

FRUITFUL TONGUE 02 STUDY GUIDE

All your fruitfulness is in the tongue. We need to learn to speak words. That's why at Tree of Life Church every weekend we make declarations, because we know how the power of the Word works. We can all read the Word of God, we can all speak the Word of God, and we can all have what we say. We can speak to mountains and see them move.

Now today I want to answer the question – what happens after we say it? What do we do after our declaration?

Our first step is to say it. That is what you need to do say it. When the sower sows the Word that is the speaking of the Word. Anyone can grasp this; it is a simple illustration. Jesus was a simple preacher, God does not make things complicated, He makes things easy to understand.

Now we look through the gospels and we find out that Jesus never initiates a healing all by Himself. Jesus does not wander into town and start healing people. People often are not thinking about this, but everyone who was healed by Jesus participated in the healing. What would have happened if the blind man had not washed the clay from his eyes? What if the man lying by the pool of Bethesda stayed lying down when Jesus commanded him to get up?

Now let's look at the woman with the issue of blood. Read Mark 5.25-27. This woman heard about Jesus, because someone told her about Jesus. She knew about Jesus and knew He was a healer.

Then she said it. Read Mark 5.28. She said! That is the first step to your healing, your financial breakthrough, your freedom, your new beginning, your ministry, your business, your miracle. Whatever it is you need, say it. Now, God did not tell her to say it, she did not have an open vision or see a burning bush telling her to speak. She said what she desired to say. It was in her hands; it was in her control – she said what she wanted to say. You have control over your tongue, and what you say is what you get, so speak positive.

This woman, the woman with the issue of blood – she could have said:

It's no use. I've been sick for twelve years, the doctors are horrible and useless, but the best doctors in the world just made me worse, I've spent my life – and all my money- fighting this thing and it's worse than ever before. I give up. I will be sick forever, things aren't going to change for me. I am going to die sick.

If she said that, she would have got that, but she did not say that. She said "I will touch His clothes and I will be made whole!" And that is what happened. That is the power of the tongue. You can write whatever you want in your future with your tongue, and it will come to pass. Say it!

If there is going to be a transfer of God's power to you, to your body, to your finances, to your emotions – to your life – a miracle – there are two parts. God's bit and your bit. God's bit is done. He did it and finished it on the cross 2000 years ago. His grace is always on. It's up to us to do our bit now and our bit starts with saying. God will not fail His bit, and our bit is easy! Say it!

We are made fruitful by our tongue or we are trapped by our tongue. It is that simple. If you are losing today, your lips made you lose. You said you could not do it, and because you said it – you lost. You were defeated. You said you did not have faith, and because you said it, doubt rose up like a giant and beat you up. You talked failure, and failure made you his slave. You talk about how tough it is – how difficult it is – about the money troubles – you are tying up your faith!

But if you talk about God's Word, talk about how much your Father loves you, talk about how good He is, then your faith starts to stand up and starts to work for you!

If you talk sicknesses, you will make yourself sick. If you talk doubt and fear, you will feed doubt and fear. You will make them stronger than you. If you talk lack of finances, your words stopped the money coming in. This is the truth of the power of words.

Turn to the person next to you and tell them out loud what you are having today. Tell them: I am healed. I am rich. I am blessed. I am full of faith. I am more than a conqueror. I am getting healed today. I am getting out of debt today.

Words are vital, but if that woman with the issue of blood had stayed in bed, she would have nothing. She would still be in bed speaking today. We need to move from saying it the next phase which is doing it. And that woman did it!

It is the action that releases spoken faith. Your actions mean you receive it and your actions stop you from receiving it. Your actions lead you to victory or defeat! You need to act actions to your declarations!

This woman with the issue of blood – she had more than one mountain in her way. She didn't just hide under the covers, she got up and ploughed forward. I am sure we all know that in those days under the religious laws that a woman with an issue of blood was treated like a leper – not allowed out in public. She is not allowed to touch people.

She says "Religion laws or no religious laws, I am off to get my healing!" Then she did it. When she got to Jesus he was already surrounded. There was a crowd between her and Jesus. In her weakened and sick state, that should have made her quit. That should have gone home, but she had a declaration and she believed her declaration and she acted on her declaration. Crowd or no crowd, she was going to get her healing. And she got her elbows out and made her way through the crowd. Her actions matched what she believed and what she said. Now we all need to push through the crowd, we all need to get our elbows out and push our way through the crowds.

Your faith needs to be expressed in words, but then it equally needs to be expressed in actions. The woman with the issue of blood would not be in the Bible if she was still sitting in bed talking about his garments. She had to do something.

When she did it, she received it. That is our third step – receive it. Read Mark 5.29. Jesus then noticed after she received it, that power had gone out of him because someone touched him.

Now we have to get the order right – the feeling and healing comes after the saying and doing! She said it with no feeling, she did it with no feeling, but after she said it and did it she got the feeling and the healing. After she said and did it, she received it.

Most of us want the feeling and healing first, before we say it and do it, but that is not how Biblical miracles work. We have to speak first before we feel it. We have to do it before it manifests in our life! But, if you speak and do, you will have the healing and the feeling!

Jesus was the only miracle-worker on the planet back then. He did not do this miracle as God - but as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was on earth, if you wanted to touch the power of God, you had to go to Jesus. The night before He was betrayed and murdered, Jesus said "It is better for you that I go, because if I do not go, you will not get the Holy Spirit" (John 16.7). When Jesus

went back to heaven, the Holy Spirit was then sent to earth. Now Jesus is not actively working on the planet, the Holy Spirit is. Now the power is always present whenever someone teaches.

Right now, no matter whose living room you are in, no matter where on planet earth you are, the power of God is present because the Holy Spirit is present everywhere! God is here right now, and where God is the power is! The world gets panicky about nuclear power and radioactive power – you can't see radiation, but it can change your life – it can make you dead. But there is a power in the room right now that makes nuclear power seem like nothing – it is a good power, a healing power, a delivering power, it will set anyone in this room free and this room is full of that power. You can't hear it or see it or feel it – but it is here right now. It is like electrical power – if you do not plug anything into it – it might as well not be there. But if you plug something into the power, you can put the power to work for sound, computers and televisions and so on.

The power of God is in this room right now, and if you plug into it – every disease would be healed instantly. Everyone would be healthy, wealthy and happy and blessed and free. There would be no one depressed or mentally ill, the power of God would set them free!

This power is in this room right now, everywhere! So why isn't everyone healed?

The key is in Mark 5.34, so read that now. This is the key – your faith makes you whole. This is what makes the power flow – faith. Faith is the copper wire in the spiritual realm, it makes the power flow into the physical realm. The power is here right now but you have to believe and receive. It's the greatest power on earth and it is here!

So many people touched Jesus on that day, but only one touched Him speaking words of faith and with an action of faith. Some people touched Jesus that day out of curiosity, others out of accident, others knocked into him by someone else, others wondering if something might happen. But that is not faith, and that will not cause the power to flow.

You might pray today out of curiosity, you might be here today by accident, you might have been swept here by someone else, but that is not faith, and will not cause the power to flow.

Do you want the healing power of God, the prospering power of God, the enabling power of God to flow into your life right now?

Then start making some declarations. Here are some to declare right now:

I BELIEVE GOD

I BELIEVE I RECEIVE MY HEALING RIGHT NOW

I BELIEVE I RECEIVE MY PROSPERITY RIGHT NOW

I BELIEVE I RECEIVE MY FREEDOM RIGHT NOW

I BELIEVE I RECEIVE MY PEACE RIGHT NOW

I BELIEVE I RECEIVE MY ANSWER RIGHT NOW

FROM THE TOP OF MY HEAD TO THE SOLES OF MY FEET, I AM HEALED

FROM THE TOP OF MY HEAD TO THE SOLES OF MY FEET, I AM PROSPEROUS

FROM THE TOP OF MY HEAD TO THE SOLES OF MY FEET, I AM BLESSED

Start speaking victory – that is if victory is what you desire! That is faith, speak on it, then act on it. Move your body in a way you could not before, do something you could not do before. Some people right now, the feeling and healing is happening right now. It might be a warm glow, a warmth affecting your body. It does not matter if you feel it or not, the truth is you are healed. You are blessed. That is the truth, and it is awesome.

That healing power is not coming from heaven. It has been in your living room for years, waiting for you to say it and do it and receive it. You switch on the power of God by your words and actions, by believing Him!

People die waiting for God to heal them. They die in hospital rooms that are filled with all the power of God saying, “one day, sometime, eventually God will heal me”. That’s not faith, that will not work. Faith is realizing God has done His bit and speaking that truth and acting on that truth.

I get asked a lot “Why will God not heal me” and the simple answer is “He won’t because He already has. He has done it all. He is not going to do anything more to heal you!” Now when you say that to carnal people they hear “What?! God is not going to heal me” but that’s not what I said. I said, “He has already done all He is going to do about your healing”. You see 2000 years ago, Jesus came to earth, He took all our diseases, all our sicknesses, and carried all our diseases. God has already done that. Now it is our turn – accept what God has done, say it, act on it, and receive what God has already done.

God is not going to do any more, He did it all. Everything necessary for you to be saved, to be healed, to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, to be delivered, to be prosperous, to be alive to God. Faith is the plug, so plug in by saying it, doing it, and receiving it.

There is one more final step, once you have said it, done it and received it. And that is tell it. Read Mark 5.33. The lady told Jesus – and therefore the entire crowd – what Jesus had done for her. Telling it is what helps others believe. When you are healed, tell your story, tell your victory. You say it before it happens, but when it happens, then you tell it. It is Biblical to go tell it. Read Mark 5.19. These men had to go tell it, Jesus told them to. We should tell of what the Lord has done for us.

You should be glad Jesus did not say to go debate it, to go and have a long drawn out conversation about it, to go and discuss whether God can heal. No, you go and tell your story.

These four things will get anyone out of sickness into health, out of poverty into wealth, out of shame into glory. It always works, it will always bring you into God’s good will for your life. You can have whatever you say. You can get the Holy Spirit to fill you this way. You can get victory in any part of your life this way. You can overcome the flesh, the devil, the whole world this way. Say it, do it, receive it, tell it. You can do it.

Now the woman with the issue of blood is not God’s favourite, we can all have our healing, we can all have our miracle.

Read 1 Sam. 17.32. Notice before David killed Goliath, he said that he would defeat him. In fact, five times before he killed Goliath David said he would beat him. How can a teenage boy who has never been in a fight beat a trained warrior who is a giant? By saying words!

David knew how to do this – you have to say it. The reason you do not have more victory in your life is that you have not said more victory with your mouth. All you have in your life right now, is the result of your past words.

Read 1 Sam. 17.45. Notice David said it to Goliath. He told Goliath he was going to win. That is the power of words.

You don't look at how big the giant is – you don't look at it from how big the problem is – you think how big God is and how committed he is to you – and you speak that.

Compared to God, Goliath was a midget. compared to God all your problems are babies, are little ants. The doctor might have said it's the most aggressive cancer – but compared to how aggressive God is – that's nothing. Compared to his love – it's a midget cancer. Your sickness is a midget compared to God's healing power, your debts are teeny tiny compared to the riches of God.

Of course, a giant looks big if you stand next it, but if you stand your giant next to God. Maybe you are facing something today, I have faced things over the years, but I have learned how to put my problems next to God. He is bigger, so much bigger than anything you are facing. Greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world. Learn to think like God!

God is so much bigger than the devil. He is bigger than the biggest problem, the biggest giant is a midget to HIM! He's greater than anyone who is trying to rip you apart. He is greater than any force that can come against you.

God is bigger. Start thinking like that – and you start talking like that, you start talking like that and you start acting like that, you start acting like that and you start receiving it, and then start telling it. David put actions to his faith and knocked the giant out and cut his head off. David said it, did it, received it and then he told it and how – the women got the tambourines and the praise band started up and they started to dance and sing.

Do not measure yourself against the giant. Measure the giant next to God. You are David today, and anything in your way is Goliath, and the devil, his demons, the sickness, the poverty, anything in the world, anything in your own flesh, anything that stands between you and total victory and abundance is not God. But today you can win, today you can live a life of victory and joy. It is time to get on the Word and put it first and say it. Stop talking yourself out of God's goodness. Now, it won't always be easy, the devil is going to try and push you out of this. But you are going to stand against him – you are going to walk in victory, you are going to walk in love, but you are going to say it, do it, receive it, and you are going to tell it. You will have a testimony!

QUESTIONS

1. What are the four things we should do, if the first thing is "say it"?
2. What part of our body controls how fruitful we are?
3. Why do we do declarations every weekend at Tree of Life Church? What do you think and feel as you do the declarations? How have they helped you?
4. How do you feel and what do you think when you hear that Jesus never initiates a healing by Himself, that both Him and the person who needs healing have a part to play?
5. What sort of obstacles were in the way of the woman with the issue of blood to do what she said? How do they compare with the obstacles in our paths to doing what we have said in faith?
6. What sort of actions can be actions of faith?
7. What is the correct order of the following things:
 - a. FEELING AND HEALING
 - b. DOING WHAT WE BELIEVE
 - c. SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

8. Where is the power of God right now?
9. How can we access the power of God (hint: read Mark 5.34)?
10. What about this message inspired, challenged or encouraged you the most?