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## Program 31

### **Sons in Spirit Action by the Word of Faith The great Heroes and Intercessors of Hebrews 11 are our role models for today.**

- **Ex.14:15** Why cry to me Moses, tell the sons of Israel to go forward
- **John 7:38** Out of his belly shall flow rivers of Living water
- **John7:24** Judge not according to appearances, but judge righteous judgment
- **Heb.11:1** Faith is the substance of things hoped for
- **Col.1:29** I labor, striving according to His working, which works in me mightily
- **Gal.2:8** God is mighty in me towards the Gentiles

I think the outstanding Biblical intercessors, besides our Savior Himself, are Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Daniel, Paul and John. I would like for us to consider Abraham for now and later we will consider the New Testament intercessor, the Apostle Paul. Let us see the principles of the word of faith in Spirit action written in the fabric of Abraham's life from the time that God called him to leave his family living in Ur of the Chaldeans, and go to an unknown land that God promised to give him.

Rom.4:18-22 gives the clearest account of Abraham's life of faith. Abraham heard God and believed him, and from an idol worshiping culture, this was quite remarkable, nevertheless, he heard. Greater than the promise of a new land, was the promise of a son. Abram "against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken to him 'so shall thy seed be' (verse 18). Then along with blind faith comes the impossibility of birthing a child at his old age and the deadness of Sarah's womb. This was the counter attack of appearances that looked hopeless. Nevertheless, he hoped against hope. "Being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb"(verse 19).

Faith grows into inner assurance for "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God" (verse 20). His consciousness had been transformed into assurance and praise, which is the inner evidence that the promise had made its home in Abram's heart, and so he believed.

Now being "fully persuaded that, what God had promised, He was able also to perform" (verse 21). Now that fullness of assurance was counted to him for righteousness; so here is the evolution of belief transformed into the fullness of faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). His little faith had developed into his school of faith, ending in his life of faith, and now He is the Father of our faith. And God calls him His friend, because Abraham operated like God, "who calls the things that be not, as though they were" (Verse 17).

Now this is faith in operation. I talk to so many people who say they have faith, yet they are defeated in their personal lives. I believe the mark of true faith which is counted to us for righteousness is a faith like Abraham's. He gave thanks for what did not exist in appearances, nor make sense to his understanding, and yet he gave thanks to God anyway. Actually walking in faith is walking in thankfulness no matter the conditions. Remember, the Israelites were always complaining and were in unbelief. God is looking for real faith people who will praise Him for good times, and more importantly for the bad times.

## My Mouth Speaks What?

The great intercessors of Hebrews 11 all lived by their spoken word of faith, and they did great exploits. They built arks when there was no water, and it condemned the world; they became the father of all the faithful; they birthed supernatural sons; they became prime ministers of nations; they suffered affliction with the people of God, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; they parted the Red Sea; they conquered cities; they subdued kingdoms, and stopped the mouth of lions. All by their word of faith. What your word says, is what puts you into action.

The children of Israel didn't go into the Promised Land, because they said they were grasshoppers in the face of giants. David slew Goliath because he said, "You Goliath, "come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." By your word, you are empowered by the Spirit of God, or by your word you are powerless and enslaved to unbelief. It is your choice.

It is all in the speaking! What you speak, is what you believe and live by. Your mouth is the birth place of what manifest as your reality. What you bless, blesses you back, and what you curse, curses you back. When we bless our enemies, they will eventually bless us back. If you curse them, you are the one who is damaged. When you forgive, it comes back to you as a blessing. If you don't forgive, you are the one hurt. Life is what you say it is.

One time I was ministering to a wife who had a husband who emotionally hurt her, although he was a Christian. She came to my house to vent her circumstances to me. I sympathetically listened, and then I asked her, "Can you start saying the Spirit truth about him, instead of continually complaining about his bad behavior?" She said, "NO, I can't." I said, "it is not that you can't, the real problem is that you WON'T, and that is refusal to see him by faith. Guess who was hurt? She eventually lost her husband, and the respect of her children. Who is the loser? How do we lose, or how do we gain? It is always by the words coming out of our own month. "They will deceive everyone his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity" (Jeremiah 9:5).

Look at the Life of Jesus: By His word He brought all manifested reality into being (Heb.11:3). By Jesus' word all things were created for Him and are held together by His word (Col.1:17; Heb. 1:3). By Jesus' word, while in time, He healed the sick; raised the dead; cast out devils; fed the multitudes, and empowered His disciples. By His Word of faith He lived in union with His Father, He laid down His life, and by His word He was raised again by the Glory of God (John 10:18). By His word He was ascended on high and now seated on the right hand of His Father. And by His word He sent the Holy Spirit to indwell us. And at the end of time, He will slay the Wicked One by the spirit of His mouth.

We are saved by our agreeing word, "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). We are justified and sanctified by our word (Matt. 12:37; John17:17). If we **say** unto our problems, be thou removed, it shall be removed (Mark 11:23). Jesus told Peter that he has the keys to the kingdom, that is whatsoever he binds (by his word), on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever he looses on earth (by his word) will be loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19). And now in every situation, we have the "word of reconciliation"(II Cor. 5:19).

Wow, think about how important our words are. The Apostle James says that our tongue is a little member, but it controls the whole body. It is just like the helm on a ship and the bit in the horse's mouth. He says that when speaking lies from hell, it is a fire set on fire of hell (James3:5-6). So curses and blessing are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Matthew 12:37 says, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Words are waves of energy, and they affect matter. They affect both your ears and brain. They communicate messages. But more than that, they are packets of energy. When Jesus told the woman caught in adultery, "go and sin no more", where did the power come from that caused her not to sin anymore? Jesus said, "It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak unto you they are SPIRIT and they are LIFE" (John 6:63). Jesus' words to her empowered her not to sin. Flesh words profit nothing, but Spirit words energize us and bring about Spirit results.

I realized one day that all my life I had been speaking negative words about my community most of my life. My father did it, my husband and I did it, and most everyone I knew agreed. My community didn't advance much economically, and most businesses sooner or later failed. The Spirit quickened my mind to cancel out all those negative words spoken, by speaking one Spirit word of faith for my community. So instead of cursing it, I blessed it. Some time went by and the improvements started. My husband even made a point to shake the hand of the Mayor and thank him for his part in the improvements. We can hardly believe the results: new side-walks and streets; new lamp posts; a new park with music and free hot dogs; we even have a Super Wal-Mart now.

I'm not saying all this to encourage outer prosperity so that we will have confidence in "uncertain riches." Maybe we all have misused these principles of faith in the past from our own wantonness. But what I am telling you is how the word of faith works either negatively or positively. God will give you the word to speak into your problem. Ask the Lord for Wisdom, and he will give you a word. I usually don't presume anything. I wait on a word from the Lord. But when I do get it, then I speak of it as if it is already accomplished.

God has an infinite supply of substance waiting to be manifest according to your word. Where did the loaves and fishes come from? Why did the fig tree wither and die after Jesus cursed it? Why did the winds and storms obey his command? Why did the demons obey Him? Were His words more powerful than ours? I don't think so, He told us that all power was given to Him, and now it is given to us (John 17:2; II Peter 1:3). Do we believe it? I believe we believe more in the problems of life than we do in the source of supply we have as Christians.

Where does this infinite supply come from? God is Spirit, and Spirit is not a thing. It is interesting that scientist say that everything is in a vacuum. A vacuum is void of everything, it is nothing, and nothing is not a manifested thing! It is a no-thing. I believe that this no-thing is no-where, and in no time, but is an eternal Spirit potentially waiting to be actualized by **our** words of faith. Scientists have it more clear than us Christians. The Father of Quantum mechanics, Neils Bohr and his pupil, Werner Heisenberg in the early 1920, revolutionized the previous view of physical reality. They discovered that underlying reality is not made up of physical waves, but instead waves of chance, waves of possibility, and these waves come from nothing. Did you hear that, NOTHING! Now science is saying that NOTHING is the source of EVERYTHING. Waves of potentiality make up the whole universe. The universe doesn't have a static reality to it at all, but instead, reality has an infinite amount of possibilities waiting to be realized and actualized into manifestation form. Today our modern computers, web connect ability, TV, radar, cell phones, and most all of our electronic technology wouldn't be possible without the quantum theory.

The 1600 century, German mystic, Jacob Boehme called the NOTHING, "the Free Sea of Nothingness," or the German name "ungrund," in which, he says, is the ground of all things. Nothing is the ground of all things? Curiously, even the Bible says "As having **nothing**, yet possessing all things" (II Cor. 6:10). Paul said that "he suffered the loss of **all things** that he might win Christ" (Phil.3:8). And also, Paul said, "If a man thinks that he is something, when he is **nothing**, he deceives himself" (Gal. 6:3). Christian perfection is: knowing that we are a perfect nothing (in ourselves), yet containing and expressing (Jesus) the perfect All.

God makes us safe by learning that created things can become idols, and have to be realized as only temporal material things, and not true reality. Natural life accomplishments also become idols of self-worship and have to be seen as nothing (Phil. 3:4-9). Natural confidence has to be shaken and eventually reduced to nothing, so that we can know Spirit as the true reality, and then be masters of Spirit reality. We faith people need to learn how to operate the things not seen, instead of the visible mastering us.

What does all of this science say to us faith people? Let's go back to our word of faith. Jesus said, "All things are possible to them who believe." All things, means all things. **You will eat the fruit of your own lips, or as Jesus said, "he shall have whatsoever he saith" (Mark 11:23)**. How do we begin? Begin where you are and start speaking God's truth. Begin calling the things that be not as though they already are. You can believe for family members' salvation and for anything that God puts on your heart. That is, for any impossible situation, for as The Apostle Paul says, "all things are yours" (I Cor.3:21). You can command the weather, you can say to your mountain, "Be thou removed and cast into the sea;" you can bless material things; you can even bless mechanical things. You can bless and praise God in painful times as well as the good times. You can bless your enemy. You can bless those who misuse you. You can bless strangers, you can bless friends. You are a blessing, therefore, you can bless, so do it. What you bless, blesses you back, and what you curse, curses you back. Which is it?

"So shall my word be that goes forth out of my (your) mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11). "Therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name...for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb.13:15-16).

**E=MC<sup>2</sup>; Light/Energy=Mass; Faith/word=Substance**