

02 Believing Jesus

(I Am The Word In You)

The Holy Spirit recently said to me, *"The Kingdom of God works the way the king says it does, not the way you think it does."* As believers, we would like to think that we are already believing Jesus. But apparently, that is not the case because Jesus said,

John 14:12-14 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. [13] And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Those words are never going to change. We must change until we actually BELIEVE WHAT THE KING SAID! The Lord has been reminding me of this verse concerning this series titled Believing Jesus,

Matthew 13:52 KJV Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

He is having me go back and study again things that He said to me almost forty years ago, and combine them with new things He is saying that I have never heard before. I verify all of them with the written Word of God before I teach them in these lessons.

It seems much of the body of Christ has been wandering somewhat in the wilderness for forty years. We thank God for the miracles and healings we have seen during that time, but we must admit that most of that has been by the gifts of the Spirit. We love the gifts, we covet the gifts, but the apostle Paul said there is a more excellent way of ministry. That is to grow up, mature into love, so that we walk in the fulness of the inheritance He has given us. Recently the Holy Spirit said to me,

What is my name? I answered, you are Jesus, Yeshua, Jehovah.

What is my name? I answered, you are Jehovah Rapha, and all of the other names you called yourself in the Bible.

What is my name? Lord, you know.

I AM is my name. I AM the Word. I AM the Word in you. Your words are often stout against Me. How can we walk together unless we agree? I do not change. Your words must change. Remember the training I gave you in the Words document. Obey those instructions and watch My power flow when you say what I say.

The works of the Father bear witness that He has sent me, and that I abide in you. I AM the Word in you. Believe on Him whom God has sent to abide in you. This is the work of God assigned to you.

John 6:29 KJV Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

You often speak facts as though they are truth. I only speak truth. I will not call facts truth. I AM the truth, and I change facts to align with truth. My words carry no less power than when I said for light to be. There are no facts that can stand before truth when truth is believed and spoken. I AM the truth. Believe on Me whom God has sent to abide in you. Speak only truth.

Now for something old from 1986. That was long before we ever heard of Dave Roberson. In those days I listened mostly to Oral Roberts, Kenneth Hagin, and a few others. Thank God I did because when I was attacked with Melanoma cancer and given six months to live by the doctors when I was in my early forties, I am sure I would have died if all I knew were the things I had learned growing up in a denominational church. They loved God but they never knew if it was God's will to heal or not.

Through the man who led us to the Lord, Michael Muccio, and the teachings of the pioneers of faith, we learned that faith is based on the Word of God, not on what you feel, your emotions, the symptoms or anything in the natural. Thank God for

that foundation of faith in God, because it caused me to overcome and live to this present hour. All glory to God, the name of Jesus.

One of the things I learned from Oral Roberts was that a believer can ask the Lord to give him the interpretation of some of what he has been praying in other tongues. I remember Oral saying when he received the command from Jesus to build Oral Roberts university, "I didn't know how to build a university. I had no idea. But I would pray in other tongues a lot and then ask the Lord for the interpretation of what I was praying. He would interpret for me, and the instructions would come to my understanding. I would do whatever He said in those instructions. That's how Oral Roberts University came into existence."

It is very clear from scripture that the Lord gives instructions on "how" to do what He calls people to do. He not only told Noah to build an ark, but He also gave him instructions on how to build it. It was the same with Moses when God told him to build the tabernacle. God gave instructions, in fine detail, on how He wanted it built.

The very first thing I heard from the Lord by that method of tongues and interpretation was on this same subject, believing the Word, which is the same things as believing Jesus, because Jesus Christ is the Word. In 1986 the Lord said,

"The Lord desires that we know what paths we are to walk in, as individuals. The Holy Spirit energizes the written word and brings to us the Rhema word."

In the hall of faith, Hebrews chapter eleven, you are going to see both kinds of faith illustrated there. For example, the faith of Cain and Abel was based on the general Word of God to everybody. Adam and Eve tried to hide their guilt by covering themselves with fig leaves. That was mankind's first attempt at forming his own religion. (Jesus cursed the fruitless fig tree as a demonstration that man-made religion will never produce the fruit God desires.)

Adam and Eve learned that only innocent blood could pay the price for sin. God covered them with animal skins. (Gen 3:21) Where did those skins come from? Some innocent animal had to die and shed its blood to cover their sin. Already, from the very beginning, scripture was pointing to the coming of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world.

Adam and Eve passed this knowledge on to their children. Only blood can pay the price for the sin. Cain and Abel both knew this truth. It was a universal truth to all mankind.

Abel believed that truth and offered the appropriate sacrifice of the blood of an animal. God counted his deeds righteous as a result. Cain had heard the truth, but he refused the truth, and decided he would make sacrifice to God his own way. He offered no blood. He offered the fruit of his own works instead. Cain was disobeying the "general Word of God" that applied to all people.

There are many "general" instructions to all believers. God writes His law in the heart and mind of every new believer, so we know right from wrong. The type and shadow was the Ten Commandments. Thou shalt not steal, or lie, or commit adultery, and so forth ... always applies to all believers everywhere.

But the Holy Spirit also brings the Rhema word. That is an individual instruction to you. God told Noah to build an ark. He didn't tell everybody to build an ark. That was a Rhema word, to a specific person in his generation. Moses had a Rhema instruction from God to deliver Israel from the bondage of slavery to Egypt. Moses is a type and shadow of the coming Savior who would deliver His people from being slaves to sin. He also used Moses to bring the Word of God to the people. That also is a type and shadow of Jesus bringing us the Word of God by both speech and demonstration.

"I am the Lord thy healer" is a general Word of God for all believers. The Holy Spirit energizes that general Word for every single person who believes it. The Lord continued speaking back in 1986,

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God never forces us to do anything. He does not want robots who have no choice but to obey or not. He wants us to know, as individuals, what He has called us to

do. For many years I assumed I would be a pastor one day. But Sue and I sort of mark our lives as BD and AD. That stands for "Before Dave and After Dave."

Pastor Dave Roberson took the teaching to a whole different depth than any of the previous mentors in our lives. Dave would tell us the Lord has a plan for each and every one of us. The body of Christ has many parts. Each part is essential, and each part must learn to work together with the other parts of the body. The goal is to find out your part and become really good at it.

One day as I was doing what Dave had taught us about praying and listening, praying and listening, I heard the Holy Spirit say to me, *"He has not called you to pastor, and He never will. You are a teacher in the body of Christ. That is where your anointing is, and that is where your provision is."* I knew then I would never pastor a church. I can fill in for a pastor temporarily, but I myself will never pastor a church. It is not my calling.

You can find out your calling. Pray and listen. The book of James plainly says God is not withholding His wisdom from you. Ask in faith and you will receive. The Lord desires you to know what paths you are to walk in. Sometimes it is progressive. Paul started off as a teacher or a prophet in Antioch, but eventually he became an apostle. That's not always the case. He has never said anything to me about going beyond the office of a teacher. But teachers are still believers and believers shall cast out devils, lay hands on the sick and see them recover.

When you find out your calling, your purpose, it changes the direction of your life. That is, if you choose to obey your Rhema word. Noah could have said no. Moses could have said no. All who are listed in the hall of faith (Heb chapter eleven) could have said no. But they didn't, thank God!

God allows us to grow in our faith until we can believe and obey. Both Abraham and Sarah laughed in the beginning because of their circumstances. But they grew in faith until they became fully persuaded that God would do what He had promised. That's why their names are in the hall of faith. The token of the covenant God made with them was circumcision in the flesh. That was a type and shadow of the new birth. The apostle Paul said,

Romans 2:28-29 KJV For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: [29] But he is a Jew, which is

one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

You entered in on the New Covenant the day you were born again. He circumcised you from that old sin nature and wrote His laws in your mind and your heart. Every time you obey your conscience; you are truly obeying the voice of your king. The conscience is the voice of the new nature, which is Christ in you.

Jonah is a good example of somebody who refused to obey his Rhema word from God. Jonah was a prophet. God gave him a specific word to speak to the city of Ninevah. "Yet forty days and Ninevah shall be overthrown." Jonah chose not to do that. He got onboard a ship and started sailing away in the opposite direction.

I can relate because the first time I heard the Rhema word from God to go into full time ministry, I didn't obey that word. I did not obey that Rhema word because I was afraid. I was afraid because I did not yet know God very well at all. My natural reasonings talked me out of obeying the Rhema word from God.

When Jonah disobeyed, all sorts of trouble followed him. Storms came against that ship until it was in danger of sinking. Finally, Jonah told the crew he was the source of the problem because he was in disobedience to God. Jonah told them to toss him overboard into the sea. In a way, Jonah was surrendering Himself, abandoning himself on the arms of God completely. Once Jonah surrendered his life to God, that great fish brought him right back to Ninevah so he could obey what God had called him to do. God does not change! Jonah changed.

It was the same with Gary. Safety for any sheep is to stay up close behind where the shepherd is leading. If the sheep rebels and takes a different path on his own, eventually he will get out beyond the protection of the shepherd's rod and staff. That's where the wolves are. That's when they attack the sheep. For the next ten months of my disobedience, God was still good to me, taught me when I prayed and read the Bible. He was very kind to me.

But eventually, like Jonah, I was attacked. It came in the form of heart trouble that caused me to black out and fall unconscious from the cab of the truck I was in. I was parked at the time and when I fell, there was no extending of the arms to break the fall so I landed face-first on the asphalt paving.

The hospital in Ozark, Arkansas, called Sue and she came to visit me in the hospital. For the first time, I told her about God calling me to go full-time in ministry ten months earlier. When she asked why I didn't obey God, I told her I kept having visions of us being so poor we were wearing gunny sacks and living homeless under a bridge. She told me no matter if that was the case or not, she wanted me to obey God. I have a wife!

Proverbs 18:22 KJV Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Now I know all of my fears were for nothing. He has faithfully provided for us for over thirty years of full-time ministry. In truth, all my fears in the beginning were simply because I did not know Him very well at all.

When it comes to our general word for the end-time revival, I personally listen to the Blueprint prophecies that came through pastor Bronc Flint during the first hour of prayer each day. Why? I don't want to lose the vision of the revival the Lord has called all of us to participate in. I want that vision to remain fresh in me. This end-time revival will not just be signs and wonders through those with a pulpit ministry, but will be the manifestation of the army spoken of by the prophet Joel.

Every time Jesus would come to a town, the forces of darkness trembled because Jesus would destroy their works. The blind saw, the deaf heard, the lame walked, and so many healings and miracles you couldn't even write them all down. The devil could not deal with Christ in one human body. How much worse for him when Christ is manifested through several million human bodies. He said to me recently, *"Every soldier has a weapon. Every soldier has an anointing."* Glory to God. What a time to be alive.

Going back to what He said to me back in 1986. It applied then, and even more so it applies now all these years later.

"The Lord desires that we know what paths we are to walk in, as individuals. The Holy Spirit energizes the written word and brings to us the Rhema word. Our choice whether to obey the Rhema word. But when we are willing and obedient to obey the Rhema word - it is life and shall cause us to eat the good of the land. The time is short. Our Redeemer draws nigh. There is not time for church games."

The Lord loves when people gather together in His name. I am for any church that preaches Christ and Him crucified, even if I disagree with much of what they teach. I know the Lord appreciates much of what He sees when we gather to worship Him, study His Word, give offerings, pray for people, and so forth. But the difference is, when Jesus was running His own services while on earth, He would teach, then preach, and then heal.

Matthew 4:23 KJV And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

I know the Lord is not pleased when people come to church in wheelchairs, and then after the service, they leave still needing their wheelchairs. Jesus healed them all ... and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I know a man in South Africa who told me he attended church for forty years and never got saved because they never preached the gospel. He heard the gospel for the first time on a safari with some friends. The first time he heard the gospel, he got saved. When I asked what he heard in church for forty years, he said they would talk about morality, current events, philosophy, etc. Basically, it was just humanism. But not once in forty years did they speak of Christ and Him crucified. That is playing church games! Back to 1986,

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- 1. revelation of the arm of the Lord.*
- 2. revelation of Jesus into the earth.*
- 3. manifestation of His gifts and power.*
- 4. supernatural to come to us in strength.*

Why? Because in the counsels of hell there are plans to bring forth what the world would call miracles. An all-out assault to bring the world into the occult, thinking that it is God, but it is not. It is time for truth now, and reality, not shadows and games. The Lord wants to reveal His bare arm in the earth.

Do you remember the magicians in Pharaoh's court? Moses threw down Aaron's rod and it became a serpent. Those magicians threw down their rods and they became serpents also. Aaron's rod/serpent swallowed up all of the magician's rod/serpents. That's another type and shadow of Jesus Christ. He who knew no sin was made to be sin so he could take all of our sin into Himself and pay the full penalty for it. Blessed be the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hallelujah!

There has already been a smattering of that over these past few decades in the modern church. In many churches there were unusual manifestations like gold dust appearing during the service. Sometimes small gemstones would appear here and there. One lady appeared to have oil coming from her hands, like stigmata. Some Bibles would drip with oil. I am not against manifestations. I believe we are going to see the Shekinah glory cloud again like they did during the Azusa Street revival, and many other such things in these last days. But we want the real, not the counterfeit.

I will never forget the day that Pastor Dave Roberson set us all free from such things. He said, "If I am in a wheelchair and I come to your church service, don't coat me with gold dust and leave me in the wheelchair." Somebody might say, "But it's a type and a shadow." Dave would say, "I don't want the type and the shadow. I want the real. Keep your gold dust and get me out of the wheelchair, in the name of Jesus."

That is exactly what is about to happen ... all over the world. And it is going to happen through your hands as much as any pulpit minister. Joel's army is about to rise up. We are in Boot Camp right now. You are being issued your weapon ... your anointing ... for your calling in the body of Christ.