

# The Christian Center 2017 Theme: Embrace the Impossible

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible

If we are not careful and intentional – we allow the <u>opposition</u> to become greater than the <u>opportunity</u>

The swords used in Paul's day were typically made of iron and were <u>double-edged</u> so you could cut both ways

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...

There comes a time in every person's life when you must go on the spiritual offensive

Two primary Greek words used to describe the Word of God

- "logos" refers principally to the total inspired written Word of God and to Jesus the living Word of God
- "rhema" refers to the spoken word; literally means an utterance or speaking forth the word

It is your willingness to speak forth what God has said and use His Word in your mouth as our offensive weapon against the enemy

### Romans 10:8

The word is night hee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith

Because it is the spoken word that activates the power of the written Word

## Hebrews 11:3

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

Number One: We Speak the Word of God Because it is Inspired

### 2Timothy 3:16

All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The meaning of the Word inspiration - theopneustos

### Theo which refers to God

Pneuma referring to breath or spirit

### 2Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.

Theologically – we believe in the doctrine of Verbal Plenary Inspiration

- Verbal Means Every Word every word of Scripture is God-given
- Plenary Means Fully Authoritative all parts of the Bible are equally authoritative.

### Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Every time you speak the Word of God – you have the power and authority of the Holy Ghost behind what you say

Number Two: You Must Speak the Word of God because it is Inerrant

- The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years by 40 different authors from every walk of life
- Written 3 different languages Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic
- Written on 3 different continents Europe, Asia and Africa

- Moses wrote in the desert of Sinai
- Paul wrote in a prison in Rome
- Daniel wrote in exile in Babylon
- Ezra wrote in the ruined city of Jerusalem

Yet in the midst of all this diversity and separation in time and geography There is <u>perfect unity</u> throughout the Word of God

### John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Number Three: You Must Speak the Word of God because it is <a href="Infallible">Infallible</a>

The word infallible means "incapable of error."

#### Mark 11:23

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.

Faith is the one element that will make the difference between the person who possesses what God wants him to possess and the person who merely accepts the circumstances of life as inevitable

#### Hebrews 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it

How We Must Use the Word of God as Our Sword

Number One: You Must Pray the Word of God

• When you quote the Word of God as you pray – you build your faith to believe God to move at a deeper level than you have ever experienced

Number Two: You Must Prophesy the Word of God

### Romans 10:8

The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith

• Hebrew meaning of the word prophesy is: To <u>flow</u> forth; to <u>bubble</u> forth, like a fountain

# Job 22:28

Thou shalt also <u>decree</u> a thing, and it shall be <u>established</u> unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways

## **Dictionary Definition of Decree:**

An official order given by a person with power or by a government...having the force of law

### As a verb - decree is defined:

To order or decide something in an official way...to command or enjoin...to determine or order judicially

Hebrews meaning of decree: "to cut; divide; cut in two"

#### Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart

- But it is not the written word that divides and cuts it is the spoken word
- Not the logos but the rhema
- When you make a decree of the Word of God you are dividing your <u>soul</u> from your <u>spirit</u>
- When you speak out the Word of God you create <u>movement</u> in the environment of your life