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God's Will to Heal #9
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Pastor has been emphasizing be it unto you according to your faith, your faith has made you whole and the Lord isn't any respecter of persons. Faith always has corresponding actions and has a peace about it and that it always has a voice and that voice always speaks what we are believing on the inside.

Every believer has faith and it is awakened by the message that it hears. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. The bible kind of faith has hope with it, something that has a favorable outcome with it.

We must be convinced that the Word of God is true. If we are not convinced that it is true and is the final authority it will be a challenge for us to be successful in life, have our needs met, and walk in the blessings here on earth. We must first understand kingdom principles because we are in that kingdom now as believers. We must understand that we have been delivered from darkness and transported into God's kingdom, the kingdom of light.

Luke 17:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰ *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*

²¹ *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

So within us is the potential for any answer, any deliverance that we would have need of. Not knowing how to tap into that sometimes leaves us coming up short, but God has provided for us through Jesus for everything that we might have need of.

Faith is a journey, a lifestyle and a walk we are in every day. Faith learns how to perceive, see and receive from God the blessings now before it is ever manifested.

In Revelations chapter 13 verse 8 it mentions that Jesus was a lamb that was slain even before the foundation of the world. God said Jesus was a lamb that was slain. He calls things that be not as though they were and then centuries later he was slain in an outward manifestation that we are celebrating in this Easter season.

Jesus calls things that be not as though they were. We so often call things as they are, but Jesus calls things to be not as though they were. Then the spirit of faith is involved in that if we believe we also speak. If we believe that God said we are prosperous then we will speak at least on the inside that we are prospering. If we believe that God says we are healed and if we have a spirit of faith, believe and trust then we will be speaking on the inside and hopefully on the outside to the Lord that we are thankful He has healed us.

Romans 4:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

Verse 16 tells us who is being mentioned.

Romans 4:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

Romans 4:16 (AMP)

¹⁶ *Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all.*

That verse is teaching us that what was promised to Abraham is also promised to us and is repeated in the following:

Galatians 3:7 (KJV)

⁷ *Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

Romans 4:17 KJV)

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Two characteristics of Father God: 1) He makes things alive that were dead, or not working, as in our body. 2) He calleth those things that be not as though they were, right now.

Chapter 17 of Genesis is 24 years after Abraham received the promise from God that he would be the father of many nations. This is the chapter that Abram was named changed to Abraham and Sarai was changed to Sarah.

Genesis 17:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ *As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.*

⁵ *Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.*

Faith receives from God and believes what God says is a done deal now. That is the importance of hope because we hope, then we turn hope into faith. And faith is the substance of the things hoped for and of the things not seen.

Romans 4:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ *Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

How was Abraham able to keep on believing God? What did he base his believing?

It was according to that which was spoken to him.

Romans 4:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁸ *[For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.*

Romans 4:18 (MSG)

¹⁸ . *When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!"*

How many of us live our lives by what someone said we could or couldn't do? We all do from time to time, but we all need to not live in that box. It's not God's plan to live our lives without His favor and blessings in an outward manifestation. It was a choice Abraham made to live by what was spoken.

Romans 4:19 KJV)

¹⁹ *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:*

Romans 4:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ *Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.*

God sees us healed and whole.

How do we call things that be not as though they were? We must start speaking it out of our mouths.

The word "call" in the Greek,

Transliteration: kaleó

Short Definition: I call, invite, name

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A simple example of "to call" could be with our pets. We call our pets when we cannot see them. If they are right at our side we don't but when we see them there we call them.

It took the Israelites 5 years to possess the Promised Land.

Before them was a flooded river and a walled city.

Joshua 6:1-2 (KJV)

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

² *And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.*

Joshua has been given a choice to decide to live by what he can't do or by what God said.

What has God said to you and what has God said He will do?

Start speaking it. Start speaking it.

God calls those things that be not as though they were.

2 Kings 4:137 (KJV)

¹² *And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.*

¹³ *And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.*

¹⁴ *And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.*

¹⁵ *And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.*

¹⁶ *And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.*

¹⁷ And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

¹⁸ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

¹⁹ And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

²⁰ And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

After her son dies she had to get into the presence of God. She had to get to the man of God and her attitude was, all is well. She hadn't forgotten the promise that the man of God gave to her.

²¹ And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

²² And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

²³ And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

²⁴ Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

²⁵ So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

²⁶ Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well:

Because she believed she could call those things that be not as though they were. She began to frame her outcome by the words of her mouth.

²⁷ And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

²⁸ Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

²⁹ Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

³⁰ And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

³¹ And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

³² And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

³³ He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.

³⁴ And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

³⁵ Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

³⁶ And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

³⁷ Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

We have the report of man and God's report. When our minds are renewed we will believe God's report.

Father, we worship you and are so gracious of your word. Thank you Jesus, and Holy Spirit we ask that you teach us. We worship you. Minister to the people. We ask that we have the desire to believe like Abraham believed based on your word. Where we become fully persuaded, in Jesus name. Amen.