

God Did It
Psalm 33:6-9
Tamika Brown

This week on our Lenten journey, our prayer focus is This Far by Faith – Being Faithful for what God has done (past), what God is doing (present) and what God will do (future). Faith is defined as confidence or trust in a person or thing; a belief that is not based on proof. We have come this far by confidence, trust, belief in things unseen. We have come this far by standing on God's word.

Those of us who are familiar with early hip-hop are likely familiar with the phrase "word is bond". It was popularized in much of New York hip hop from Rakim to LL Cool J to Wu Tang Clan. It was used as a signifier that whatever was said was true and verifiable.

Biblically, we can see the roots of the phrase. Jesus said, "I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken" (Matthew 12:36). In Matthew 12:34 we are admonished to make the best use of our words, because words express what is in our hearts - "The mouth speaks what the heart is full of".

Ok Tamika, thanks for that lesson, but ma'am what does that have to do with the text? Verse 9 says "For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm". Do you know how much power there has to be behind words to COMMAND things into being?? I imagine a lot!!

What that means for you and me is that we have to put some POWER behind our words. Although we don't possess the power to command things into being in the same manner as God does in the text, we do have the power to make sure our word is bond! We have to show up, we must be consistent and we must ACT upon our FAITH. It is through these things that our promise is made manifest.

We cannot just SAY we want our children to thrive, we have SUPPORT them. We cannot just SAY we love our neighbors as ourselves, we have to SHOW that love. We cannot just SAY we want our church and community to thrive, we have HELP make them better. We cannot just SAY "my word is bond", we have to SHOW that talk is cheap!

This Far By Faith means that we don't rest on the laurels of our ancestors, it means we reach back to the teachings, we add to them so that we are planting seeds on fertile ground for the harvest tomorrow.

God did it and so can we. **BY** faith. **IN** action.

Prayer:

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way (past); Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light (present), Keep us forever in the path (future), we pray. Amen

[from, Lift Every Voice and Sing]

February 27th

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Day 5

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WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Traditionally, we give up things during the Lenten Season - be it food or habits.

This season is also a time when we should **commit or recommit** to something - prayer, study or even serving our community.



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FASTING

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



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FORTY DAYS FORTY ITEMS

Each day of Lent, remove one item
from your closet that you no longer wear
or need and
put it into this trash bag.

At the end of the forty days,
donate these items to a place that can
share them with
someone who can really use them!



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