

I. REVIEW OF RECENT SESSIONS

- Hearing, Receiving, and Responding
- Reaping the Harvest of Healing
- The Undesired Harvest
- Stay in the Fight (The Temptation to Quit)

II. AGGRESSIVE FAITH

A. Aggressive Faith Defined

1. Aggressive faith is faith that actively pursues the promise, presses through resistance, and refuses to become passive. It is aggressive toward obstacles, fear, discouragement, symptoms, and anything that challenges our confidence in God's Word.

a. Matthew 11:12

NKJV "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

GWT "From the time of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it."

TPT "From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, the realm of heaven's kingdom is bursting forth, and passionate people have taken hold of its power."

- b. An aggressive attack calls for aggressive action.
 - "Aggressive" = forceful, determined, and persistent in pursuing a goal or resisting opposition.
- c. To be aggressive means you take deliberate action!
 - Aggressive **faith** takes action.

B. Aggressive Illness Calls for Aggressive Faith

1. Scriptures:

a. Mark 2:1-4

NKJV "And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there

was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.”

b. Mark 2:10-12

NKJV “...but that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins’—He said to the paralytic, ‘I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.’ Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We never saw *anything* like this!’”

- The crowd said: “*you can’t get in.*”
- Faith said: “*we’ll find another way.*”
- The obstacle didn’t stop them. It made them more determined.

C. Aggressive Faith Doesn’t Hesitate—It Moves Quickly

1. When facing a terminal illness, there is no time for delay. Aggressive faith recognizes the window of opportunity and moves quickly into action.
 - a. The men who tore the roof off didn’t wait for the crowd to clear.
 - Faith doesn’t wait for perfect conditions.
 - They took advantage of every opportunity they were given.
2. Aggressive faith says: “*if there is something I can do today, I’m not putting it off until tomorrow.*”
 - a. When serious sickness comes, time is of utmost importance.
 - Act during the window of opportunity.
 - b. **Minister’s Quote:** “*It takes physical strength to engage in the fight of faith!*”
 - c. When the body becomes weakened and exhausted, it can become more difficult to stay actively engaged.

D. The Required Aggressive Actions of Faith

1. Aggressive hearing:
 - a. Continually exposing yourself to the Word concerning healing. (**Romans 10:17**)
 - b. Be aggressive with your Word intake!

c. **Proverbs 4:20-22**

NKJV “My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they *are* **life** to those who find them, And **health** to all their flesh.”

d. **Proverbs 4:22**

NLT “...for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.”

- The Hebrew word מַרְפֵּא (marpē') can carry the sense of **healing, health, cure, remedy, or medicine**.
- God's Word is medicine to all your flesh. Take your medicine as directed!

e. Examples of resources to help you hear more aggressively:

- GFC Healing Library and Links
- The Healing Faith Journey Podcast
- GFC Bookstore (Healing Resources)
- Specific Ministries that Emphasize Healing:
 - Nancy Dufresne
 - Keith Moore
 - Gloria Copeland
 - Barry Bennett
- Use Your Bible:
 - Search healing verses and highlight them.
 - Make notes as the Lord speaks to your heart.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *There was a time in my personal battle that I was not being aggressive enough with the Word. As led by the Lord, I purchased a Bible dedicated to my healing journey of faith. When I begin to OPEN the book / MARK the book / MEDITATE in the book, the Word became much more potent to the disease I was experiencing.*

2. Aggressive speaking:

- a. Refuse to let the diagnosis become your only confession; keep God's Word in your mouth

b. **Mark 11:22-23**

NKJV “So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into

the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**.”

NASB “And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, “Be taken up and thrown into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he **says** is going to happen, it will be granted to him.”

c. **Psalm 91:1**

NKJV “I will say of the LORD, ‘*He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.*’”

NLT “This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.”

- The psalmist doesn't merely believe that God is his refuge—he says it.

d. **2 Corinthians 4:13**

NKJV “I believed, and therefore have I spoken.”

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Aside from the Word itself, one of the most powerful tools the Lord taught me to use during my battle with leukemia was my words—learning to consistently speak in agreement with what God had said rather than what my circumstances were saying.*

Faith without confession remains unexpressed. When receiving by faith, we must not only believe in the heart, but we must speak with our mouth. Faith is given a voice through our words.

3. Aggressive praise:

- a. Aggressive praise is praise that refuses to wait for circumstances to change before it gives God glory. It praises while the battle is still raging.

b. Abraham's example:

- **Romans 4:20**

NKJV “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.”

- c. Praise declares confidence before you see the outcome.

- Abraham “*was strong in faith, giving glory to God.*”

- d. Praise shifts your attention from the size of the problem to the greatness of God.
- e. Praise can be deliberate and demonstrative. You may not feel like praising, but faith does not require feelings before it acts.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Praise is a choice! I choose to praise the Lord for His provision of healing, although the symptoms still exist. I choose to praise the Lord for healing when hands have been laid on me, although nothing in the natural changed. Praise is my declaration of faith!*

"I have learned to gauge my faith by my praise. When my prayer begins to turn into praise, I know my faith is being released." — **Pastor Dale Campbell**

III. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- **Get into the Word** immediately.
 - Don't wait until fear has dominated your thinking.
 - Begin feeding on healing Scriptures daily.
 - **Proverbs 4:20–22, Psalm 103:1–5, Isaiah 53:4–5, 1 Peter 2:24**
- **Use your words** deliberately.
 - Instead of spending the entire day repeating what the diagnosis says, intentionally declare what you believe: *"God is my refuge. God is my strength. I am trusting Him through this battle."*
- **Praise** when you don't feel like praising.
 - Turn prayer into thanksgiving.
 - Get your mouth involved.