

### **03 Believing Jesus**

(Power In Your Words)

**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.**

Recently the Lord said to me,

*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.*

*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.*

The general Word of God applies to every believer. But God gives specific assignments to individual believers according to their calling in the body of Christ. He only told Noah to build an ark. He only told Moses to build the tabernacle. He gave both of them precise, detailed instructions on how He wanted them built.

It does not matter what He has you doing in the body of Christ. Maybe your job right now is to answer the phone at the church. Glory to God. Do it with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. All of the parts of the body are necessary, and all of the parts are supposed to work together with the other parts of the body.

No matter our calling, we are all believers and the believer's anointing belongs to us. Mark 16 says you shall cast out devils, lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

God wants to reveal His bare arm of power to the world through the church. Satan wants to counterfeit that power. Remember the magicians in Pharaoh's court threw down their rods and they became snakes. That was the devil's counterfeit. But Aaron's rod/snake swallowed up those counterfeits. All pointing to Jesus, who would take away the sin of the world. Glory!

In Egypt, God was demonstrating His supreme power over all the so-called "gods" they worshipped. He is wanting to do a similar thing today, but this time He wants to demonstrate the power of His bare arm to the whole world.

**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.**

Jesus said this is THE work we are called to do ... to BELIEVE ON HIM whom God has sent. For the revivalist, that means we are to believe on CHRIST IN US! The devil could not handle Christ in a single human body while He was on earth. When Jesus would enter any village, He would destroy the devil's works. The blind would see, the deaf would hear, the lame would walk, and so forth. Think of the devastation we will bring to the kingdom of darkness when more than a million soldiers in Joel's army all show up with Christ in them, come to destroy the works of the devil. God wants to reveal His bare arm of power to the whole world so they will repent, turn from their false gods, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ so they can be saved. (I'm about to have a running fit right now!)

We are called to believe in Christ ... IN US! Hello Joel's Army!!! This army is to go forward and devastate the enemy's harvest fields just like Jesus did in His own physical body. It wasn't God's plan that the ministry of Jesus come to an end at the cross. Jesus is the SEED, and the whole idea was that His ministry would be increased exponentially through us who believe!

It begins with our words. We must believe what the king of the kingdom says about words. Recently the Holy Spirit said to me, *"The kingdom of God functions how the king says it does, not how you think it does."* We all like to think that we are functioning the way the king says we should, but obviously we are not because we are not having the same results He had. He said we would do the same works. We are not seeing that, other than sporadically by the Gifts of the Spirit. Let's see what the king says about having faith in God and how it is connected to our words.

**Mark 11:22 KJV And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.**

I think we can all agree we are not going to have revival without faith in God.

**Mark 11:23 KJV For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

"Whosoever." Hello Joe Public and Mary Wallpaper. Hello Joel's Army. The "mountain" is symbolic of whatever the demonic problem is. Whosoever shall "say," not think, not wish. "Say," the king is talking about the words we speak. He who is the Word, is teaching us about our spoken words. The king says that to operate in the faith of God, you have to become a person who believes what you say shall come to pass. A person who believes that he shall have whatsoever he says.

Back in 1986 the Holy Spirit said for me to remember the prophet Samuel from the Bible. He was one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament. He anointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. Remember that God let none of his words fall to the ground.

**1 Samuel 3:19 KJV And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.**

The Holy Spirit said He desires that same thing with all of us. You don't have to be a prophet to believe what you say shall come to pass. The king says "whoever" believes what he says come to pass, he shall have what he says. Think about the Word in us. He who created all things ... abides in us.

**John 1:1-3 KJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

He is the one who said, "Light be" and light was! God the Father conceives everything. He knows what He wants. It is the Son, the Word, who speaks

everything. The Holy Spirit is the one who was brooding over the face of the deep, on earth, who manifests whatever is spoken by the Son. The Son speaks the Word, the Holy Spirit manifests what is spoken, because it is the will of the Father.

That same Word, that same Son, that same Creator is now ... in you. Jesus promised us that would be the case,

**John 14:23 KJV Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

He is the king. If anyone knows how the kingdom works, isn't it the king? The king says if we are going to operate in faith, we are going to have to come to the place where we believe that our words come to pass. This is going to involve taming the tongue. The apostle James has a lot to say on that subject. James says no man (no natural man) can tame the tongue. But a spiritual man can. Jesus sure tamed His tongue. He is our pattern. (Heb 12:2)

Jesus spoke truth, not facts. Jesus knew the fact that Lazarus was dead, but He did not want to speak that fact to His disciples. He already knew the final disposition of this sickness would not be death, so he told them Lazarus was asleep. They took Him seriously, so Jesus finally had to tell them, "Lazarus has died." It was so out of character for Jesus to speak "facts" instead of "truth," that later on in that story you hear Him talking with the Father,

**John 11:41-43 KJ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. [42] And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. [43] And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.**

Father, this time I spoke the "fact" of Lazarus having died "because of the people which stand by." They were not understanding, so Jesus had to come down to their level to communicate with them. But notice then, Jesus spoke what we normally would think to be impossible. To a dead man Jesus spoke, "Lazarus, come forth."

And Lazareth came forth. Glory to God! Jesus tamed His tongue. Christ within us can strengthen us with His own character to tame our tongue.

Jesus knows the power that is in words. Most of us do not. We, including me, speak about the facts, the circumstances, too often instead of speaking the desired end result. I have a lesson at my website titled Truth Changes Facts. I hope you hear it. Let me give you a personal example of how this works in our daily lives.

I was given these facts by the doctors way back when I was in my early forties. "Young man, you have melanoma cancer. Yours is the most dangerous, fastest spreading kind. We are going to do our best for you, but our counsel is, you should get your affairs in order because we don't think you have six months to live."

Ronald Reagan said, "Facts are stubborn things." Sue and I were stunned by those facts. But see, facts are not the truth. Truth changes facts. Thank God we had been trained to know the Word of God, and to come into agreement regarding what we could believe, and from that point on we only spoke the end result. "Gary will live and not die. Every cell of this cancer shall leave Gary's body." I am greatly summarizing this testimony, but that is exactly what happened. I was in my early forties when they gave me six months to live. I am 78 now. That has been a long "six months." Praise God.

But there was a warfare during that "standing time" from when Sue and I agreed in prayer, until the day I was declared cancer free. I learned why Jesus said, "And doubt not in their heart." I learned you can have doubts in your head firing like machine gun bullets, but your heart can remain steadfast trusting God's Word. Without trying to do it, during that standing time, I would catch myself planning my own funeral. I would catch myself thinking, "Oh, I want them to play this certain song at my funeral." I would come to myself and say, "No! I'm not going to die." Then I would just spend some time on purpose just speaking the end result, again and again. I would quote scripture after scripture promising my healing.

Let me quote to you some of the things the Lord said to me from the Words document way back in 1986; *Remember Samuel*, "God let none of his words fall to the ground." *I desire that same thing with you. You must have diligence to watch your words carefully.* The apostle James said the spiritual man can tame the tongue

with the help of the Holy Spirit. We can tame the tongue, but we must bridle it with the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit continued teaching me about watching my words carefully, *No criticism, no unbelief, no doubt, no fear*. He was talking about spoken words. I could not seem to keep doubts from flying through my mind, but with diligence I could keep my tongue from speaking those doubts, fears, etc.

Personally, in my lifetime, most of the wars that I have won were fought by having faith in my heart, with doubts in my head, but refusing to give voice to those doubts. I wasn't perfect at it all the time. But if I slipped up and spoke doubt, I was quick to repent and ask the Lord to forgive me and cleanse me, and I would start again. Many battles have been won that way. But, with experience, you can come to the place where there are not so many doubts in your head anymore. Every victory recodes your natural brain with new dendrite highways of information. Then you believe it because you have experienced it again and again.

Again, the king says if you are going to have faith in God, you must believe that what you say comes to pass. Why? What does your words have to do with God? God is the one that is going to cause your words to come to pass.

Jesus had cursed the fig tree. Why? Did Jesus hate that fig tree? No, He was teaching His disciples about what was about to happen. This was an object lesson, something they could learn from by observing about what was really happening. Through His death, burial, and resurrection Jesus was about to do away with the first covenant in order to establish a better covenant based on better promises.

The fig tree goes all the way back to when Adam and Eve tried to cover their guilt by making aprons from fig leaves. That was the first man-made religion. It was man doing something to cover his guilt. Trouble was, there was nothing man could do to pay the price for sin. God showed them when He covered them with animal skins, that something innocent had to shed its blood to cover their sin. Of course that was pointing to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who would shed His innocent blood to save mankind. The law was good, but it could not produce life in sinners.

**Galatians 3:21 KJV Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.**

Pastor Dave would say the law was in place temporarily like a "Master Charge Card." The day would come when the Master would pay the price for sin. Charge it to the Master. Glory to God! That fig tree was fruitless. It represented a system of religion that could not produce life. That first covenant had to go and be replaced with a better covenant.

This better covenant actually produces a spiritual rebirth in the believer that causes him to change families. He was first born into the family of Adam, but the new birth comes by the Last Adam, Jesus Christ, and he is reborn into the family of God. That would require a different covenant than the law of Moses.

In order for God to work with our words, we must believe that our words shall come to pass. What if all of Gary's words came to pass? When I speak it ... BOOM ... it happens. What if that happened during one of those stupid statements in the past like, "My back is killing me." I would fall over dead. We have to learn to bridle our tongue so God can trust us when we speak. The king is not going to change what He taught us connecting faith in God with the words we speak.

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That is not going to change. We must change. The Holy Spirit continued in 1986 saying, *"Because the spiritual power cuts both ways. The tongue must be bridled or your religion is in vain. The strong thing to overcome is not appetites and lusts; but rather, the tongue. The tongue controls the body. My Spirit through My Word can tame your tongue."*

**James 1:26 KJV If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.**

Notice the connection between the tongue and the heart. That's why Jesus said, "and doubts not in his heart." The tongue affects the heart, and the heart affects the tongue. If we do not bridle our tongue with the Word of God, our religion is vain ... empty, powerless, void, zero, nothing. That doesn't mean you can't go to heaven. It just means your words have no power. The king is teaching us how the kingdom of God works. If you want your faith in God to be effective, you must believe what you say shall come to pass. That means you will have to bridle your tongue with the Word of God.

Once more, let us look at precisely what Jesus did. He wanted to teach the disciples about what was about to happen. He found a fig tree that had no fruit. That's a perfect illustration of religion that has no power to produce life. All Jesus did was speak words. He spoke the end result. And then He turned and simply walked away. He did not physically touch the fig tree in any way. At that moment, it did not appear that anything happened when He spoke.

But at that very instant, the Holy Spirit worked with the words spoken by Jesus to manifest what He had spoken. The leaves still appeared green as Jesus walked away, but the tree was already dying from the roots up. Jesus had faith that God would let none of His words fall to the ground.

The next time they walked by the fig tree, the disciples were shocked at how quickly the fig tree had withered away. They saw that what Jesus said came to pass. Jesus used that occasion to teach them (really prophesying about us who have been born into the kingdom of God) how the kingdom of God functions. Paraphrasing, Jesus could have said something like this, "Learn from this. I know that what I say comes to pass because the Holy Spirit enforces what I say. I am about My Father's business. I spend time with Him. I know what His will is. Because of that, I am very careful about My words because I know the Holy Spirit will work with what I say, and My words will come to pass."

For most of the church, our history has been ... we just blab the facts all the time. We just say whatever we think about ourselves, our children, our job, our friends, our president, our politicians, etc. That is going to have to change. He continued teaching in 1986, *"Because the spiritual power cuts both ways. The tongue must be bridled or your religion is in vain. The strong thing to overcome is not appetites and lusts; but rather, the tongue. The tongue controls the body. My Spirit through My Word can tame your tongue."*



"The tongue controls the body." He is quoting from the book of James again.

**James 3:4-5 KJV Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. [5] Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!**

The tongue is like the rudder on a big ship like the Queen Mary. You can turn that massive ship that weighs mega-tons by just turning that tiny rudder in the back. You change the course of the ship by changing the rudder. The ship represents the course of your life, and the rudder is the tongue. If you can discipline the tongue to only say what God says, it will change the course of your life. Here is a good prayer that king David prayed,

**Psalms 141:3 KJV Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.**

If you ask, the Holy Spirit will give you a little "check" before you say something stupid, especially in anger. But not just in anger; we just say stuff that we most certainly don't mean, and that we most certainly don't want to come to pass. Years ago, the Holy Spirit taught me there is no power in calling things that are the way they are, because ... they already are. "I just tell it like it is." All you are doing is reinforcing what already is. Change comes when you call things which be not as though they were. Speak the desired end result as though it was already that way.

The Holy Spirit continued in 1986, *"Speak My Word. Speak in line with My Word AT ALL TIMES!"* That is exactly what God had Abraham and Sarah do when He changed their names. Every time they said their name, they were speaking the end result, calling things that be not as though they were. Abraham means, "I am the father of a multitude." Sarah means, "I am the princess who will produce the heir to the throne." Both of those statements were completely opposite of the facts they were facing. But God's Word is truth and truth changes facts!

The Holy Spirit continued in 1986, *At times this will simply mean saying "Yes" or "No," because you won't know what else to say, because anything else you added to that would be a measure of doubt and a measure of unbelief and a measure of quoting circumstances against My Word.*

He warned me that when I started taking Him seriously and no longer talked like the world talks, there would be some consequences. He said, *"People will think you strange. People will think you are demented. People will think you have had a nervous breakdown. People will think you are a fanatic. Don't fear what man thinks of you. Don't fear offending them. Rather, do what I say unto you, and in time they will become in awe of you, for there will be no denying the power that flows when you speak."*

The king said in Mark 11:22-23, for us to have faith that God would work with our words the same way they saw God work with His words. We must become people who believe that what we say comes to pass. That means we know that when we speak to any problem, we do not doubt in our heart, but we believe that what we say will come to pass. We must learn to bridle our tongue. We, the Holy Spirit, and God's Word can tame our tongue. We shall become a people who believe what we say shall come to pass.

Let's rename all of us right now. Who are you?

I am a person that knows when I speak, what I say comes to pass. That is who I am.