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Keeping The Switch Turned On #8

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The Lord works according to our faith, showing nineteen different miracles of healing in the gospels, twelve of which showed us that the miracle they received was based on their faith, their response to the word that they heard from Jesus, believing what he said, speaking what it was they needed and had corresponding actions, therefore receiving the miracle that was needed in their situations. Jesus told them that according to their faith they were able to receive, He is no respecter of persons, what He did then, He will do today and He will do it tomorrow. There is no situation that we might be faced with that can't be turned around with faith in Jesus and the word of God.

Examples that were shared in previous teachings: the woman with the issue of blood said if she could just touch his garments, she would be made whole; Jarius didn't give up, kept the switch of faith turned on even though it looked like it was over, Jesus told him to ignore the evil report that he was hearing from those around him; blind Bartimaeus, Mark 10, Jesus told him it was according to his faith, people tried to discourage him, told not to bother Jesus, but he reached out, threw off the clothing showing him to be a blind man and came to Jesus and received his healing; the nobleman whose son was dying, got a word from the Lord and went toward home and found out that his son had been made whole; Mark 2 and Luke 5 told of the four friends who brought the crippled man to where Jesus was, let him and his bed down through the roof, because they were unable to get in the door since there was such a great crowd there to hear Jesus. Jesus saw their faith and the man was made whole; Peter acted upon the word from Jesus regarding the fish, they had fished all night and not caught anything, but Jesus told them to let down their nets and their boat almost sank because of the catch, but because Jesus had given him a word, Peter let down the nets.

The principle being taught has been that faith has a voice and has corresponding actions, each one of the incidents had corresponding actions after hearing Jesus and believing what he said.

Rom 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." KJV

Rom 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." NLV

Rom 10:17 "Consequently faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached word of Christ." NEV

As we hear the word over and over, faith will begin to arise in us. When we were born again, we received a measure of faith and as we hear the word of God, our faith will begin to be awoken and we will begin to understand and realize that our faith can make us whole.

Sometimes an instant manifestation doesn't come in healing or when we pray regarding other situations and we don't know how to keep the switch of faith turned on and keep believing and

because we don't understand the principles of faith, we turn loose and let go and think that God isn't going to answer us. Many times we determine our outcome. It's not the devil who defeats people many times, but is wrong thinking, which produces wrong believing, which produces wrong talking and wrong talking will produce wrong actions. When we have our mind renewed to the word of God it will produce right believing, producing right talking, which will produce right actions.

2 Kings 4:1-7 "Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. 2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest." KJV

This woman determined how much she would have when she had done all that Elisha instructed her with the filling of the vessels. It was done for her according to her faith in what she was believing God for. Gods plan is always to have more than enough, an abundance. She and her two sons had more than enough to live; abundance was made for them. The oil was multiplied, she was able to pay the debt and live. God wants us to have an abundance not just enough to get by.

As we begin to renew our minds, and begin to understand God, we become more progressively involved with him and realize what His plan is for us. Many people want to receive from Jesus but don't take the time to listen to the word of God being taught, then they fail to receive and they become confused and disappointed and begin to think that it isn't Gods will to bless them or answer prayer.

Psa 119:130 "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." KJV

If we don't understand the parable of the seed found in Mark 4, Matt 13 and Luke 8 we will have difficulty walking in kingdom blessing. Because we don't fully understand the kingdom we have been put into, many in the body of Christ do not have a clue about kingdom principles and laws, and because of an unrenewed mind we still try to live under the rules that our five senses tell us, therefore, faith is void to us. We have been put into the kingdom and so we understand kingdom principles, we cannot bypass the kingdom principles without first hearing the word in order for faith to arise and us to receive. Confusion comes because of not renewing the mind and will cause disappointment but the entrance of the word will bring light.

Col 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" KJV

This kingdom principle is found in the following scripture. Many people were coming to hear Jesus, from all the major cities in the area; they made an effort to get there. Faith came from hearing and then they received, but first they heard. This crowd did not come to find fault like

the Pharisees or to be critical of what was happening. They came to hear Him.

In order to receive from God we must hear the word and become convinced that it is the will of God, not just trying it, we have to exercise our faith. For some people the time period where we become convinced that the word is true can be different, our time spent in the bible renewing our minds plays a big part.

Luke 6:17-20 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came **to hear him**, and to be healed of their diseases; 18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all." KJV

There are two things that determine the outcome of praying for someone for healing; those that are believing they will receive and those that come only to see what will happen.

The lepers in the book of Luke were cleansed as they went, because they believed, they had corresponding actions, they didn't question why they didn't receive immediately but as they went they were cleansed and made whole. Their faith had made them whole.

Mark 5:22-24 "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him" KJV

Mark 5:22-25 "Then one of the rulers of the synagogue came up, Jairus by name; and seeing Him, he prostrated himself at His feet 23 And begged Him earnestly, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be healed and live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and a great crowd kept following Him and pressed Him from all sides [so as almost to suffocate Him]." AMP

Mark 5:35-42 "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment." KJV

Mark 5:35-42 "While He was still speaking, there came some from the ruler's house, who said [to Jairus], Your daughter has died. Why bother *and* distress the Teacher any further? 36 *Overhearing* but ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear; only keep on believing. 37 And He permitted no one to accompany Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 38 When they arrived at the house of the ruler of the synagogue, He looked [carefully and with understanding] at [the] tumult and *the people* weeping and wailing loudly. 39 And when He had gone in, He said to them, Why do you make an uproar and weep? The little girl is not dead but is sleeping. 40 And they laughed *and* jeered at Him. But He put them all out, and, taking the child's father and mother and those who were with Him, He went in where the little girl was *lying*. 41 Gripping her [firmly] by the hand, He said to her, Talitha cumi—which translated is, Little girl, I say to you, arise from the sleep of death! 42 And instantly the

girl got up and started walking around—for she was twelve years old. And they were utterly astonished *and* overcome with amazement." AMP

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Mark 5:35-42 "While he was still talking, some people came from the leader's house and told him, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?" 36 Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, "**Don't listen to them; just trust me.**" 37-40 He permitted no one to go in with him except Peter, James, and John. They entered the leader's house and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and neighbors bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: "Why all this busybody grief and gossip? This child isn't dead; she's sleeping." Provoked to sarcasm, they told him he didn't know what he was talking about. 40-43 But when he had sent them all out, he took the child's father and mother, along with his companions, and entered the child's room. He clasped the girl's hand and said, "*Talitha koum,*" which means, "Little girl, get up." At that, she was up and walking around! This girl was twelve years of age. They, of course, were all beside themselves with joy. He gave them strict orders that no one was to know what had taken place in that room. Then he said, "Give her something to eat." MESSAGE

Jarius is being used as an example of the importance of keeping the switch of faith turned on to receive. He had one thing on his mind, his little daughter was ill, he threw pride aside, he didn't care what others might be thinking, and he was determined to speak to Jesus regarding the situation. Faith always has a voice, he asked for Jesus to lay hands on her and she would be healed. He began to frame by his words the outcome he was believing for. Jesus went with him, but they were interrupted by the woman with the issue of blood, as she was being ministered to, word was received that the little girl was dead, but Jesus heard the evil report and told Jarius not to fear but continue to believe. They went on to Jarius' house, removed the unbelievers that were in the room, Jesus spoke to the little girl, told her to rise, and she did healed. Jarius did not believe the bad report, but kept his switch turned on and received.

Mark 11:23 "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." KJV

Heb 11:3 "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." KJV

2 Cor 4:13 "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;" KJV

Examples were given of different people receiving their healing through other ministries, how they were uncertain at times, but received later. Some received healing instantly, while others had a period of waiting for the manifestation to come. Hearing the word increased their faith, some were only hoping but the word became light to them.

Many times when receiving from God it becomes a journey, our faith being tested and tried, in difficult times we find out what we really believe, we must keep the switch of faith turned on. Faith always speaks what you are believing on the inside. The "faith voice" is located on the inside of us.