



**From Lwazi Dekeda**

Dear Community Care Group Leader; I greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## **6 WORDS – That Will transform Your Life**

“The Just Shall Live By Faith” – God in Habakkuk 2:4 (See also Rmns 1:17, Gal 3:11 & Hebrews 10:38)

NB: Read the three chapters of Habakkuk in their entirety and understand the context in which God made this statement.

### **1 THE JUST**

- The word just is a legal term, which flows from the principle of justification. It is the process by which mankind was pardoned of sins through the death of Christ on the cross.
- Sin had condemned us to eternal death because of the transgression of the law. Christ's death resulted in the fulfilment of the demands of the law, on our behalf.
- We are made righteous or brought into right standing with God, when we accept Christ as Lord and Saviour – John 10:9. This is an act of faith.
- In common language we can say, “we are saved because Christ took the bullet that was meant for us.”

### **2 SHALL LIVE**

- A life of faith is commanded by God.
- When you become justified or born again, you become a tool in God's hands for the fulfilment of His purposes.
- Once we have been justified we have to continue living by faith, because this is the only way that we can please God – Hebrews 11:6.
- Paul states clearly what our attitude as believers should be in Galatians 2:20 – our thoughts and actions must be governed by God's will.
- Romans 1:17 – the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: as you take one step of faith, you increase your capacity to take the next. During that process you begin to grow in your understanding of who God is and your faith grows and expands.
- Jesus is always interceding that our faith may not fail us. Romans 8:34 & Luke 22:31-34.
- The amazing things that God wants to do can only be achieved through believers who are resolute in their faith. Hebrews 11:17-34. These are the type of believers that our country and the world need right now. Believers who are not moved by circumstances & situations – Habakkuk 3:17 – 18.

### **3 BY FAITH**

- What is faith? = Hebrews 11:1
- How can you have evidence (that which is seen) of that which is not seen and how can what is hoped for (that which is intangible) be substance (that which is tangible)?
  - The answer lies in Romans 10:17 – through daily engagement with and obedience to God's word, you can build up faith within yourself, to a point whereby it becomes tangible and its fruit can be seen.
- Ultimately, what we believe is proven by the actions we take as a response. Faith without works (action) is dead – James 2:17.

#### **Discussion points:**

- I. How has faith impacted the way you live your life (decisions/actions)?
- II. In what areas of your life do you struggle with faith?
- III. Share testimonies, to encourage one another.

May you be blessed, as the Holy Spirit helps you internalise and actualise this message.

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