

DECLARATIONS OF FAITH

Session Four: Declare from the Realm of Faith

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I. REVIEW AND SCRIPTURE

- **Hebrews 10:23**

NKJV “Let us hold fast the **profession of our faith** without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)...”

- Keep declarations of faith in your mouth at all times.
- By making faith declarations a daily practice you are developing your spirit and your mouth to be prepared for all circumstances.
- Failure to practice making faith declarations leaves us vulnerable in the time of spiritual warfare.
- Faith declarations may include praise, speaking scriptures, psalms, and songs.
- Faith declarations are the means of receiving from God, releasing spiritual authority, and keeping us mindful of our covenant promises.

II. DECLARATIONS FROM THE REALM OF FAITH

Declarations of faith proceed from the realm of faith—which is our spirit—not from our natural mind.

A. Faith Not Feeling

1. Declarations of faith are not connected to feelings associated with the realm of the natural mind or emotions.
 - a. Faith speaks from the Word of God.
 - b. Faith speaks regardless of how things appear or feel.
 - c. Faith must speak when there are no positive feelings present.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Every believer will eventually face a season when they must speak from the realm of faith when there are no feelings or positive emotions to be found. This is the **REAL TEST** of faith! What will come out of your mouth when there are no positive emotions to draw from concerning your situation?*

2. Declarations of faith must come from the realm of faith.
 - a. Override negative emotions by continuing to speak the Word.

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B. Examples from Scripture of Those Who Spoke from the Faith Realm

1. Abraham

a. Romans 4:17-21

NKJV “...(as it is written, ‘I have made you a father of many nations’) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

NLT “That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, ‘I have made you the father of many nations.’ This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, ‘That’s how many descendants you will have!’ And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *There was only one way Abraham’s faith could grow stronger in the midst of such negative circumstances: he had to continue speaking from the realm of faith, refusing to give any consideration to what his body was telling him. If your faith is to grow stronger in the face of negative conditions, as Abraham’s did, you must continue speaking from the realm of faith instead of the realm of natural evidence.*

b. What might Abraham’s confession have looked like?

- “God has made me the father of many nations.”
- “What God has promised, He is able to perform.”

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- “My body does not determine God's promise.”
- “The Lord is faithful to fulfill every word He has spoken.”
- “Sarah and I will have the son God promised.”
- “I choose to believe God's Word above what I see or feel.”
- “The God who gives life to the dead is working on our behalf.”
- “Nothing is too hard for the Lord.”
- “My future is determined by God's promise, not my present condition.”
- “God calls those things which do not exist as though they did.” (**Romans 4:17**)

2. The Shunammite woman after the death of her son.

a. **2 Kings 4:22-26**

NKJV “Then she called to her husband, and said, ‘Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back.’ So he said, ‘Why are you going to him today? *It is* neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath.’ And she said, ‘***It is well.***’ Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, ‘Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you.’ And so she departed and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, ‘Look, the Shunammite woman! Please run now to meet her, and say to her, “*Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?*”’ And she answered, ‘***It is well.***’”

Other Translations:

- “Everything is all right.”
- “It will be alright.”
- “It will be fine.”
- “It shall be well.”

- b. The literal translations say “peace” (completeness / soundness).
- c. From the Hebrew root word: “one in a covenant of peace”.
- d. She was declaring her covenant right based on what the prophet promised.
- e. Declarations from the realm of faith produce results.

3. The woman with the issue of blood:

a. **Mark 5:28**

KJV “For she said, ‘If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.’”

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Berean Standard Bible “For she kept saying, ‘If only I touch His garments, I will be healed.’”

NASB “For she had been saying *to herself*, ‘If I just touch His garments, I will get well.’”

ISV “...because she had been saying, ‘If I can just touch his robe, I will get well.’”

- b. Faith keeps on saying.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *These faith-filled people did not deny their circumstances; they denied their circumstances the final authority. Their words consistently agreed with what God had said rather than with what their senses alone said.*

C. Faith Is of the Heart

1. Feelings and emotions are seated in the realm of our flesh. Faith is in the HEART or SPIRIT realm.
2. **Romans 10:9**
KJV “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.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *When doubts arise in your mind keep speaking from the place of faith in your heart. We believe to receive in the faith realm, and we shall have it in the natural realm.*

D. John Osteen: “The Sixth Sense of Faith”

1. Faith is a spiritual sense.
 - a. This spiritual sense enables us to receive what cannot be detected naturally.
 - b. “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (**2 Corinthians 5:7**).
2. Faith must dominate the natural senses.
 - a. Instead of saying:
 - “I don’t feel healed.”
 - “I don’t see the answer.”

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- b. Faith says:
 - “God has spoken, therefore I believe.”
 - “His Word is greater than what I see.”
- 3.** Faith is based on God's Word.
 - a. Faith is not optimism or wishful thinking.
 - b. It is confidence that comes from hearing and believing Scripture.
- 4.** Faith speaks before it sees.
 - a. Faith does not wait for circumstances to change before confessing victory.
 - b. Instead, faith agrees with God first.
- 5.** Faith acts.
 - a. The sixth sense is not passive.
 - b. Faith always produces corresponding action.
 - c. Examples include:
 - Peter stepping onto the water.
 - Abraham calling himself the father of many nations.
 - The ten lepers going to the priest before they were healed.
 - The woman with the issue of blood pressing through the crowd.
- 6.** Faith receives the invisible before it becomes visible.
 - a. Faith reaches into the unseen realm and receives God's promises before they materialize.
- 7.** Do not let feelings rule you.
 - a. Feelings fluctuate.
 - b. Faith remains steady because it depends upon God's unchanging Word.
- 8.** The heart believes beyond doubt.
 - a. You may have thoughts of doubt, yet still believe with your heart.
 - b. The goal is to keep feeding the heart with God's Word until faith becomes stronger than doubt.