



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

The Spirit OF FAITH

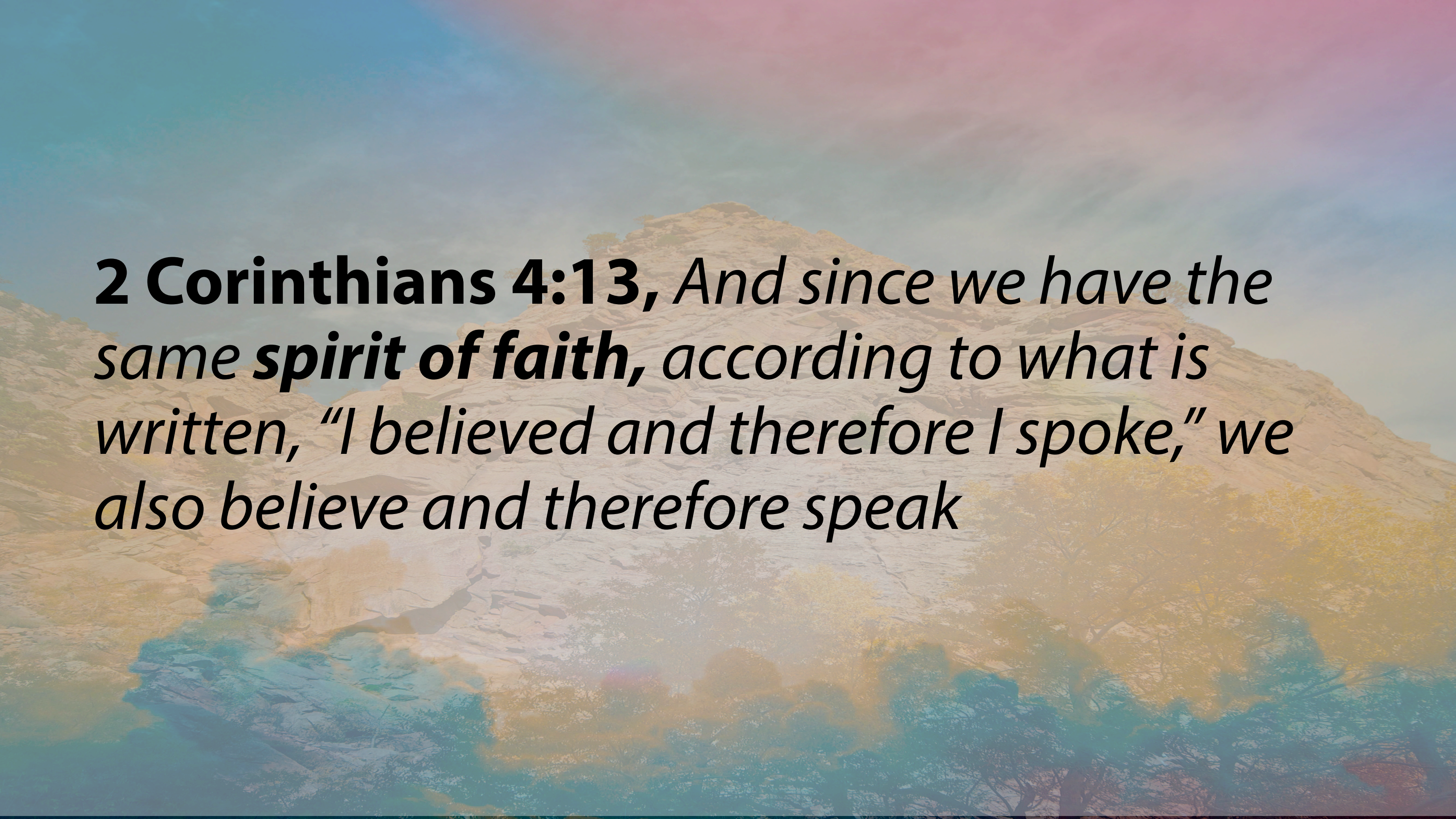
PART ONE

*A Lifestyle For
Provision & Favor*

*But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written,
"I believed and therefore I spoke," We also believe and therefore speak."*

1 Corinthians 4:13

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2 Corinthians 4:13, *And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak*

2 Corinthians 4:3, *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.*

2 Corinthians 4:6, *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

We have this treasure in earthen vessels

The thing we must realize is that God intends for us to embody the message of the gospel of Christ.

He wants the life of Christ and the work of Christ to inhabit us.

The power is from God and not from us.

God has confidence in those who follow Christ

- He puts His treasure inside of you and inside of me,
- That should make us pay attention to what we do with ourselves, our minds and our bodies.

What is the “Spirit of Faith?”

2 Corinthians 4:13, *And since **we have the same spirit of faith**, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.*

What is the “Spirit of Faith?”

This refers to a **disposition or attitude of faith** that aligns with the Word of God.

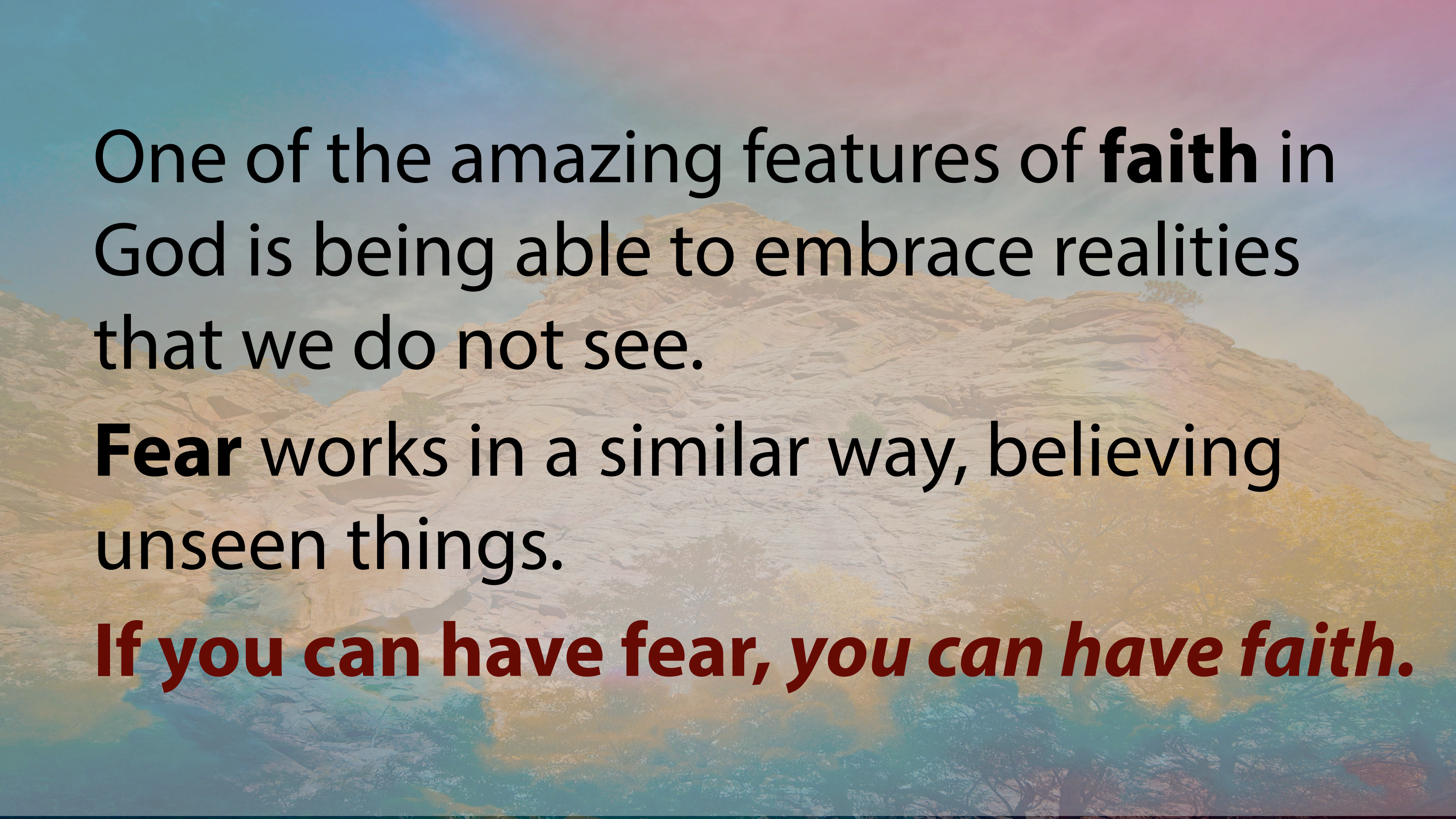
There is also the reality of the our human spirit infused by the Holy Spirit, producing bold and enduring faith.

"I believed and therefore I spoke..."

2 Corinthians 4:13

*...According to what is written, "**I believed and therefore I spoke,**" we also believe and therefore speak*

(Written in Psalms 116:10)



One of the amazing features of **faith** in God is being able to embrace realities that we do not see.

Fear works in a similar way, believing unseen things.

If you can have fear, you can have faith.

Faith embraces realities you do not see

2 Corinthians 4:16 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our **outward man** is **perishing**, yet the **inward man** is being **renewed** day by day.*

Faith embraces realities you do not see

Then we read:

2 Corinthians 4:17, *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,*

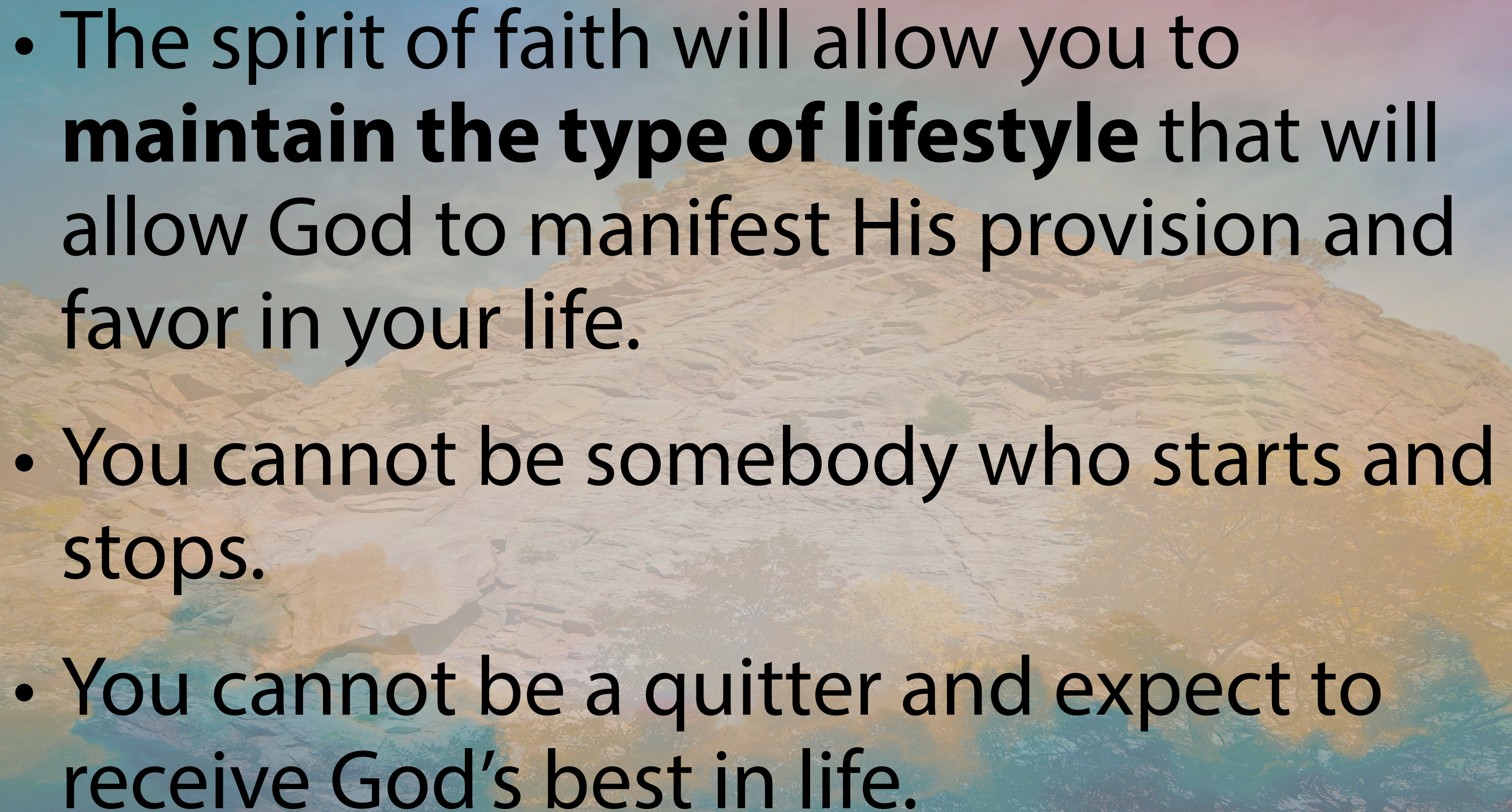
Abraham and Sarah showed how faith in God works

Abraham is called ***“The Father of Faith”***
(Romans 4:1)

- The promise came at 75 years old and 65 years old.
- The fulfillment came at 100 years old and 90 years old

Faith does not call things that are as though they're not.

Romans 4:17, *(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***

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- The spirit of faith will allow you to **maintain the type of lifestyle** that will allow God to manifest His provision and favor in your life.
 - You cannot be somebody who starts and stops.
 - You cannot be a quitter and expect to receive God's best in life.

How you “see” makes all the difference

Then we read:

2 Corinthians 4:18, *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal*

How do you not look at things which you see? How do look at things you cannot see?

- This is what people who have the spirit of faith do as a lifestyle.
- Not talking about physical sight
- It's about "seeing" things that are more essential than other things.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I have the Spirit of Faith which is a proper disposition and attitude aligned with the word of God. By the grace of God, I live a lifestyle that supports the Spirit of Faith I walk in provision and favor because God is faithful and helps me be faithful to Him.

I have God's treasure in this earthen vessel called my life. God entrusts His treasure with me and I will live a lifestyle that honors Christ and continues in covenant relationship with God and my fellow believers in Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I embrace realities that I do not see:

Though outward things are perishing, my inward person is being renewed day by day.

The afflictions that I endure are light compared to the glory that is being revealed.

I don't call things that are as though they're not. By God's grace, I call things that are not as though they were. God keeps His promises.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Spirit of Faith allows me to maintain the type of lifestyle that will allow God to manifest His provision and favor in my life.

I don't have to look at the things that I see, because there's more to life than what my eyes can see.

Through the Spirit of Faith, I see God's promises and purposes fulfilled

I have the Spirit of Faith and I am living a lifestyle of provision and favor