

Now Faith!

Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:41-43)

Jesus demonstrates the meaning of true faith. ‘Faith’ is the belief that what I prayed for is already done in the spiritual realm and it is going to manifest itself in the natural realm. I must be able to see the particular result (what I am hoping for) already in my mind, even though it is not within my physical sight!

This kind of faith is what I call ‘Now Faith.’ It is not only the faith that is needed in my **present** situation (now!), but with this ‘now faith’ I have already received (now!) what I have prayed for, even though it has not materialized (physically) as yet. (THE CONDITION IS THAT OUR PRAYERS MUST BE ACCORDING TO HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES).

Remember, this is how Jesus prayed:

“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me..”

God has already answered His prayer! It is a done deal! It is just a matter of time for the result to show. This is the kind of “now faith” we must have when we pray. With this knowledge of ‘now faith’ we can activate the blessings from heaven when we pray, believing that God has already answered our prayer.

Hebrew 11:1 defines this “now faith” as follows:

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

Again, this level of faith should be the foundation of our prayer. When Jesus prayed, by using “now faith,” Jesus believed that Lazarus was already risen from the dead (now!)...His prayer was already answered. He had received His miracle NOW! Although there was no physical, living Lazarus in sight (**the substance of the thing hoped for**), Lazarus was already risen from the dead in Jesus’ mind (this was **the evidence** of a living Lazarus not yet seen!)

Perhaps we can now add the concept of “Now Faith Prayer With Thanksgiving” to our diagram.



Next, it is time to put 'now faith' into action!....THE CALL!!

Heavenly Father,

“Help me to practice the ‘now faith’ that Jesus demonstrated when He prayed. I have already received my miracle! I see it through my mind’s eyes. I believe in my heart that it is just a matter of time before my ‘Lazarus moment’ manifests itself in the physical. Not my will Lord, but Your will be done in the midst of my situation. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

Memory Verse:

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” – Hebrew 11:1