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I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him. Mark 11:23 AMP



Watch
Your
Words:

"Faith-Talk"
LEADS TO A
"Faith-Walk"!! ©

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During times of trials and tribulations in our life, the greatest challenge for us is to not allow the pain, the suffering, or the loss to weaken our faith. Our faith is what carries us through and when we allow our faith to weaken, we begin to question our ability to make it through. When we don't understand why we are suffering or going through trials and tribulations in our life, it is easy to begin to express that in our talk and in our walk. That's why it is important to make sure that our talk is what I call "*Faith-Talk*."

You might ask, what is "*Faith-Talk*"? "*Faith-Talk*" is what we confess with our mouth. To understand "*Faith-Talk*" you must understand what it means to "confess with your mouth". Instinctively, whenever we hear the word confession, we think of sin and confessing our sins. But there's another aspect of confession we tend not to give enough attention too. That is the confession of your faith, believing and speaking in line with the Word of God. Mark 11:23 (KJV) says: "for verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say (confess) unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart (believe), but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Think of the confession of faith as acknowledging God's Lordship over your life, and "*Faith-Talk*" is speaking things that confirm His Lordship over your life.

Believing and confessing goes together. If we are not believing and trusting the Word of God, what we confess (speak out of our mouth) will be words of doubt. If we are believing and trusting the Word of God, what we confess will be words of victory or the expectation of victory. How we walk through our trials and tribulations will correlate with our "*Faith-Talk*". If I have trust and belief that what the Word of God says is what will be in my life, I will walk with confidence that I am a victor, not a victim. However, if I am full of doubt, I will walk with a countenance weary and defeated as one without hope in tomorrow.

Confession is witnessing for a truth that we have embraced, testifying of something we know, and affirming something we believe. Our words can confess a trust and belief in God as supreme and all-powerful or our words can confess defeat and failure and the supremacy of Satan. As Christians, we have to be careful to make sure our “Faith-Talk” and our words do not speak defeat and glorify the devil rather than witness to what we can do with God’s power. When we testify to what God has done for us, we glorify him; by the same token, when we talk about what the devil is doing, and we list our failures and defeats, we glorify the devil. Think of it this way, a confession that glorifies the devil is an unconscious declaration that God is a failure. Such a confession shows a lack of faith. Remember, with your mouth you either give God or Satan dominion over you. You want to make sure the confession of your lips, have grown out of faith in your heart, because then you will know your words are words that speak defeat of the devil in every combat. Therefore, whatever trial you are in the midst of, make sure you are confessing words of victory. Believe God for the change that is coming, because you are thinking positively about the situation based upon God’s word that tells you:

- Greater is he that is in me then he that is in the world. (I John 4:4)
-If God is for me, who can be against me? (Rom. 8:31)
- If ye abide in me, and my word abides in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15:7)
- The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. (Nahum 1:7)
- Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. (Psalms 34:19)

If you find that your words are not confessing your faith in God and in His word and instead are glorifying Satan, don’t fret, you can change. You just need to examine what you are filling your mind and subsequently, your heart with. Are you spending time studying and meditating upon God’s Word? Are you maintaining an active prayer life? Have you really taken the time to do a walk down memory lane.....it’s easy to forget what God has done for you in the past! One of the best ways to refuel weak faith is to stop and remember past trials and tribulations and how God brought you through it! Basically, you need to renew your mind, your way of thinking, and your faith. How can you do this? By going to the Word, your Bible.

There’s a quote I once read, the author is unknown. It says: “*My Savior’s power is given me to meet his every call; his promise true is always this - I’ll never let you fall.*” When you find yourself becoming fearful, your faith has been replaced with doubt, this is the time when you need to confess your faith in God. Speak words that let the devil know, you know what he’s up to. You have to tell the devil, I’m not the one! I’m a child of God and if God is for me, who can be against me! When you start speaking these power packed words of faith, Satan will turn and flee.

Remember, defeat and failure are not part of the heritage of a child of God. It is wrong thinking, wrong believing, and wrong talking when we allow fear and doubt to overtake us. If you are a Christian, you can expect Satan to contest you, that’s his job. But Satan doesn’t defeat us; we defeat ourselves. Only you can control your reaction to Satan!

Trials and tribulations are your opportunity to show the world that your faith is in God and that the Bible is true. It is your words that let everyone know whether you are captive to the devil’s vices or victors over the devil. Make sure you are not confessing your faith in God, yet at the same time, contradicting yourself with a faithless walk. Begin today to replace that “woe is me” attitude with an attitude that says, “with God, all things are possible” and you will live a life full of “Faith-Talk” and a “Faith-Walk”!

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST?

Our purpose in this article and daily scriptures is to encourage a heart-to-heart relationship with God. If you do not know God in a personal way, we invite you to make the first step today to receive God's love and the salvation that only Jesus Christ can give. Here are five steps you can take to receive salvation:

1. Recognize you are a sinner and need salvation. The Bible tells us "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
2. Repent of your sins. Sin separates us from God. By confessing your sins and turning from them you are forgiven. The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).
3. Believe in Jesus. God sent His Son to die so that He could pay for all our sins. The Bible says: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life: (John 3:16).
4. Receive His Salvation. Jesus Christ is a gift you must receive and welcome to live in your heart. He promises: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God: (John 1:12).
5. Confess your belief verbally. The Bible assures "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved: (Rom. 10:9).

You now have been born again! Tell some else your good news and connect yourself with a church home as soon as possible. God Bless and Keep You!

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May

Rev. Doris B. Ryans' Preaching Engagements

Renaissance Baptist Church 1045 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan
Saturday, May 10, 2008
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

COFFEE, TEA & THEE® CHRISTAN BOOK CLUB

Meet and Discuss. It's not about you It's about God!
by: **Rebecca Florence Osaigbovo**

May 1 – June 19, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. @ Panera Breads

October

Save the Date – 3rd Women's Retreat

The Retreat Center at St. John's, Plymouth, Michigan
October 10 – 12, 2008

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