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How Mary Received

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A special word - "Just because someone dies, does not mean that the dream dies and goes with them, a dream from God has the life from God on it and the dream lives on. The dream is still alive, the incorruptible seed of God is in it and so just keep believing the Lord and you'll see it come to pass, pursue the dream and run with the vision that God has placed in your heart, because the dream is surely alive and will come to pass."

When Jesus began to walk through His ministry, there was miracle after miracle, deliverance after deliverance that was His mission, to help people. Jesus came for the reason that we would have life and it more abundantly; grace and truth also came by Him. The ministry of Jesus is still going on today, it is all about helping people and doing the super natural or miraculous in their life and teaching them the foundations of the Word of God. Teaching that in order to be blessed they must be a doer of the Word of God.

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." KJV

When the Lord gets ready to do something super natural in your life, He will give you a Word and for that to come to pass, we must believe the Word that God has placed in our heart. Many times it will be contrary to what is going on in the natural, what is being seen or being heard, going against all the five senses. Holding on to what God has said can be very challenging to us.

Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" KJV

Matt 17:19-20 "Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." KJV

Jesus is establishing a foundational truth in these scriptures, "nothing shall be impossible, but we must believe". Jesus had been teaching His disciples, but they had not been hearing Him. They were not able to cast a demon out of a man's son and they were asking Jesus, why? He said it was because of unbelief, they were faithless. They had been given power and authority over all demons and demonic force earlier, but because of unbelief they were unable to help the man. Unbelief can creep into our lives unnoticed, because of not meditating or worshiping the Lord and begins to weaken our faith. A "grain of mustard seed" is referring to a growing faith; there must be a growing faith as taught in Mark 4, Matthew 13, and Luke 8. Paul mentions in Thessalonians the importance of a "growing faith" in addition to our love walk.

Growing faith always has a voice with it and the voice with growing faith is always speaking the answer, it is talking about the outcome, not talking about the adversity or the problems or focusing on the negative things that are going on right now in areas that we are believing God for. Growing faith will have a voice that is speaking to the problem, what to do and not talking

about the problem.

How can that principle become a reality to us? It cannot be just sense knowledge to us, but must become revelation knowledge. Jesus lets us know that all things are possible to us, if we only will believe.

Faith speaks the answer, it declares what you want to come to pass, the answer you are waiting for, doesn't magnify the problem, growing faith has a voice.

Luke chapter 1 gives the full story how the angel Gabriel came to Zacharias, his wife Elisabeth and Mary, regarding the birth of John and of Jesus and all the things that went on with them, how it was able for them to bear children and the outcome of each birth. Nothing would be impossible if they would believe. God had a plan for each of them, just as He has a plan for each of us. When He gives us the Word for that plan, it is our responsibility to believe the plan and take a step of faith in order to receive, but unless we take that step of faith, God's plan for our lives will never be done.

When we study the Bible, we find that His plan and His will for us are the same. Why do we continue to keep praying for the same thing, if we know that God has heard us? If we don't realize that our prayers have been heard then we can continue to keep asking, but once we know that God has heard us, we must move over into praise for the answer.

1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." KJV

Zacharias did not have the confidence that God had heard his request in regards for a child for him and Elisabeth.

Phil 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." KJV

Luke 1:34-38 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." KJV

Mary asked what the plan was for her life and the angel began to explain the plan to her, the moment heard, she believed and she received. She also heard of Elisabeth's pregnancy from the angel. Zacharias asked for a sign, which he received, not being able to speak until after the birth of John, but Mary accepted the word spoken to her and the angel departed. What kind of action did Mary take showing that she believed what had been spoken to her? She didn't begin to talk about what she had been told; she began to praise the Lord and went to see her cousin Elisabeth.

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment." AMP

Luke 1:45-46 "And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. 46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord," KJV

Luke 1:45-46 "And blessed (happy, to be envied) is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of the things that were spoken to her from the Lord. 46 And Mary said, My soul magnifies *and* extols the Lord," AMP

The following scripture shows Jesus teaching the people and them believing what they are hearing. Peter was obedient letting down his nets, believing what Jesus had said to him, even though his senses told him different. God wanted to bless his business in an abundant way.

Luke 5:4-10 "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men " KJV

The nobleman had approached Jesus regarding his son who was sick and about to die. Jesus told him to go home, his son would live, and the man believed what Jesus said, he didn't continue to ask Jesus, but believed and started home, meeting people who told him that his son was alive. He knew at the same time Jesus had spoken to him, that his son was healed.

John 4:47-53 "When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house." KJV

If we know that He has heard us when we pray and believe that He has heard us, then we can have complete peace about the situation.

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1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to *and* hears us. 15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him." AMP

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." KJV

Faith is now, but hope is future. God is the rewarder of our faith to all who believe.

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." KJV

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." AMP

Walking in faith means we cannot see with the natural eye. The God kind of faith is based on the Word, faith comes by hearing and that being the Word of God. To walk in faith and receive from God, we may not see things immediately happening, but we know that we have those things we have believed for. Faith sees a "done deal", regardless of what the five senses are telling us. Faith sees us out of debt, our children serving God and all being healed and in divine health.

How do we know if we are believing? By being at peace, and not talking the problem, seeing the answer, thanking God for everything. Jesus has come that we would have life in abundance, enjoy it to the full. Faith is the thread that connects us to the provision of God. His plan is so great that we have to have faith, standing in the winner's circle. The dream is not dead; it has the very life of God in it and is alive. The Lord wants to resurrect it during this season of our lives.