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Program 34

Speaking the Creative Word of Faith

Negative Faith works as well as Positive Faith

(a Continuation of program 31)

How did Jesus feed the 5000? The invisible was more real to him than the visible. He didn't see the need, He saw the supply. Once we learn how to operate by faith, we know how to call the things that be not as if they were already so (Rom. 4:17).

- **II Cor. 5:19** We have the word of reconciliation in every situation
- **Mark 11:22-24** You can have whatever you say
- **Gen. 1:3** Let there be light
- **Gen. 22:5** I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you
- **Num. 13:30** Let us go up at once, and possess it
- **2 Kings 6:16** They that be with us are more than they that **be with them**
- **John 11:43** Lazarus, come forth
- **Obad. 1:17** Possess your possessions
- **2 Cor. 4:6** God commanded the light to shine out of darkness
- **Rom. 4:17** Call the things that be not as though they were
- **Heb. 11:1** Faith is the substance of things hoped for
- **Heb. 11:3** Through faith the worlds were framed by the word of God

As we continue from our last program, "Spirit Prayer" we might ask, "What is operating Faith"? We are moving now into operating the things not seen. Think about it, the world is operating the things not seen in the sub-atomic quantum level. This is how we have internet, world-wide communication, etc. No one can see a sub-atomic particle, yet scientists are operating these things not seen. It is time for the body of Christ to do our own "Creative word of Faith". I think that we have made steps in that direction, although, they are just baby steps. God will stretch us to do the incredible, believe the impossible, and march forward in the power and strength of the Lord and do exploits. Think about David, the shepherd boy. Wasn't he unlikely, and wasn't he weak in body only being just a boy, yet he conquered his giant. We too, can do this by faith.

As we operate the things not seen we are exercising the authority of faith promised to us by our Lord, "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8) And Jesus told His disciples, "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke. 10:19).¹

How do we exercise this God given power? Well, let me start by warning you: Power without God's Wisdom can "carnal". We see that problem with the Corinthians. They had the power gifts, but without Wisdom. Paul said that they were "yet, carnal". So we need God's mind on our endeavors

¹ See program 31 for a fuller explanation

of faith. Now anyone in Christ has His mind, it is a gift (1Cor.2:16), but we need to know how to access this God-given Mind. James simply says, "If any man lack Wisdom, ask of God" (Ja.1:5) and "He will give to all man liberally." Proverbs tell us that "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get Wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her" (Pro.3:7-8).

Therefore, get God's mind on the situation. Sometimes you will have to wait on God's answer, and waiting on God forms patience. Then know when wisdom comes that you have the "final word" from God, and you call into being what God shows you, and treat the future like the present. Because Spirit truth rules over any devilish situation. Even if you look like a fool, then be a fool for Jesus sake. Looking like a fool is good for us as well. Anyway, to the unbelieving we are fools. And it is good for us not to care. Although personally, I won't do anything, even under obvious adverse circumstances, unless I know and hear from the Lord.

Your desires are Christ's desires, and what you "really" want is what God wants. The Lord always has the solution even before we ask. He prepared a Savior before we even sinned. We forget that there is no time in God, for eternity is not time without end; it is a timeless state of being. Past, present, and future wrapped into one eternal reality.

God wants us to operate from the kind of faith that sees it all done in the invisible before we see it in the visible, and He wants us to speak it forth. Speaking is a vital part of faith. Moses was required to speak to the rock to bring forth water. Instead he, struck it twice which cost him the privilege of entering into the Promise Land (Num.20:11-12). God requires us to speak to our situations instead of trying to fix them. If we like Moses try to fix things ourselves we won't enter into our New Testament promised land of rest either (Heb.3:7-4:12).

What You Believe Today, Prophesizes Your Tomorrow

**We laugh at the impossible and shout, it shall be done. Limitless Possibilities!
Only our vision and immaturity of faith limit Us**

"Whatever You Desire"

(Mark 11:22-24)

In Mark 11 there is an amazing story when you see into the whole of it. Jesus was definitely making his way to His predestined Cross by way of Jerusalem. He had already instructed his disciples to fetch a colt for him to ride on when entering the City of David. His coming to Jerusalem at this time has been so named the "Triumphant Entry." It was Jesus' official declaration that he was truly King of the Jews, and the son of King David. Yet He entered on a humble colt. Amazing, the King of kings, a simple humble man, yet hidden to all who didn't really see, is the promised Messiah coming on a colt.

Unexpectedly, all the people sensed it. They knew. They gathered branches and placed them on the ground in front of the King as He road, singing, "Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Blessed be the kingdom of our Father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest" (Mark 11:9-10. Where was His crown? Where was His robe? Where was His scepter of power? Where was His throne? The King of kings and Lord of lords was coming into His glorious kingdom, riding on an ass.

Straight away, he went with his twelve disciples to Bethany for the night. Then the next day as He was making his way to Jerusalem, He was hungry. Jesus saw a fig tree and wanted to know if it had eatable figs on it, yet it was not in season.

Then something strange, something somewhat bizarre happened. Jesus said, "No man shall eat fruit of thee hereafter forever", and his disciples wondered at His reaction with great wonderment, yet they said nothing.

Soon after He made His way into the city and entered the temple. All of a sudden rage flooded His soul. He was so overcome with anger that He began to turn over the money changers tables. "Is it not written, **My** house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves."

His house? They were all astonished at his doctrine. Was He prophesying his second coming? I think that is exactly what he was saying. He knew when He returned in glory all the nations would come to worship Him, and the temple would be known as a "house of prayer". But now it was being misused for nothing more than merchandizing; buying and selling. Selling sacrifices? Didn't they know that they were looking at the "Lamb of God," who freely gives Himself to whomever would partake? What a travesty. Yet, the Scribes and the Chief Priest feared His authority over the people. But what must they do with this uncontrollable man? They didn't know yet, but they would know as it unfolded in the days ahead at their holiday, and "feast of Passover".

Now after all the commotion, He along with His disciples traveled back on the same road they had come on. They noticed that the fig tree was withered away. Curiously, again they wondered at the sight. Peter speaks, "Master behold the fig tree, in which you cursed, it is withered." What, in the name of truth, was the meaning of all this?

Let me give you a little hint: Was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil really an apple tree like most think? Perhaps it was a fig tree. Think about it, after Adam and Eve both ate from the forbidden tree, they made aprons to cover their shame with "fig" leaves. Could it be that when Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, his mind was on his mission to reconcile all things which would put an end to mankind eating from this forbidden tree of death? Was He cursing even the thought of this knowledge of death, opened up by the disobedience of Adam? And did He know that His crucifixion would judicially pay the price for our redemption and forever close the door to death? I think so. Probably He was really cursing sin and death, not a simple tree. His crucifixion would open the way to the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life. His Blood would appease the Cherubim's flaming swords and open the way for man to eat from the tree of Life and live forever.

However, His disciples were probably unaware of the purpose of His actions. For they were more enamored with His word of authority than to ask the reason why he cursed the fig tree. So why not meet His disciples where they were and teach them the wisdom of how, even God Himself speaks into being. Or, how Jesus Himself spoke "out of being", in the case of the fig tree.

You say, God speaks into being? Of course He does. Hebrews 11:3 says that even God framed the worlds by His word of faith. The Genesis account tells us that all things were brought into being by His Word, "Let there be". And then Romans 4:17 says that Abraham is like God, because "he calls the things that be not as though they are." And again in II Cor. 4:6, God commanded the light to shine **out of** darkness. Not **in, or on** darkness, but **out of it**. God saw that it was already there, and called the things that didn't exist as though they already existed, yet in God's mind, they did exist. So, is Jesus saying to us that we are to operate the same way that God, the Father and Jesus, the Son operates? Yes, I think so.

So, Jesus took the opportunity to teach them, "Have the Faith of God," in other words, Have the same faith that God has, or since you are God's sons operate the same way that your Father operates.

God Has Given Us "the Word of Reconciliation"
(II Cor. 5:20)

“Say unto your mountain”! What mountain? Any insurmountable impossible problem, speak to it? You mean we don’t have to fix our problems? What good is it to just say something to them? Do we not know that there is power in our tongues? As the Scripture says, “there is life and death in the power of tongue”. Doesn’t James say that the tongue is a small member, yet it can kindle a fire that “is set on fire of Hell”. So, isn’t Jesus saying that your speaking can either be heavenly words of truth or your speaking can bring forth hellish flames of fire?

So then, “say” to your problems, say what? Say “be thou removed and cast into the sea”. What? Call your problems already solved, already healed, already at peace even before your problems seem not to be solved. Yes, I always say, that “you will never have anything from God manifest into a reality, until you say you already have it.”

Here is the progression of believing faith, and God’s way of creatively speaking into being, things which do not seem to exist:

Your need produces desire for change; desire presses you into your word of faith. Since only faith can quench the fires of desire, we begin to speak and praise God for what is still in the unseen. We grow in strength and the problem miraculously seems laughable as we leap and laugh at the impossible and shout, “IT SHALL BE DONE.”

How the Word of Faith Works in the Life of an Intercessor?

(Mark 11:22-24)

- There is a challenge; a problem; a **MOUNTAIN** in our life—This mountain greatly disturbs us. We want some resolve, we must have some change.
- The agony precipitates the **DESIRE** for change.
- The intensity of the desire causes us to **SEEK** the Lord for his solution.
- The Lord causes you to see the Spiritual truth concerning the situation, and you **DECLARE IT**.
- You have just turned the light on in a dark place, and the darkness doesn’t like it, so the Devil’s **COUNTERATTACK** fights you back.
- The appearances **LOOK HOPELESS**, and the darkness seems greater than your word of faith. At this point you could give up, and add to the problem—or blindly, by faith, press on.
- Pressing on will move you into **LABORING FAITH** as you leap away from the outer appearances; from your own self reactions, into Christ, our victor. Since you are a king, and a priest you offer yourself as a living sacrifice, **AND IT WILL COST YOU**. However, the cost is a “light affliction” (II Cor. 4:17) as you renew your mind to your God given, **WORD OF FAITH**. (Hebrews 4:11)
- The Light swallows up the darkness **IN YOU** as the **SPIRIT GAINS THE VICTORY**. Your perspective changes from desiring it, to the assurance of “I’ve got it.” Hebrews 11:1—Faith is the inner assurance or substance of things hoped for, and its own evidence of things not seen (II Cor. 4:18).
- With the inner assurance gained **IN YOU**—**DETACHMENT RELEASES you**, yet all is still in the unseen.
- We begin to “call the things, that be not, as though they already are” (Romans 4:17). **RESTING FAITH** enables the believing soul to treat the future as present, and the invisible as

seen. Praise bursts out of our inner-confidence as we laugh at the impossible and shout, "It is done."

- The **FRUIT OF OUR LABOR** is manifested by the HOLY SPIRIT into the visible in God's **own, fullness of time**. The glory is revealed as God gives **MORE THAN YOU COULD HAVE EVEN** asked for, or **DESIRED**.
- The outer appearances are transformed and the Kingdom of God is revealed "on earth, as it is in heaven." God has used **YOU IN A DARK PLACE** as an **INSTRUMENT OF TRANSFORMATION**. Christ fulfills the scripture in II Cor. 4:10-12, and fills up the gap by way of "glory coming out of suffering" (Romans 8:18).

THE THRONE LIFE

"AND THE LORD SAID to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up **your** rod, and stretch out **your** hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea" (Exodus 14:15-16).

In effect, God was saying: "Why do you ask Me to do it? **Do it yourself**. Stretch out your rod and divide the sea." In other words, Moses had said to God, "You do it;" but God answered Moses, "No, you do it."

A glance through the Bible and many Christian biographies multiple instances of this by the thousands: Jeremiah, Gideon, Hudson Taylor, and the like. In the settlement of this controversy lies the key to all spiritual power and achievement throughout history.

Man starts on the Christian highway with much of the grave clothes of the Fall still upon him. Separation from God has been a stark reality to him; he knows the weakness of the flesh; **visible lack and need are more concrete to him than invisible fullness and supply**. He knows the reconciling grace of God through Christ, conveying to him the assurance of adoption into God's family; but his expressions and attitudes still contain the consciousness of separation. Man uses the analogy of the members of one family, but with distinct and separated members; "I am weak. He is strong." "I have need. He has supply." "I am of the earth, earthy. He is the Lord from heaven."

But to those who have ears to hear and hearts set to follow, comes a new word: "Say **not**, I am a child." "Go in this your might." Say **not** I am weak, I am carnal, I am needy, I am earthy. Awake you that sleep, and arise from the dead. Understand that the Lord is joined unto **you**, one spirit. Understand that **you** have the mind of Christ. Understand that the life of Christ is ever flowing in and through **you**, as the sap of the vine through the branches.

Do not keep asking for what you already have. Do not sing, "I need Thee, oh, I need Thee." Sing, "I have Thee, oh, I have Thee." Never waste breath by asking Him to be near you, who is already within you, joined to you in such a union that you and He are described as "one spirit."

Do not cry for what you already have, but **use it, use it**. "Why do you cry...You stretch out **your** hand over the sea, and **you** divide it." Speak out the word of faith. Exercise the authority of God.

Christ spoke such a word as this, He spoke it once to a fig tree: "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again" (Mark 11:14). Next day Peter noted that it had withered, and he commented, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered away." Now note what Christ said, in effect: "You go and do the same. I spoke the word of authority with which I am equipped by the indwelling Father (John 14:10). Now **you** speak it also." His actual words were, "Have the faith **of** God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be removed, and be cast into the sea;...he **shall have** whatsoever he says" (Mark 11:23).

"Have the faith **of** God" is the literal rendering, as in the margin of the Authorized Version, and this conveys the vital meaning more clearly than just "have faith **in** God," as in the Authorized Version text. For to "have Faith **in** God" means to many just a reliance on the ability of God in Heaven and a leaving it to Him to do it. But to "have the faith **of** God" means to recognize an indwelling God (as Jesus did in the instance cited above), to realize that we have His mind, and that by the inspiration of His Spirit we speak forth with our human lips the word of believing faith, of authority, just as He did when He said, "Let there be light: and there was light," or as the Lord Jesus did in the above incident. And we are told in Romans 4:17 that the faith of God is that "He calls those things which be not as though they were." We are to do the same.

Thus Christ said, "Say unto this mountain." "**Say,**" not "**pray.**" The word is most significant. The thought is not that all prayer should be omitted (for the Word counsels us to pray) but that prayer should not be from an attitude of feeling that one **has not** and therefore **has needs**. Saying the word of faith is the attitude of one who **has** and **dispenses** what he has. Such is the "THRONE Life's we commonly speak of. A throne is occupied by a king. A king is a possessor and dispenser of gifts. This is why we who are believers and joined to Christ--He the head, we the members of one Body, physically on earth, spiritually enthroned--are told that we are "KINGS...unto God" and "seated in the heavenlies."

Examine the men of God through the Bible--both prophets and apostles--and you will find this conscious attitude of authoritative faith to be theirs. The difference stands out clearly with Hezekiah and Isaiah.

Hezekiah was a man of prayer. The threats of the enemy came upon him with overwhelming force. He prayed. He bemoaned weakness. "This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth" (Isa. 37:3). "**Not strength**" was his emphasis. Then he sent word of the situation to the man of faith.

Hear Isaiah's answer, a declaration, a saying unto this mountain. "Thus says the Lord, "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Surely, I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall...return to his own land" (vs. 6-7).

The one--godly, praying, man, though he was--**spoke in weakness**. The other **spoke in authority**. The one was fully conscious of need and lack and separation from the supply of power. The other knew union with God, and spoke as His mouthpiece.

Latterly, in the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, of which I am British Secretary, I was notified of a severe crisis in one department of the work, sufficient, if it came to a head, to spoil the advance of years in that area. Before I understood the life of authority in the Spirit, I would have recognized the attempt of the devil to disrupt a

work, and would have labored in prayer for the destruction of his devices. But, in the maintaining of the position of the throne life, the Lord spoke to me through one sentence in a letter concerning the affair. It said, "I am afraid you are in for a sea of trouble," the Holy spirit said, "What did Jesus do in a storm? Walk on the water, or sink beneath them?"

I saw in a moment. I was not to spend one wasted minute fearing, doubting, burdened, magnifying the power of Satan. I was immediately to declare the victory over Satan gained two thousand years ago. I was to see it to be a **present victory** in this very affair, not a future one. I was to enjoy the defeat of Satan. I was to count this actual trial as "all joy" and no sorrow, and to realize that if God does allow the enemy to come in like a flood, it is always to give an opportunity for the authority of faith to be manifested by which Satan is given a bigger defeat, and the work of God a bigger advance.

So from that day to the day five months later when those concerned met for the critical settlement, I enjoyed the trial, laughed the laugh of faith, and bore the testimony in public and private that there was this severe trial. The devil always makes a laughing stock of himself (Col. 2:15), for his attacks in the hands of faith become boomerangs; he gets the defeat and we the new blessing, as at Calvary. And I told folk that I would return to describe the victory in due course. And thus, of course, it has been. In one meeting every cloud vanished; unity and stability came to this department beyond anything in its history, and all learned a little more how **not** to be ignorant of Satan's devices.

The use of "the faith of God," which was operative there against an attack of the enemy, has been proved hundreds of times over to be equally the secret for obtaining supplies, moving governments, saving souls, transforming characters, and the like.

These are but scrappy jottings written on a river steamer in the interior of South America on this "lost chord of Christianity," but sufficient to put a seeking reader on the trail. To one who asks, "But how can we realize this as a personal experience?" We answer, as God answered Moses in the incident at the beginning of this article: "AWAKE! ARISE FROM YOUR DELUDED CONDITION AS IF YOU ARE STILL FALLEN, STILL SEPARATED BY SIN, STILL WEAK. **Realize your equipment**, the mystery hid from ages and from generation: **CHRIST IN YOU**. Declare it, as the prophets of old: "I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord." "Cease to live bound up in those old grave clothes of judging by appearances," and "walking by sight." You feel weak, you don't sense the presence of Christ, you feel loveless, and of little faith, and all the rest of it, because you still live in the devil's lies of the have-not life. But you have all things. All is within. Burst through those bonds of feelings. Say, "Though all men and devils say I have not, I say I have, on the authority of God's word."

The principle involved cannot be applied arbitrarily to just any need in the whole world, but rather to the sphere for which God in His grace has made you individually responsible.

Then, according to the needs of your calling and sphere of life and service, speak forth the word of faith. Call the things that be not as though they were. Carry out Mark 11:24: "Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."²

² The Throne Life by: Norman Grubb

Remember "The Lamb is on the Throne" and we are seated with Him. So therefore, go forward as son of God, seeing the invisible, believing the incredibly, and doing the Impossible!