

FAITH

THE POWER OF WORDS

Call those things...



FAITH - THE STUPENDOUS POWER OF WORDS

CONTRASTING BIBLE FAITHS...STRONG, WEAK, GREAT, LITTLE, GROWING...

- i. HOW MANY ARE LIKE **MARY** - BE IT DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.
- ii. HOW MANY ARE LIKE THE **CENTURION** - JUST SAY THE WORD & MY SERVANT WILL BE HEALED.
- iii. HOW MANY ARE LIKE **100 YEAR OLD 'CHILDLESS' ABRAHAM (BY SARAH)** WHO *BELIEVED HE WAS THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS*; HE GREW STRONG IN FAITH, GIVING GLORY TO GOD.
- iv. ...OR HOW MANY ARE LIKE **THOMAS** - UNLESS I 'TOUCH & SEE' I WILL NOT BELIEVE.

John 20:25,26 (NAU) So the **other disciples** were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I SEE in His hands the imprint of the nails, and PUT MY FINGER into the place of the nails, and put my HAND into His side, I WILL NOT BELIEVE (*the crucifixion so engrained into his brain - shake it out*)."

27 Then **He (Jesus) said (in a rebuking tone) to Thomas**, "Reach here with your FINGER, and SEE My hands; and reach here your HAND and PUT IT into My side; and DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING (*G: disbelieving*), but BELIEVING."

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WHERE IS MY FAITH IN THIS MIX?...

MANY **PREACHERS** ONLY TALK OF THEIR MOUNTAIN TOPS - NEVER THEIR VALLEY'S.

ILLUSTRATION: **Army camp deliverance** (*I did my service*) - I don't have to go.

ILLUSTRATION: **Freshly poured concrete road** - rebuked the ominous approaching storm.

Luke 22:31-32 (NAU) "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded (*G: at trial his 'open door' right*) {permission} to 'sift' you like wheat (*G: agitating, trying one's faith, to overthrow*);

32 but I have prayed for you (*to come through*), that **your faith may not fail** (*G: quit, cease, die*)..."

ILLUSTRATION: I was a **Hagin disciple** - a 'FAITH' Bible College lecturer ~ **Discouraged & defeated** in leaving the ministry in 2006 - 16 years in the wilderness (out of my calling) - **my faith waned** - the church rejected my active participation in ministry (**thank you Jesus for CCC**).

ILLUSTRATION: **Faith test** - what instantly comes out your mouth when **under pressure** - Larry asked about the spots on my arm - negative response & excuse of family heritage - **Jesus is my heritage!!!**

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James 1:2-4 (NAU) Consider it all JOY, my brethren, when you **encounter various trials**,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces ENDURANCE (*G: steadfastness, constancy*).

4 And let ENDURANCE have {its} **perfect result** (*outcome*), so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

TRIALS MAKE US PRESS INTO GOD, 'DISCOVERING HIGHER HEIGHTS' ON **GOD'S MOUNTAIN OF FAITH**.

ILLUSTRATION: **Hagin** - 16 years old - 5 incurable diseases - 18 months paralyzed in bed meditating on **Mark 11:23** - knew the answer was there - what inspirational determination - supernaturally healed ~ resulted in 67 years of health & a world changing ministry.

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ILLUSTRATION: Coasting at the gym - yawning & token bench pressing 50 lbs
- small muscles - not intimidating ~ **bullied** - trainer - bench pressing 200 lbs - boxing practice too - **bullies flee**...

1 Cor 9:26-27 (NAU) Therefore I **run** in such a way, as not without aim; I **box** in such a way, as not beating the air;

27 but I 'discipline' my body (*G: to wear one out, beating black & blue*) and make it MY slave (*my spirit man rules my flesh; diet, exercise, sleep, stress, Bible, prayer, witness, etc.*)...

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HOW 'SHARP' ARE YOU WITH YOUR SIX SHOOTER?...

1 Cor 9:26 (NAU) ...I **box** in such a way, as not beating the air (*my target faith confessions hitting home*);

OUR HEALING FAITH FOUNDATION: Matt 8:17 & 1Pet 2:24 (last phrase) - memorize them!!

ILLUSTRATION: **Six shooter** - practice - from miss to crack shot ~ **Faith confessions** - instant CRISP PREPARED 'BULLET' phrases of FAITH to immediately 'respond with force' to the enemies attack...

TEETH: Pain go, Decay cursed, Cavity filled (*I believe it, say it & MEAN IT*).

SKIN: Spots & Sores 'dry & die' - I CALL IN new healthy skin in Jesus name!

HEARING: Ringing cease - I CALL IN quiet perfect hearing in Jesus name!

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ILLUSTRATION: **Hagin** - shooting FOOT pain - immediately sat on the sidewalk in town on a busy Saturday - held his foot **BOLDLY** DECLARING, "Foot you 'IS' healed in Jesus name!"

WHAT ISSUES ARE YOU FACING - IN YOUR *BODY, FAMILY, BUSINESS, etc.* - ARE YOU TOLERATING THEM OR **ENGAGING THE POWER OF GOD WITH 'BULLET' SPOKEN WORDS OF FAITH.**

URGENTLY PREPARE GO-TO 'BULLET' FAITH PHRASES - DO NOT GIVE MORE POWER TO THE DEVIL, BY SIGNING FOR HIS 'PACKAGE OF LIES', BY SPEAKING NEGATIVE WORDS OF UNBELIEF.

Psa 46:10 (NAU) "**Cease {striving}** (*H7503: raphah {key to healing}; relax, let go, drop & sink into Me {rest in Me}*), and know (*discover*) that **I am God** (*don't try to do My job - only BELIEVE*);

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ACCORDING TO **JAMES**, WHICH OF THESE TWO AM I?...

James 1:25 (NAU) But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the {law} of liberty, and abides by it, NOT having become a *(i)* forgetful hearer but an *(ii)* **effectual doer** (*G: performing poet {before your mountain}*), this man will be BLESSED in what he does.

1. Mark 11:23 (KJV) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall *(i)* **say** unto this MOUNTAIN (*problem*), Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not DOUBT in his heart, but shall *(i)* **BELIEVE** that those things (*words*) which he *(ii)* **saith** shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he** *(iii)* **saith**.

2. Rom 4:17 (NAU) ...and '**CALLS**' into being (*G: call out aloud by name*) that which does NOT EXIST...

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2. Rom 4:17 (NAU) ...CHOOSE ONE (A, B or C) & 'MEMORIZE IT' - YOUR GO-TO QUOTE - LIVING IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE & FUTURE...

A. NET: ...SUMMONS {from Heaven} the things that do not YET exist {on earth} as though they **ALREADY** do ~ with authority calling them in.

B. Haws: ...CALL things that ARE NOT as if **EXISTING**.

C. Young's YLT: ...CALLING the things that BE NOT as **BEING**.

(BEING - ROOT: to be, to exist, to happen, to be present)

The KEY is to never 'talk the PROBLEM' but the **SOLUTION** as a present tense 'Done Deal'.

Heb 4:14 ...great high priest...Jesus...let us HOLD FAST our confession.

3. Rom 4:20 (NAU) YET, with 'respect' to the promise of God (*G: to thoroughly separate {circumstances from GOD'S WORD}: to oppose {your mountain} with hostility {boldness, courage, force}*), he did not WAVER in unbelief but GREW STRONG IN FAITH, giving 'GLORY**' to God (*his 'Revelation Knowledge' opinions of God's greatness producing 'High Praises' pouring out his heart & mouth - Psa 149:6*),**

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AUTOMATIC - GOOD OR BAD? DEPENDS ON WHAT'S IN MY HEART...

IT'S AUTOMATIC...

Matt 12:34-37 (NKJ) "...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matt 12:34-37 (NIV) ...For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 "The **good man** brings out of {his} good (*laid up*) treasure what is good; and the **evil man** brings out of {his} evil (*laid up*) treasure what is evil.

36 "But I tell you that **every 'careless'** (*G: unemployed, lazy, useless*) **word** that people speak, they shall give an ACCOUNTING (*3056 logos; word, account, answer, explanation*) for it in the day of judgment.

37 "For **by your words** you will be justified (*Jesus is my Lord; His WORD controls my tongue*), and **by your words** you will be condemned (*I reject Jesus; I say whatever I think or feel*)."

WE NEED TO 'SCHOOL OURSELVES' TO BE DISCIPLINED TO EFFECTIVELY 'EMPLOY' OUR DAILY WORDS & CONVERSATIONS.

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Mark 4:28-29 (NAU) "The soil (*programmed heart*) produces crops (*harvest - good or bad*) **by itself** (*G: automatically*); first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head (*it's a process - months of talking*).

29 "But when the crop permits (*time to reap our words*), he IMMEDIATELY puts in the sickle (*the programmed heart AUTOMATICALLY gathers in its harvest*)..."

PRAY: I **REPENT** (*turn from*) my negative words ~ I dedicate to daily read & meditate on the **Word of God** - to discover its TREASURES, filling my heart with them.