

Sermon Series: "Going Forward in Faith" <u>Sermon</u>: "**Women In Faith**" (Mother's Day Sermon) – 5/13/2018

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- In these verses, our Lord and Master outlines very powerful principles of the law of faith that we will most assuredly need in the season and hour in which we live.
- Two very, very vitally important things we should monitor to ensure we are constantly growing and developing in are: (1) Our <u>LOVE</u> Walk and (2) Our <u>FAITH</u> Walk.
- Our faith must continue to grow and develop. When our faith grows and develops three things occur: (1) Satan's dominion over us <u>WANES</u>; (2) Circumstances become less <u>FORMIDABLE</u>; and (3) <u>FEAR</u> is destroyed.
- Our faith grows by: (1) <u>FEEDING</u> and (2) <u>EXERCISING</u> it. <u>Romans 10:17 (NKJV)</u>
 "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."
- IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE DOOR TO THE SUPERNATURAL SWINGS ON TWO HINGES <u>BELIEVING</u> AND <u>SPEAKING</u>. <u>2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)</u> - "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak."
- Believing is the <u>ATTITUDE</u> of Faith; Speaking is an essential <u>ACT</u> of Faith.
- In <u>John 14:13 14</u>, Jesus reveals one of three key activities / aspects of what the Speaking Part of our Faith should be doing.
 - (1) We are to <u>COMMAND</u> the <u>Subject</u> (Person, Place or Thing). THE <u>COMMAND</u> OF FAITH. (<u>Read John 14:13 - 14</u>). Through faith-filled words we dominate darkness, demons, disease, discouragement and depression that tries to hinder and harass us! We must speak the FAITH COMMAND to mountains in our lives. (Boldness is required).
 - (2) We are to <u>CONFESS</u> about the <u>Situation</u>. Faith's confession creates reality. <u>Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)</u> "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.)"
 - BY SPEAKING THE WORD TO YOURSELF YOU CAN SCHOOL YOURSELF INTO FAITH! (Reference Romans 10:6 – 8)
 - (3) We get to <u>CRY</u> to the Savior. <u>Read Luke 18:1 6 (NKJV)</u> THE <u>CRY</u> OF FAITH (For <u>Justice</u> or <u>Mercy</u> in the Courtroom of Heaven) (<u>Romans</u> <u>8:31 - 35</u>)(<u>James 5:1 - 4</u>) (Example of Children of Israel in Egypt).

FAITH BY SAYING:

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- This has to do with "Saying". This is how Jesus is telling us how to deal with our mountains.
- You've got to (1) believe in our HEART and (2) believe what you're SAYING .
- CONFESSION builds the road over which faith carries its mighty cargo E.W. Kenyon
- A spiritual law few recognize is that our CONFESSION <u>RULES</u> us.
- If you're not happy with what you have in your life, check up on what you've been saying Kenneth E. Hagin
- People need to stop saying what they have but start having what they say.
- Faith will never rise above the level of your <u>CONFESSION</u>. God can be no bigger in you than you <u>CONFESS</u> Him to be.

A WOMEN IN FAITH:

Read Mark 5:21 - 35

- We can learn from this women with the issue of blood. Friends, you may not have an issue of blood, but you may other *ISSUES*.
- Her faith began by moving her <u>MOUTH</u>. (SHE KEPT ON SAYING) Her faith moved her <u>MOUTH</u> and then moved her <u>FEET</u> and ultimately moved her to <u>TOUCH</u> Jesus!
- What can we learn from this Women in Faith: (1) Our <u>FAITH</u> can touch the Lord just as her faith did; (2) If her faith made her whole, our faith can make us <u>WHOLE</u>; (3) Keeping the "switch of faith" on, enables and activates the power of God to work on our behalf; (4) Faith <u>TAKES</u> back what the devil's stolen. Faith <u>TAKES</u>, Grace <u>MAKES</u>; faith takes what grace has <u>made</u>. (Salvation, Deliverance, Healing, Prosperity, Peace are just some things that grace has made and made available for the believer).
- GOD HAS ORDAINED STRENGTH TO COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH TO STOP THE ENEMY OF <u>SIN</u>, <u>SICKNESS</u>, <u>SATAN</u> AND <u>SORROW</u> FROM DEFEATING YOU! The confession of your lips that has grown out of faith in your heart will absolutely defeat the adversary in every combat. - E.W. Kenyon
- We must realize that things have to be <u>TAKEN</u> in the spiritual realm. FAITH takes back what the Devil has stolen from you. By FAITH we have to reach out and <u>TAKE</u> them. Someone wrote that the word "Receive" in <u>Mark 11:24</u> could be translated "<u>take with force</u>" or "<u>seize with a grip that cannot be shaken loose</u>."

IS YOUR FAITH GENIUNE?

<u>**2 Timothy 1:3 – 5 (NKJV)</u></u> - "³ I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, ⁴ greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵ when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."</u>**

- We must learn that *FAITH* is not hereditary it is **learned** by observation, association and assimilation.
- The greatest gift parents and grandparents can give their children is the heritage of <u>**GENIUNE**</u> FAITH. An important question for any Christian to ask is: *If you were standing on the threshold of eternity and looking back over your life, would you*

be able to see that your faith lives on in others, especially in your family members?

- *"What we do becomes history, but what we set in motion becomes legacy."* Bishop/Dr. Dale C. Bronner
- <u>Genuine/Unfeigned</u> = sincere; non-hypocritical
- Eunice (a Mother) was not just a mother; she was a <u>MODEL</u>. She and her Mother (Lois) were Mother's on a mission and in the ministry of Motherhood.
- <u>Titus 2:3 5 (NKJV)</u> "³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."
- Motherhood is ordained by God and part of His Great PLAN!
- The references here to marriage, family and homemaking are not strict prohibitions against a woman working outside the home. Rather, they're reminders that, during the child-rearing years especially, it is paramount for a woman, wife and mother to manage her household and tend to family life.

INSTRUCTIONS TO A MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN:

Read 2 John

- The instructions to a Mother by the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle John in this epistle is to remind us as believers to be especially mindful of three areas:
- (1) <u>DISCERNMENT</u>: False teaching and false teachers were common as like today. Believers need the ability separate truth from error until Christ returns.
- (2) <u>LOVE</u>: No one can claim to love Christ or His Church and then not walk faithfully in the truth. <u>LOVE</u> and <u>TRUTH</u> distinguish God's people from those who do not belong to Him. (We must understand these Scriptural Truths: (1) All Truth is in Jesus (<u>Ephesians 4:21</u>) (2) Jesus is the way, TRUTH, and life (<u>John 14:6</u>) (3) God wills (wants) all people to be saved and come into the knowledge of the TRUTH (<u>1 Timothy 2:4</u>) (4) Jesus is full of grace and TRUTH (<u>John 1:14</u>) (5) The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of TRUTH (<u>John 14:17</u>, John 15:26, John 16:13) (6) The Word of God is TRUTH (<u>John 17:17</u>) and (7) We have to rightly divide the Word of TRUTH (<u>2 Timothy 2:15</u>)).
- (3) <u>HOSPITALITY</u>: The Apostle Peter and John both agreed: hospitality is the Christian's duty and joy, as well as act of love. But according to <u>2 John</u> hospitality has boundaries: God's people must not welcome, accept, associate with, or support anything or anyone who undermines the TRUTH of the gospel. *There is a difference between <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> and <u>FELLOWSHIP</u>.*
 - **FELLOWSHIP** = the sharing of the heart mutually; spiritual communion; spiritual connection. **<u>1 Corinthians 6:15 17</u>**; **<u>1 Corinthians 6:14 16</u>**
 - o THE BIBLE TEACHES <u>SEPARATION</u> BUT NOT <u>SEGREGATION</u>!
 - <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> = to relate to in this context; (e.g. relatives (by blood or marriage or adoption); vocation; career field or profession; employer; business or industry; School or University; hobbies; community or subdivision; township or district; sports team; musical band; gym, etc.)
- Every believer is responsible for lovingly guarding and carefully upholding God's eternal Word. His truth is that precious. *HAVE LOVE WITH DISCERNMENT!*