

IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Romans 10:8-10 (KJV)

8 *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- The first thing that Paul says is that the Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart.
- A lot of Christians have the Word in their heart, but it never makes it to their mouth.
- Faith is a lot closer than you think.
- The second thing that Paul says it that you are to confess with your mouth.
- He is not telling us to just speak anything; he is telling us to speak the Word of Faith.
- Once you begin to open your mouth faith is released.
- You cannot even receive salvation without speaking the Word of faith.

Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

- The Word of faith believes that what you are saying will happen.
- How would you act if you already had what it is that you are believing God for?
- The Word of faith says that you do.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV)

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

23 *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

- Faith is a fruit of the spirit.
- The devil does not have any of the fruits of the spirit.
- If you can grow in the fruits of the spirit you can defeat the devil in every area of your life.
- Since faith is a fruit it has the ability to grow.

Romans 12:3 (KJV)

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

- We were all given a measure of faith.
- What we do with that measure determines whether or not we grow in faith.

Jude 1:20 (KJV)

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

- Faith is like a muscle.
- God gave all of us muscles when we were born.
- God has dealt to every man a measure of faith.
- When you confess the Word of faith you are exercising your faith.
- Praying in the Spirit is like a faith steroid.
- Steroids amp up the growth process.
- The Holy Spirit knows not only how to pray about your situation, but He knows what to pray.
- The Holy Spirit knows how to pray.

RELEASING YOUR FAITH

Mark 11:22-24 (KJV)

22 *And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

23 *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

- Faith is more than a belief system.
- Having faith in God does not mean that you believe that He exists.
- If that were true then your faith would also be in the devil.
- Jesus clearly tells us that in order to have faith in God, it will require you to open your mouth and confess.
- Your breakthrough is strategically tied to your confession.
- The Word of faith believes that what you say you have already received.
- v.24 didn't say for you to believe that you would receive them one day; it said to believe that you have already received them.

GET IN THE RIGHT TENSE

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Now faith is.
- Hope literally means: a confident expectation.
- Hope is always in future tense.
- Faith takes those things that we hope for to happen and brings them into the present tense.
- A prayer of faith believes that what you are praying for is already yours.
- If it is already yours then act like it.
- How would you act if you already had what it is that you are believing God for?

James 1:6 (KJV)

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

- Faith is now!
- If you want to please God you are going to have to learn the Word of faith.
- The Word of faith is near you, all you have to do is open your mouth and act like the Bible is true.