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THE GODKIND OF FAITH**

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The Godkind of faith is the same faith that believes and speaks (2 Corinthians 4:13). Jesus demonstrates this kind of faith in Mark 11:12-14, 20-24.

Mark 11:12-14; 20-24

“¹² And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he [Jesus] was hungry. ¹³ And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. ¹⁴ and Jesus answered and said unto it, ‘No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever.’ And his disciples heard it... ²⁰ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, ‘Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.’ ²² And Jesus answering saith unto them, ‘HAVE FAITH IN GOD. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Let us focus our attention on the statement, “...*Have faith in God*” (Mark 11:22). In several bible versions the margin of that verse reads, “*Have the faith of God.*” Or, as some Greek scholars tell us this verse says, “*Have the Godkind of faith.*” In the cursing of the fig tree, Jesus demonstrated that He had the Godkind of faith because what He said came to pass.

The bible says Jesus saw the fig tree from far away, and He saw that it had leaves. Jesus went to the tree to see if there were figs on the tree because the time for figs had not yet come.

“Well,” someone said, “why was He looking for figs if it wasn’t yet time for them?” Because in that country, those trees that had leaves usually also had figs.

Jesus spoke to the tree and said unto it, “...*No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever...*” (Mark 11:14.) Then the next day when Jesus and the disciples passed by the fig tree, and they saw it had dried up from the roots.

Peter's response to the withered fig tree brought that startling and statement from the lips of Jesus, **"... Have faith in God."** (Mark 11:22), OR **"Have the Godkind of faith."**

In verses 23 and 24, Jesus defines and describes for us the Godkind of faith He spoke about in verse 22. The Godkind of faith is the kind of faith whereby a man believes in his heart and says with his mouth what he believes in his heart, and it comes to pass.

Jesus demonstrated that He had that kind of faith, for He believed that what He said would come to pass. He said to the tree, **"... No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever."** (Mark 11:14.) That is the same kind of faith that spoke this world into existence.

Hebrews 11:3

"³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

How did God make the world? God believed that what He said would come to pass. He said, **"Let there be light..."** (Genesis 1:3) and light became. God spoke into existence the vegetable kingdom in Genesis 1:11-12. He spoke into existence the animal kingdom in Genesis 1:20-25.

God spoke into existence the heavens as well as the earth; He spoke into existence the moon, the sun, the stars, and the universe in Genesis 1:1, 8, 9, 14-18. God just said it, and it was so, because He believed it would be so. That is the Godkind of faith. God believed what He said would come to pass and it did.

Jesus demonstrated He had that kind of faith, and then He said to the disciples that they had that same kind of faith. It is the kind of faith whereby a person believes something in his heart and says with his mouth what he believes in his heart, and it will come to pass.

DON'T PRAY FOR FAITH EXERCISE THE FAITH YOU ALREADY HAVE

Someone once said, "I want that kind of faith. I am praying that God will give me that kind of faith."

Well, you are wasting your time praying if you are praying for faith, because faith does not come by praying. In fact, if you are a believer, you already have that kind of faith. Every believer has a measure of the Godkind of faith. (Romans 12:3.) the believer must now exercise the measure of faith he already possesses.

Romans 12:3

***“3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to EVERY MAN THE MEASURE OF FAITH.*”**

This passage of scripture is not referring to every person in the world. Not everyone has the Godkind of faith. We know this because in writing to the church in Thessalonica, Paul says in 2 Thess. 3:2 **“... all men have not faith.”** So, every man in the world does not have this faith, but every believer does.

Romans 12:3 says, **“... to every man THAT IS AMONG YOU...”** That is not talking about every man in the world, but about believers.”

Paul did not write this epistle of Romans to sinners in the world. He addressed this letter, in **Romans 1:7**, **“To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be SAINTS...”** Paul said in **Romans 12:3** **“... I say... to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.”**

Every believer – every child of God, every Christian – does have a measure of the Godkind of faith. Let us look at this further.

FAITH IS A GIFT OF GOD

Ephesians 2:8

***“8 For by grace are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is THE GIFT OF GOD...”*”**

Paul is saying that the faith by which you are saved is not of yourselves. In other words, it is not a natural human faith. It is a faith given to sinners by God.

Well, how did God give the sinner faith to be saved? **Romans 10:17** says, **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”** Then notice these expressions, **“So then faith cometh”** and **“according as God hath dealt”** (**Romans 10:17; 12:3**). Then notice again in **Ephesians 2:8**, **“...ye [are] saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...”**

Paul says that this faith to be saved is given; it is dealt; and it cometh. It cometh by hearing the gospel preached.

Romans 10:8

“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.”

Your bible, the message of God, is called the word of faith. Why is it called the word of faith? Because the bible contains words that are spirit and life (**John 6:33**) which cause faith to come into the heart of the unsaved. The Word of God causes the same kind of faith to be dealt to our hearts that God used to speak the universe into existence. Faith is given or imparted to us through the Word. Hearing the Word brings faith.

Let's read **Romans 10:8** again, ***“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart...”*** Notice that this verse agrees exactly with what Jesus said in **Mark 11:23**, ***“...whosoever shall say... and shall not doubt in his heart...”***

Do you see the idea of believing with the heart and saying with your mouth what you believe in your heart? Jesus believed it and He said it. God believed it and He said it. The earth came into existence because God spoke it into existence.

GOD GIVES FAITH TO THE SINNER TO BE SAVED

Romans 10:9-10

“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.

We can see that a measure of faith is dealt to the sinner through hearing the Word. Then the sinner uses that faith to be saved. The sinner uses that faith to bring the reality of salvation into his own life.

When did God save you? You may say, “Oh, on such and such a day.” Well, you are mistaken because God saved you when Jesus died for you and rose from the dead nearly two thousand years ago. It only became a reality to you, in your life, when you believed it and confessed it!

Every man and woman in this world have a legal right to salvation because died for the whole world, not just for you and me. That is the reason I can quote the statement that Brother T.L. Osborn makes, “No man has a right to hear the gospel twice until every man has heard it once.”

Every person has a right to hear the gospel because salvation was bought and paid for, for everyone in the world, not just for you and me. When the truth of the Word is preached to the sinner, it causes faith to come. When he believes and confesses the truth that Jesus is his Lord, he creates the reality of it in his own life by faith.

Romans 10:13, 14, 17

“13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?... 17 So, then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

FAITH COMES BY HEARING GOD’S WORD

The same thing is true of anything that you receive from God. The Godkind of faith comes from hearing God’s Word. You know, God does not have any other kind of faith except the Godkind. That is the only kind He has! This Godkind of faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

God gives the Godkind of faith or causes it to come into the hearts of those who hear the Word of God. No wonder Jesus said, ***“Take heed what you hear”*** in **Mark 4:24**. You cannot let the Word go in one ear and out the other because it will not do you any good that way. Faith will not come. You can act as though the Word of God were a fairy tale or something of little importance and faith will not come into your heart.

But when you accept the Word of God reverently and sincerely, and act upon it, faith comes into your heart. Too many times we have the idea about preaching that one man’s son had when he was about five years old. He said, “Mother, all of those tales Daddy tells when he is preaching – are they really so, or is he just preaching?” The truths revealed in the Word of God are so rich, I sometimes believe people think we are just “preaching” or telling tales!

EXERCISE THE FAITH YOU HAVE TO BE HEALED

A woman that was a Full Gospel Christian came to a church to hear a visiting preacher that was holding a meeting. A denominational woman had been healed of an incurable condition in one of his meetings and had been made perfectly whole. This Full Gospel woman had tears in her eyes and asked the preacher if he could tell her something. She said, “How come God would heal that denominational woman and she does not even have the baptism in the Holy Ghost yet? She has not even spoken in tongues, but He will not heal me?”

The preacher answered her, "It is not a matter of His healing you. God has done all He is ever going to do about healing you. Two thousand years ago He laid your sickness on Jesus and Jesus bore sin, sickness, and disease for you. With His stripes you were healed back then. But you will not accept it, and you will not believe it. You are trying to get God to do what He has already done for you."

He continued with, "If you will come to the place where you willingly and gladly praise God for what He has already done in your redemption in Christ, and you will believe it, and confess it, then the manifestation will come. For the bible says, *"that it is with the heart that man believes and with the mouth that confession is made unto the promise of God"* (Romans 10:10).

He went on to say, "If you are a Christian," he told this woman, "You have enough faith to be healed. You are just not using the faith you already have. You are not turning your faith loose. You do not need more faith. Just learn to exercise the faith you already have. After all, you have already believed God for the biggest thing of all – your salvation. The new birth is the greatest thing of all - your salvation. The new birth is the greatest miracle that ever happens in a person's life. The new birth is much better than being healed from some disease."

He continued with, "You have already believed for God's biggest blessing. Now all you have to do is use that same measure of faith that you already have and just turn it loose. Jesus told us how to turn our faith loose or how to exercise it. He said to say with your mouth what you believe in your heart (Mark 11:23-24). If you believe the bible, then you already believe that Jesus has taken your infirmities and has borne your sicknesses. If you believe the bible, you believe He did just that nearly two thousand years ago."

1 Peter 2:24

"24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED."

This scripture tells us that Jesus already bore our sicknesses and diseases for us. Therefore, if you say that God is going to heal you sometime, you are not in line with the bible which says, *"...ye WERE healed"* in 1 Peter 2:24 because *"were"* is past tense.

If you say, "I believe I'll be healed sometime," you are turning your faith loose according to man's tradition and not according to the Word. Real faith – bible faith – is **PRESENT TENSE**. Saying you hope you will get healed is future tense. You have a measure of the Godkind of faith, so use what you already have **NOW**.

BELIEVERS HAVE THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 4:13

“13 We having the SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH, according as it is written, I BELIEVED, and therefore have I SPOKEN; we also BELIEVE, and therefore SPEAK.”

Paul was writing to the church in Corinth - to believers. But what belonged to the Church in Corinth belongs to the Church in your town today. Paul said, **2 Corinthians 4:13**, ***“We HAVING (not might have) the same spirit of faith...”***

Not one single time in the bible did Paul or any of the other apostles ever write to encourage people to believe or to have faith. The need to encourage believers to believe or to have faith is a result of the Word of God having lost its reality to us.

But we are believers! You do not write to your children when they are away from home and say to them, “Be sure to keep breathing.” They are going to naturally breathe as long as they are alive. In the same sense, you do not have to encourage believers to believe, because that is what they are – believers!

One lady asked a preacher to pray she had more faith. He told her he would not do it because you do not get faith by praying for it. He asked her if she was a believer and she said yes. Then he told her, “Well, who ever heard of a believer who does not believe?” He prayed for her to be healed of high blood pressure and she also received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. She said later that she could have experienced this years’ earlier, but no one had ever told her about it.

DON'T LET YOUR WORDS BECOME YOUR PRISON

Friends, if you are defeated in life, you are defeated with the words of your own mouth. For Jesus said in **Mark 11:23**, ***“...whosoever shall say...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.”***

One writer put it this way, “You said you could not, and the moment you said it, you were whipped. You said you did not have faith, and doubt rose up like a giant and bound you.”

You are imprisoned with your own words. You talk failure and failure holds you in bondage.

Proverbs 6:2

“2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.”

The margin of one bible reads, ***“thou art taken captive with the words of thy mouth.”***

Most do not realize that our words dominate us. A young man once said that he was never whipped until he confessed he was whipped. Many people say they always speak their minds. That is not a bad practice if you have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

When you have a mind that is dominated by the devil, few people care to hear what is on your mind! If you have a mind dominated by doubt and unbelief, you have a mind dominated by the devil. If you have a mind dominated by fear and negativity, you have a mind dominated by the devil.

Never talk failure. Defeat and failure do not belong to the child of God. God never made a failure. God made us new creatures. We are born not of the will of the flesh or of the will of men but of the will of God (John 1:13). We are created by God in Christ Jesus.

Failures are man-made. Failures are made by wrong believing and wrong thinking. 1 John 4:4 says, ***“...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”***

Learn to trust the Greater One who is in you. He who is in you is mightier than any force or power that is in the world. God created the universe with words. Words filled with faith are the most powerful influence in all the world.

CONFESS WHAT YOU BELIEVE

A preacher once said, “More people lose their healing over a counterattack than any other thing.”

One man almost lost his own healing that way. After he was healed from an incurable heart condition people would ask him if his heart was better. He would answer that it wasn't because he did not always feel good, and his heartbeat was still irregular and beat sporadically. As soon as he would say he didn't feel good he began feeling worse.

One day as he was analyzing his situation, he asked himself where he was failing in faith. He realized what he was doing. He was confessing his sickness instead of his health. He immediately started saying he was well when people asked him how he felt. And that is exactly what happened – he was healed.

He prayed about healing because he desired it. He believed with his heart and confessed with his lips that he was healed by Jesus' stripes (1 Peter 2:24; Mark 11:23-24). He told people he was fine, and that he was healed. People would look at him strangely sometimes when he made the right confession, but he found that the symptoms lessened and eventually left.

People would ask him if he needed a ride because of his condition, but he would not accept a ride. He would say that he would rather walk. He would just automatically tell everyone that he was fine. Many would tell him that healing was not for people in these days, but he told them that it was a lie from the devil. The bible says that the devil is a liar.

Think about it for a moment. The "whosoever" in Mark 11:23 means "me and you" just as much as the "whosoever" in John 3:16 does.

John 3:16

"3 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Mark 11:23

"23 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."

If any whosoever can believe and be saved, then any whosoever can have what he speaks that is in line with God's Word.

The key to overcoming sickness and overcoming problems in life is believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth. The young man that was sick had the faith to be healed because just a measure of the Godkind of faith will do it. It was not a problem of having enough faith, it was a problem of not confessing with his mouth what the Word said and believing in his heart that it was true.

THE POWER OF OUR WORDS

Our lips can make us millionaires or keep us paupers. Our lips can make us victors or keep us captives. The woman with the issue of blood in Mark chapter 5 spoke her faith and her faith made her a victor. Jesus told her that it was her faith spoken out of her lips that had made her whole (Mark 5:34).

Your lips can keep you sick. You can fill your words with faith, or you can fill your words with love that will melt the coldest heart. You can fill your words with love that will help the discouraged and brokenhearted. You can fill your words with faith that will stir heaven, or you can make your words speak hatred and poison. You can make your words breathe out the very atmosphere of heaven, but your faith will never register above the words of your lips.

LET NEGATIVE THOUGHTS DIE UNBORN

Thoughts may come and they may try to persist in staying. But if you refuse to put those thoughts into words, they die unborn.

One time a man asked a preacher to pray that the devil would never put anymore evil thoughts into his mind. He told him if he could do that that he would pray that for himself. He told him that we are on the devil's territory in the sense that we live in the flesh and Satan is the god of this world that will react upon your own spirit. Faith's confessions create realities. Realization follows your confession. Confession precedes possession. Remember, "2 Cor. 4:4." As the god of this world, Satan operates in the mental or sense realm – in the realm of the flesh.

Therefore, you cannot help it if the devil brings thoughts to your mind. You have heard the saying, "You can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." So, we can refuse to think Satan's thoughts. We can also refuse to put evil thoughts into action. The best thing to do is to laugh at the devil because he is a liar. Cultivate the habit of thinking according to the Word of God.

FAITH'S CONFESSIONS CREATE REALITIES

Learn to use words that will react upon your own spirit. Faith's confessions create realities. Realization follows your confession. Confession precedes possession. Remember Romans 10:10 says, "*... with the mouth confession is made unto...*"

There are two things to notice about the Godkind of faith: First a man believes in his heart. Second, he believes in his words. It will not be good enough just to believe something in your heart. To get God to work for you, you have to believe in your words and your words have to speak the faith that is in your heart.

Mark 11:23

"23... whosoever shall say... 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."

This scripture contains the inevitable law of faith. You must believe in your heart, and you must believe in your words you speak. The Godkind of faith results in believing in your heart and speaking with your mouth. **The Word of God must be on your lips.** The Word of God in your heart and on your lips gives you power over disease, demons, and evil circumstances and causes you to walk in victory in Christ in every area of your life.