

Message preached on Christmas Sunday, December 22, 2024

- BILL JOHNSON: "Many people are one declaration short of their breakthrough."
- **BELOVED:** If you knew...I mean really knew...the power that you had in your words, than you would NEVER say anything that did NOT line up with the Word of God...ever again!
- <u>Job 22:28</u> "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways."
- Ecclesiastes 8:4 "Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"
- **BELOVED:** When you decree what the KING has decreed...there is power in your mouth that will transform your life completely!
- **UNDERSTAND:** The GREATEST faith that is revealed, in the Bible, has everything to do with your mouth and HIS WORD.

Matthew 8:5-10,13

- 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7 And Jesus saith unto him, *I will come and heal him.*
- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: *but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*
- For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
 NOTE: All the centurion needed was the WORD spoken...and he would speak it...and his servant would be healed.
- 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Getting God's Word in your mouth...only needing His Word...will bring your victory to pass.

Matthew 15:21-28 – Syrophoenician Woman

- 21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.
- And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

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- 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
- But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
- But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.
- And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
- 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

NOTE: Jesus says she has GREAT FAITH! Why?

She kept expecting...she kept going after it! She didn't stop.

Here is the point! She didn't change her expectation! She didn't stop just because it looked like a road block!

Often we stop our confession because of the delay we see to have.

Matthew 14:22-32 - Peter responds to the Word and walks on water!

- 22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
- 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
- But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
- And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
- And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
- 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, *Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid*.
- And Peter answered him and said, *Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water*.
- 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
- 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
- 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

OKAY: Jesus said he had little faith.

We know...faith of short duration.

HOWEVER: According to Matthew 8...Peter responded completely to what the Word said...completely. **THEREFORE:** His faith was GREAT...yet, it didn't last long.

So, when the "waves hit the legs" he began going under.

Jesus was telling them...GET the Word...speak the Word... and don't let any wave stop that Word.

The Christmas Story

The account that I have been meditating on for the past week, or so, is Mary's experience with the angel in Luke 1.

She is told to do something that is OUTRAGEOUS...beyond anything that made HUMAN SENSE.

I wasn't like give a hundred dollars in the offering plate.

It is like bring shame...social angst...and distrust to yourself for the rest of your life...just to obey what God said to do.

Luke 1:28-38

NOTE a few things:

- 1.) She heard the Word of God. Vs. 30-33, 35 **NOW:** She has to agree with it.
- 2.) She does agree with it...by speaking it.

Vs. 38 – "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; *be it unto me according to thy word.* And the angel departed from her."

HOW did she agree with it? *She got it in her mouth.* She kept speaking it. <u>Luke 1:46-56</u>

She said, the Word is enough! I will carry it.

NOW: She had to stick with it!

3.) She carried it for at least 9 months...before it came to pass. IN OTHER WORDS: She didn't give up!

Here is the thing. Why do people give up on the Word? Vs. 37 – "For with God nothing shall be impossible." *"Nothing"* – no and rhema (living Word).

THE Word become something they memorize...something they've heard...but it is NOT BOOMING inside of them.

When it is BOOMING inside of you!

~ You will NOT let it go.

~ You will SEE it come to pass.

BECAUSE she didn't give up...she gave birth to the Word that was spoken over her!

Conclusion

BELOVED: You have been gives SO MANY promises from God.

Healing, Prosperity, Peace, Joy, Happy family, etc.

You have His Word on it.

QUESTION: What do you need today?

NOW: It is time to GRAB it, TAKE it, MAKE it yours, SPEAK it...

AND: Don't let go of it! Hold on to it NO MATTER how things look!No matter how frustrating things seem to be.No matter if others look at you weird.No matter if others try to shame you.

HOLD ON to that promise...and it SHALL come to pass.