

if you would like to have faith for your breakthrough, make sure you are hearing and believing right about God through the *word of Christ*. It should be noted that in Romans 10:17, it is the word of Christ, not the word of God, as written in some Bible translations. The Greek word used here is *Christos* for Christ. What is the difference? The word of Christ refers to the word of the *new covenant*, the word of *His grace*.

In the book of Acts, the apostle Paul says: “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32) What is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among the saints? It is the word of His grace or the word of Christ. The Bible exhorts us to “let the word of Christ [*Christos*] dwell in you richly in all wisdom”. (Colossians 3:16) So if you are feeling discouraged, keep hearing messages full of the grace and finished work of our Lord Jesus as was proclaimed by the apostle Paul. This was what the crippled man in today’s Scripture verse did. Whatever your circumstances, keep hearing about how your sins have all been forgiven through Christ, and how you are today and forever the righteousness of God in Christ. Whatever the prognosis you have heard, keep hearing about how much God loves you and wants to be a loving Father to you, to watch over you, provide for you, and deliver you from all your fears and afflictions.

When you give priority to this daily, you will have the word of Christ dwelling richly in you. It is this word of His grace that will impart faith and hope to you. When you know God’s love for you, it will cause you to run to Him instead of hiding from Him. His love upon you and in you will make you strong. It will cause you to overcome every temptation and fear, slay your ‘giants’, and live life with greater boldness and victory!

Acts 14:8-10 “In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out: “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.”