

Faith Speaks And Prays | CL Talks Episode 47

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As we study the Bible, Jesus clearly gives us two powerful principles of faith and prayer. For us to see and experience the Implementing of Powerful Breakthroughs we must understand and act upon what read, hear, and see in scripture.

Matthew 21:18-22 NLT: 18 In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, he was hungry, 19 and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" And immediately the fig tree withered up. 20 The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" 21 Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. 22 You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it."

I. The key to seeing things, that are contrary to God's will, that respond to and change when we speak, is our faith.

A. Jesus said, "if you have faith". So the promise of mountains moving and prayers being answered are conditional on us having faith, a faith that is consistently growing and increasing.

1. We must understand that God only responds to faith.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV: 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 10:38 - 11:3 NKJV: 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul. 1 Now faith is the substance (the assurance, the confirmation, the title deed) of things hoped for (trusted in, joyful confident expectation), the evidence (the presentation of truth, persuasion, a fixed firm belief) of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

a. Hope is the expectation of what will happen, hope is first and we move from hope to faith. Our faith is grounded in the promises in God's Word. Faith believes, declares the promises of God's Word, and states, I receive now what God has already promised and has already given me.

b. Faith doesn't say, "I hope God will do this for me one day if it is His will". No!! Faith, in God and His Word, says, from the heart, "I receive "Now", what God has already done and promised now".

2 Peter 1:3-4 NKJV: 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by

which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

c. Does God ever say No to His promises?

2 Corinthians 1:19-20 NKJV: 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2. Faith is the law of the New Covenant.

Romans 3:27 (NKJV): 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. (Law means the principle or system of faith)

a. How is this law, this principle established in your life? How did you get saved, born again?

Romans 10:6-10 NKJV: 6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, ‘ “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

b. How do I develop my faith?

Romans 10:17 NKJV: 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

3. Let's see an example of what I'm teaching in the Bible.

Mark 5:25-34 AMP: 25 And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 And who had endured much suffering under [the hands of] many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was no better but instead grew worse. 27 She had heard the reports concerning Jesus, and she came up behind Him in the throng and touched His garment, 28 For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health. 29 And immediately her flow of blood was dried up at the source, and [suddenly] she felt in her body that she was healed of her [distressing] ailment. 30 And Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around immediately in the crowd and said, Who touched My clothes? 31 And the disciples kept saying to Him, You see the crowd pressing hard around You from all sides, and You ask, Who touched Me? 32 Still He kept looking around to see her who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had been done for her, though alarmed and frightened and trembling, fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has restored you to health. Go in(into) peace and be continually healed and freed from your [distressing bodily] disease.