

The Language of Faith

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **I been focusing on the topic of faith.** Last time I shared, I spoke on learning how to pray in faith. I said, God releases more blessing in your life according to your faith. I mentioned that the prayer of faith includes prayer with confidence—in the authority of Jesus over sickness and the works of darkness, in the blood of Jesus to qualify weak people (like you and I) to be vessels to release His power in our own lives and the lives of those around us!

“Jesus said to them, “...if you have faith and do not doubt...even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen.” (Mt. 21:21) “Jesus said to him—If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” (Mk. 9:23)

- B. **Some believe for very little and therefore experience little of God’s blessing because they have not learned how to operate in faith.** If we believe for a lot and only get part of it, we will still experience much more than when we believe for little.

II. FAITH HAS A LANGUAGE

- A. **It’s important for us to understand that faith has a language.** If we want to be people who walk in faith and **believe God for things that goes beyond the natural realm of what our 5 senses tell us,** then we must learn to operate in the language of faith. **If you always defer to what your 5 senses tell you (sight, touch, smell, taste hearing), you will miss many important things God wants to show you and impart to you!**

- B. **One reality that we learn from the Bible is that our words and actions determine our outcome in life.** You literally have something to do with what happens to you and through you, depending on the words you speak! It is so important that we hear from God, find out what He is doing—then speaks words of faith to confirm what He has said. **When we do, we will inherit the promises and walk in the blessing.**

III. MOSES SENT SPIES INTO THE LAND OF CANAAN (THE PROMISED LAND)

- A. **Moses sent spies into the promised land—He said “Go find out what is there!”** In other words, he said: **“Let’s go in and finish the job God instructed us to do—To leave Egypt and go in and possess the promised land!** Then he said—Now let’s go do it!

“See what the land is like, whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; and whether the land is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds, whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage...!” (Num. 13:18-20).

- B. **Moses gave Joshua and Caleb and the other 10 spies a mission to accomplish**—He said, go check it out and bring me back a report and some of the produce of the land as proof, because we are getting ready to go in and possess the land. They brought back some of the grapes from Eshcol—They were huge, a bunch of them carried on a pole between 2 of the men. But there is only one problem. **“We went to the land... It truly flows with milk and honey... nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; Moreover—we saw the descendants of Anak there...!” (Num. 13:27-28)**

- C. Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said: “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it!” (V.30). The word possess—yarash—means, to inherit, possess, seize, occupy. In other words, God makes a pledge to us that there are certain things He wants to accomplish in your life—right now—that you may not fully realize at the moment—but you will, if you will only grab it by faith in your spirit—and act upon it with words of declaration and affirmation—to make it a reality in your life. Your words determine the outcome!
- D. The words of the 10 brought a negative report contrary to what God was wanting to do. The effect of their words brought unbelief, fear, and confusion to the rest of the people. They began to weep and cry, and they brought a spirit of accusation against Moses and the Lord, saying—Why has the Lord brought us to the land to fall by the sword? If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in the wilderness! (Num. 14:1-3)
- E. They went in to spy out the land, but they brought back a Nevertheless report: [Nevertheless] In other words, "This is our conclusion." "We saw" (Num. 13:28,32,33). This is always the language of unbelief—We saw; we are not able; we are not as strong as they—The conclusion of the natural man who walks by sight instead of faith (2Cor. 5:7). Caleb and Joshua walked by faith, saw by faith, and acted by faith. The language of faith is always optimistic—We are well able; the Lord will bring us into the land, and give it to us; the giants are bread for us; they are defenseless; the Lord is with us; do not fear (Num. 13:30; 14:7-9).

IV. GOD WANTS YOU TO INHERIT THE BLESSING

- A. God wants you to inherit the blessing today! I prefer to be a positive person of faith rather than a negative person of unbelief. I believe there are things we must do to make that become a reality in our lives. We must learn to muzzle our mouths to only speak what God says about our situation. We must learn to be people of faith—to speak faith words—so the reality of the blessing can become ours in the present. Yes there may be giants in your life—yes there may be impossible obstacles to overcome, but so what! In the words of Caleb—Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it!"(Num. 13:30)
- B. I love the song—The Blessing! “...May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations, and your family and your children and their children, and their children. May His presence go before you, and beside you all around you, and within you—He is with you, He is with you... In the morning, in the evening in your coming, in your going, in your weeping, and rejoicing—He is for you, He is for you” Amen Amen Amen!
- C. A friend sent me a prophetic teaching the other day. It went like this: “When you ask me to move, expect me to do it”. Don’t wait to see if I will. Prepare for me to arrive. Prepare for me to supply. This is what I call faith. When you ask me for a harvest, get your baskets ready. When you ask me for a new home, start packing up your boxes. Position yourself to move with me. Be ready and expectant. Do not sit back and wait to see if my word will come to pass.
- D. “I am ready to move, I am ready to come, but if the spaces in your life, your home, your heart are full of other things- you have not made room for me”. Show that you are ready by preparing space for me. Show that you are ready by watching for me. Show that you are ready by making yourself ready. I say to you that I am coming. I will provide. I will move. Show me that you believe it by making your life ready for me. negative speech yields negative results.