach repentance and baptism in Jesus’ name, pray for the Holy Ghost, equip believers in the gifts, and encourage active ministry—laying on of hands, healing, casting out demons. Christianity is not a spectator sport.

Chapter 10: A Call to Move — Practical Prayers and Confessions

Pray with fervency and expectation:

- “Lord Jesus, I repent of my unbelief. I break every spirit of doubt and receive Your faith. Fill me with the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues. In Jesus’ name, amen.”
- “Father, I confess Your promises over my life. I will walk by faith and not by sight. I receive provision, healing, and direction now. In Jesus’ name, amen.”
- “By the authority of Jesus, I command every spirit of poverty, limitation, and unbelief to leave my life, family, and church. I declare I will live in the abundance God promised. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Confess Scripture daily. Speak God’s Word. Move when God tells you to move.

Chapter 11: Old Testament Movers — Key Examples of Faith and How God Responded

(Selected, not exhaustive — major biblical examples showing the pattern)

- Abraham (Genesis 12, 15, 22)
How he moved: Left his country, trusted God’s promises, offered Isaac in obedience.

God's response: Promises of descendants and blessing; God provided a ram (Genesis 22:1–18).

- Moses and Israel at the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

How they moved: Moses obeyed God, raised the rod; Israel stepped into the sea.

God's response: God divided the sea and brought deliverance.

- Crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3–4)

How they moved: Priests stepped into the Jordan carrying the ark; Israel followed.

God's response: The waters stopped and Israel entered Canaan.

- Joshua and Jericho (Joshua 6)

How they moved: Obediently marched and shouted as God commanded.

God's response: The walls fell.

- Caleb and Joshua (Numbers 13–14; Joshua 14)

How they moved: Trusted God over the majority report and believed God for the land.

God's response: Caleb and Joshua entered the land and witnessed God's promise fulfilled.

- Gideon (Judges 6–7)

How he moved: Obeyed God's unconventional strategy despite fear and lack.

God's response: Victory over Midianites with a small force.

- David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

How he moved: Ran into battle when others were paralyzed with fear, trusted God's name.

God's response: David defeated Goliath and delivered Israel.

- Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8–16)

How she moved: Gave her last meal and firstfruits to Elijah in faith.

God's response: Her barrel of meal and cruse of oil did not run out.

- Elijah and the Widow's Son Raised (1 Kings 17:17–24)

How Elijah acted: Prayed earnestly and laid on the child.

God's response: The child was revived.

- Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5)

How he moved: Obeyed Elisha's simple instruction to dip seven times in the Jordan.

God's response: He was healed of leprosy.

- Elisha and the Widow's Oil (2 Kings 4:1–7)

How she moved: Obeyed Elisha's instruction; gathered jars and the oil kept flowing.

God's response: Provision to pay debts and live on the rest.

- Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son (2 Kings 4:8–37)

How she moved: Provided hospitality; when her son died she sought Elisha; he prayed and stretched himself on the child.

God's response: The child was revived.

- Elisha and the Floating Ax Head (2 Kings 6:1–7)

How they moved: The man acted to retrieve the ax and Elisha cast a stick in the water.

God's response: The ax head floated.

- Daniel (Daniel 6)

How he moved: Continued to pray to God despite a royal decree forbidding it.

God's response: Daniel was delivered from the lions' den.

- Hannah (1 Samuel 1)

How she moved: Poured out her heart in prayer and vowed to dedicate Samuel to the Lord.

God's response: She conceived Samuel.

- The Widow of Zarephath's faith and other small-faith actions throughout Judges and Kings show the pattern: when people acted in faith and obedience to God's instructions, God responded with provision, healing, and deliverance.

Chapter 12: New Testament Movers — Miracles and Healings Where Faith Moved God

(Selected New Testament accounts where human faith or action is explicitly linked to the miracle)

- The Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5–13; Luke 7:1–10)

Faith-act: Centurion's simple word and trust in Jesus' authority.

God's response: The servant was healed at a distance.

- The Paralytic and His Friends (Mark 2:1–12; Luke 5:17–26)

Faith-act: Friends removed the roof and lowered the paralytic before Jesus.

God’s response: The paralytic was forgiven and healed.

- The Woman with the Issue of Blood (Mark 5:25–34; Luke 8:43–48)

Faith-act: She pushed through the crowd to touch Jesus’ garment.

God’s response: Jesus said, “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole.”

- Jairus’ Daughter and the Sick Woman (Mark 5:21–43)

Faith-act: Jairus implored Jesus to come; the woman touched Jesus’ garment.

God’s response: The girl was raised; the woman was healed.

- The Two Blind Men (Matthew 9:27–31)

Faith-act: They followed Jesus and begged for mercy; He asked about their faith.

God’s response: Their sight was restored; Jesus said, “According to your faith be it unto you.”

- Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52; Luke 18:35–43)

Faith-act: He cried out and would not be silenced, calling Jesus “Son of David.”

God’s response: Jesus said, “Thy faith hath made thee whole.”

- The Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21–28; Mark

7:24–30)

Faith-act: She persisted and pleaded for her daughter.

God's response: Jesus praised her great faith and healed her daughter.

- The Nobleman's Son (John 4:46–54)

Faith-act: The father believed Jesus' word from a distance and went.

God's response: His son was healed at the same hour Jesus spoke.

- The Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11–19)

Faith-act: They obeyed Jesus' instruction to show themselves to the priests.

God's response: They were cleansed; one returned with thanksgiving.

- Peter's Mother-in-Law (Mark 1:29–31)

Faith-act: She rose and ministered after being healed (immediate response to Jesus' touch).

God's response: Immediate healing and restoration.

- The Woman Healed at Bethesda's Pool (John 5:1–15)

Faith-act: Jesus asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?" (Her actions after reveal trust).

God's response: She was made whole; later told to sin no more.

- Jairus and the synagogue leader's daughter (see above) and numerous healings performed by the apostles in Acts when people brought the sick or when believers acted in faith (Acts 3:1–10—Peter and John heal the lame beggar; Acts 9:32–43—Peter raises

Tabitha (Dorcas) when believers sought him).

Pattern summary: Many of Jesus' healings and miracles explicitly link to faith—either the faith of the recipient, the faith of friends who brought them, or the faith to obey a simple instruction. Where people moved in faith, Jesus moved in power.

Appendix: Scriptures to Declare

Hebrews 11; Hebrews 3–4; Jude 20; Mark 2; Mark 5:25–34; Matthew 8; Psalm 33:6; Hebrews 11:3; Acts 2; Acts 10–19; plus the Old Testament references above (Genesis; Exodus; Joshua; Judges; 1–2 Kings; Daniel).

Appendix: Daily Disciplines

- 15–30 minutes praying in tongues.
- 10 minutes declaring God's promises.
- Weekly fasts as led.
- Regular times of thanksgiving and testimony-keeping.

Appendix: How to Receive the Holy Ghost

Repent; be baptized in Jesus' name; ask in faith for

the baptism of the Holy Ghost and expect speaking in tongues as the evidence.

A Simple Prayer for the Holy Ghost

“Father, I ask for the gift of Your Spirit. Fill me now to empower me to live for You and to minister in Your power. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Conclusion:

Step Out of the Waiting Room Today

Your promised land is accessible. It may require a step you have hesitated to take—baptism, a bold prayer, a seed sown in faith, or an act of obedience that seems risky. God honors movement. Don’t be satisfied with the waiting room. The God who created the worlds still speaks, parts seas, provides manna, and pours out the Holy Ghost on those who ask. Get up, speak, act, and believe. On the other side of your faith is rest and miracle.

Final Exhortation

Heaven responds to faith. The same Jesus who moved mountains and raised the dead calls you to move with Him. Stop being a spectator. Move in obedience. Walk by faith. When you do, God will do what only He can do—and you will never again be comfortable in the

waiting room of poverty.

Go now—step into the water. The sea will split. The manna will fall. The cloud will lead. The fire will burn. God is for you. In Jesus’ name, walk by faith and receive your miracle.

Notes on Scope

This booklet highlights central, clear biblical examples in which faith and obedient action prompted God’s miraculous response. It is not an exhaustive catalog of every act of faith or miracle in Scripture, but it collects the principal, illustrative cases from both Testaments to show the consistent pattern: when God’s people moved in faith, Jehovah acted in power.

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