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WHEN WORDS SEEMINGLY DON'T WORK

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Review

BELOVED: We are faith people! If you are JUST (just as if you'd never sinned) then you WILL LIVE by faith! As we have seen in this series...that is why our WORDS must be different than the world...than our old lives.

Our words MUST be HIS words!

INSERT NOTE: It is proven that words control your life...good or bad.

Even motivational speakers will talk about positive words forming your positive life.

PERHAPS: Talk about Yonghi Cho and his conversation with the neuro-surgeon and how they have found that the mouth is the command center for the nervous system. What you say tells your body how to feel. Fact.

So this is more than just wishful thinking...it is fact.

HOWEVER: Faith isn't just about positive speaking (which is fine) it is about speaking God's Word...if God said it, we speak it. ***Why? Because we are faith people!***

We discussed that:

- 1.) God's word in our mouth creates worlds.
- 2.) God's word in our mouth gives us authority.
- 3.) God's word in our mouth makes our praise effective.
- 4.) God's word in our mouth activates our angels.

YOU MAY THINK: So, it is that easy...I just say something at "BOOM" it appears?

WE MUST UNDERSTAND: It is more than just putting your WANTS in your mouth, but it is about putting HIS WORDS in your mouth. Speaking what He has said.

THEREFORE: Our job becomes to find HIS WORD that supports our need or desire (Psalm 37:4) and speak it...keep speaking it...speaking that Word only over our situation.

ILLUSTRATION: The lady in Texas who had a problem with me because of this. She loved us and our family...but she didn't like the fact that we preached that you could just talk about a fantasy world and it would appear.

That is NOT what we are talking about...***we are saying say what God says...***because HE and HIS WORD is truth.

IN THE SAME WAY that Jesus cursed the FIG TREE (Mark 11) when it was just fine and the TREE immediately died...it became what Jesus declared...

When we declare what JESUS/GOD declares...our situation changes to line up with the Word.

YOU SAY: Hold it, Pastor Thad, I know people who have confessed good things...I have confessed good things...yet, nothing has changed. So, words of your mouth doesn't work all the time, does it?

ANSWER: Yes it does!

OFTEN WE HEAR PEOPLE declare, "This faith thing doesn't work. I have tried it and it doesn't work." You've been tried and you didn't work.

Faith works every time...you just have to work it...your words will manifest.

The internet comment section and social media accounts are FULL of people who followed Kenneth Copeland...Bill Johnson...Jesse Duplantis...Kenneth Hagin and are convinced that it doesn't work.

BELOVED: Our job isn't to follow those men...but follow them as they follow God. Not to just do what they say...but to do what the Word says.

TOO MANY listen to them and what THEY DID...specifically...and figure that they will try it – NOOOO...listen to the Word and do what the Word says.

Faith isn't a moment...it is a lifestyle!

TODAY: I want to look at a couple reasons why it seems that your words don't work...the truth is that they do...but sometimes we feel like they don't.

Speaking Amiss?

One of the problems when people start learning about the words of your mouth is that they begin just speaking their desires and wants...not necessarily in accordance with the Word of God or even good at all. They just want something...so they start speaking it, but are not standing on the Word.

ONE EXAMPLE of this is someone may decide they would like to be a millionaire, so they keep saying, "I am a millionaire!"

QUESTION 1: Does God mind? Nope! Plenty of Scriptures that say He wants us financially blessed.

QUESTION 2: Are you doing it God's way? What kind of seed have you sown?

Wait a minute! I don't just get to sit around and wait for it? Nope!

You are speaking contrary to your actions and that won't work.

HONESTLY: This could also go in line with speaking healing Scriptures and refusing to walk it out.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE (and this is where we get our title):

James 4:3 – "Ye ask, and receive not, **because ye ask amiss**, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

NOTE: The sheer number of people I've known who have confessed a specific person for their wife (because she was "perfect") or called in someone else's house, because it was pretty.

It is God's plan? Who knows, I just want it!

ILLUSTRATION: Talk about my list for a wife...I spoke it...I believed it...I stood...I got it! I just didn't know it was Jessica. Honestly, if I would have known it was Jessica when I was 18 years old...I would have been very frustrated.

It is okay to believe God for your dream house...speak it into existence (God wants you satisfied with life)...your dream car...your spouse...just make sure you are also operating in seedtime and harvest (that is a kingdom principle too)...don't covet your neighbors stuff (that is a Word principle).

A PROBLEM with asking amiss is often what we don't say, "It would be great to have this thing so that I don't have to use my faith anymore."

REMEMBER: God knows your heart.

REMEMBER: The JUST shall live by faith...all their life.

Run Down of Speaking Amiss:

1.) If you are speaking what GOD FORBIDS (sin)...you ask amiss.

2.) If you are asking selfishly...me, me, me...you are asking amiss.
God demands that we are generous.

BILL JOHNSON: We are no more like Christ than we are generous.

UNDERSTAND: God wants us to have the desires of our hearts...but we MUST delight in Him (what He delights in) first. Psalm 37:4

3.) If you are speaking to get something so that you won't have to use your faith anymore...you are asking amiss.

YOU SAY: "Why I would never." However, God knows your heart.

4.) If you are speaking contrary to your actions...you are asking amiss.

REFUSAL to give. **REFUSAL** to walk out your healing. **REFUSAL** to love or walk in peace.

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Polluted Waters?

Another problem that we have with our mouths is that we speak good, but then we pollute the waters!

Luke 6:45 – "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

NOTE: Your mouth reveals what is in your heart.

Romans 10:10 – "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

THE PROBLEM isn't that you haven't spoke good things...but that you keep saying the wrong stuff.

- * You say what the Bible says...good confessions.
- * You complain about what is going on.
- * You tell everyone what you currently have.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL said good things...they praised the Lord...but they continued to complain about what they didn't have. They just couldn't stop talking about the delay...the lack...their frustration...their mountain.

Numbers 13 is a great place to look.

Numbers 14 – God is ready to fry 'em all...start over!

Ends up saying, "Because of these ten times you tempted me...none of y'all, 20 years and up, will see the promised land."

ILLUSTRATION: A certain minister asked my dad, so God is playing games? If I say the right thing 99 times and the wrong thing 1 time...I have messed up?

FIRST: It is what you say when you are not thinking about it that is really in your heart.

SECOND: How much muddy water makes the clean water muddy?

James 3:10-12

- 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
- 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?
- 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

JERRY SAVELLE when he was early in the faith was having a temper tantrum with God. He was SO ANGRY because it wasn't working...things were getting worse. Long story short, God played his words to him (like on a tape recorder) and Jerry was shocked to remember things that he had said that had muddled the waters.

He had to change what he said consistently to see his life change.

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Mark 4:15 – “And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.”

UNDERSTAND: satan's first objective is to come along and steal the Word that has been placed into your heart. Just make you forget it...you ignore it (playing on your phone, etc.).

HOWEVER: If he can't steal the Word...He will plant thoughts of doubt. ***Pollute the waters!***

Mark 4:16-19

- 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;
- 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.
- 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
- 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Those thoughts that he places in your mind...it doesn't mean they are your thoughts! Those are his thoughts that he has planted...***don't take ownership of them by speaking them.***

2 Corinthians 10:5 – “***Casting down imaginations***, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”

Do NOT let them come out of your mouth...because then you take ownership of them. They become yours!

James 4:7 – “***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.***”

John 10:10 – “***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:*** I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

- * The enemy plants thoughts in your head. Just scatters them.
- * You start speaking them...taking ownership of them.
- * He comes in to steal, kill and destroy.

Or you can:

- * The enemy plants thoughts in your head. Just scatters them.
- * You cast them down and start speaking the Word over your situation...therefore, resisting the devil and submitting to God.
- * He has to flee!

Mark 11:12-14, 20-22

- 12 The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.
- 13 He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit.
NOTE: Bring up us explaining to others, “It is not time for raises.” “We are not getting bonuses this year.” It didn't stop Jesus.
- 14 Then Jesus said to the tree, “May no one ever eat your fruit again!” And the disciples heard him say it.
- 20 The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up.
- 21 Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, “Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!”
- 22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God.

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NOTICE: Jesus didn't spit, sweat and concern Himself about that fig tree...He spoke and walked away...the fig tree died AT THAT MOMENT (even though it wasn't seen until the next day)...that is the power of your mouth.

Why did it work like that for Jesus? Because He was Jesus? Not really.

FIRST: He didn't stop and complain about the fig tree not having fruit...and how hungry He was. Which is as far as most of us would have gone.

John 8:28 – “So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I AM he. I do nothing on my own but ***say only what the Father taught me.***”

John 12:49 – “I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it.”

NOTICE: The only thing that came out of Jesus' mouth...the Word!

UNDERSTAND: It is a GREAT and MERCIFUL thing that God doesn't give us EVERYTHING that we actually say! Most of us would be in a lot of trouble!

Matthew 12:36 – “And I tell you this, you must give an account ***on judgment day for every idle word you speak.***”

“Judgment” – Greek word, krisis – where we get our words crisis!

Most of us are living out polluted words...not that we haven't said some (even a lot of) good stuff...but we keep polluting the water!

BELOVED: Do NOT pollute your waters. Keep 'em clean. Stay in the Word.

Speaking of polluting the waters with your mouth.

We need to take a bit more of a step into what we do with our mouths.

Galatians 5:6 – “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but ***faith which worketh by love.***”

No love...no faith.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 – If you don't walk in love...your seed or even your good confession won't work. It just won't!

Whether it be gossip, arguing, etc.

If we are not spreading LOVE with our mouths...we are polluting the waters!

Confusing Faith!

NOW: This one is important...don't let it be confusing.

Many people confuse faith with mental agreement.

They know God can heal...that is a fact from the Word of God, but they are not aware that it has already been finished on the cross.

They will beg God to heal them...they know He can, so they have faith, right?

They will even announce that they have confidence that God can heal them!

BELOVED: That is NOT faith!

Romans 10:6-10

- 6 But the righteousness which is of ***faith speaketh on this wise***, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)
- 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
THE PICTURE HERE is that Jesus needs to come back again and do it again. Lay hands again...die again. What He accomplished on the cross...He needs to accomplish today...right now in me.
IN OTHER WORDS: "I know you are my healer, please heal me."
JESUS SAID: You were healed (1 Peter 2:24)...on the cross.
Hebrews 11:1 – "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

We can seek for healing...and it was done on the cross.

- 8 ***But what saith it?*** The ***word is nigh thee***, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
NOTE: Not just in your mouth...but in your heart (so junk doesn't come out).
 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

BELOVED: When Jesus went to the cross...HE SAID, "It is finished". Which means whatever He accomplished on the cross was indeed finished.

QUESTION: When you read a book...you have journeyed through page after page of story...to the two words THE END. Do you keep reading that book? No! You move on...it has been settled!

I want to show you one more thing that the Lord revealed to me, in this area, the other day regarding the centurion. ***You know, the one with the GREATEST faith!***

Matthew 8:6-8

- 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.

NOW: I understand vs. 8 starts out a bit crazy...but notice what the centurion is saying.

FIRST: You don't need to COME

SECOND: Just SPEAK the WORD...I just need YOUR WORD! That's it!

He didn't need Jesus to "come again"...if he just had His Word, that was all He needed.

QUESTION: What do you think the centurion talked about on his way home? Before he heard about the healing of his servant?

- * "I sure hope this works."
- * "What if it doesn't work?"
- * "Should we take him to the doctor tomorrow?"
- * "I can't wait for Bob to get back to work! I've missed him!"

REMEMBER: He knew what authority was like.

NO! He knew it was done! He couldn't wait to see Bob up and at it!

BELOVED: Speaking the Word isn't about hoping something happens...or even knowing something can happen or will happen. It is about speaking what the Bible says...that Jesus finished the work on the CROSS. ***It is finished.***

Conclusion

Don't let wrong words seep out of your mouth.

It is the wrong words that prolong the journey to manifestation.

Watch out for speaking amiss...polluted words...and confusing faith.

Speak the Word and watch your manifestation come forth.