

THE SHORTCOMINGS OF FAITH

Session 3: Hesitant to Speak Your Faith

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Last Session: “Making Withdrawals Where No Deposits Have Been Made”

I. HESITANT TO SPEAK YOUR FAITH

A. Faith is Believing But it Also Includes Speaking

1. This is referred to in scripture as CONFESSION or PROFESSION.
2. Faith isn't active until it is confessed with the mouth.

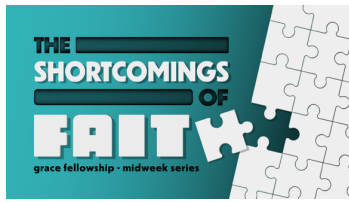
a. Luke 6:45

NKJV “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart **brings forth good**; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his **heart brings forth evil**. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

Holman “A good man **produces** good out of the good storeroom of his heart. An evil man **produces** evil out of the evil storeroom, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.”

PASTOR'S NOTE: From last week's session, we understand that what we bring forth comes from what has been deposited in our hearts.

- How does it COME FORTH or how is it PRODUCED?
 - “For out of the abundance of the heart the MOUTH SPEAKS.”
 - Faith is activated when the mouth speaks!
- b. You could be making deposits of the Word through every step discussed in last week's session.
 - c. Your reservoir could be full of the Word and faith.
 - d. But, until faith is released through the words of your own mouth, faith hasn't been released to complete the work.
3. For some, the shortcoming isn't in taking time to read, hear, and meditate on the Word. The shortcoming is in the hesitancy to SPEAK their faith!
 4. Faith is voice activated!



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B. Scriptural Evidence of the Necessity of Speaking

1. Romans 10:8-10

NIV “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you; it is in your **mouth and in your heart,**’ that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: **If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Faith to be saved isn’t limited to believing, it includes saying!*

2. Mark 11:20-23

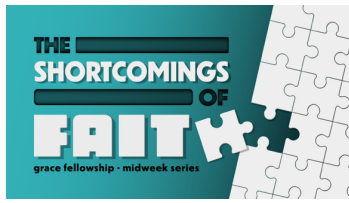
NKJV “Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.’ So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says** to this 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**.’”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Kenneth Hagin pointed out that believing is only mentioned one time in this passage. SAYING is mentioned three times: “My people are not missing it in the believing; they are missing it in the saying. You will have to do three times as much preaching on the saying as you do the believing.”—Kenneth E. Hagin.*

3. 2 Corinthians 4:13

NKJV “And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak.”

TPT “We have the same Spirit of faith that is described in the Scriptures when it says, ‘First I believed, then I spoke in faith.’”



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Contemporary English Version “In the Scriptures it says, ‘I spoke because I had faith.’ We have the same kind of faith. So, we speak.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Faith that stays hidden in the heart, never expressed outwardly, remains incomplete and cannot bring about the results it seeks.*

C. Words of Faith are the Release of Authority

1. Although we have been given authority to act, authority isn’t released against our circumstances until we use words!
2. Although all of Israel shared in a covenant of blessing and protection with God, David alone acted on it, confronting Goliath by boldly speaking words of faith from his own mouth.

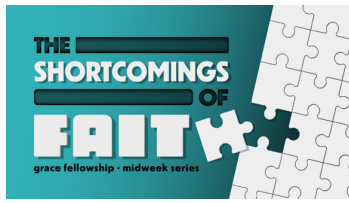
a. **1 Samuel 17:45-47**

NKJV “Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.’”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *This is when the battle turned: at the words of David releasing God’s supernatural power against the enemy. All of Israel had the same covenant to act, but no one declared it in the face of the enemy. FAITH MUST BE DECLARED!*

D. Declare + Proclaim + Decree + Establish—Four Words We Must Know!

1. **Declare** = Speaking God’s Word as truth.
 - a. Declaring God’s Word is to affirm with your mouth what God has said to be true.
 - b. When I am declaring God’s Word, I am agreeing with God!



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c. **Psalm 107:2**

NKJV “Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.”

ISV “Let those who have been redeemed by the LORD declare it— those whom he redeemed from the power of the enemy...”

d. Declarations of faith build faith, aligning your heart and mouth with God.

2. **Proclaiming** = Announcing with boldness / to announce confidently what God has done.

a. Proclaiming is stronger than declaring, it carries boldness and testimony.

b. Sometimes this is what is necessary when your faith is being challenged. There are times it will be necessary to PROCLAIM your faith when challenged.

c. David had already made his declaration of faith to his brothers and Saul but, when facing Goliath, HE PROCLAIMED HIS FAITH!

3. **Decree** = Decreeing is speaking with authority to command a result. When a King decrees something, it becomes LAW.

a. A decree is an authoritative command.

b. **Matthew 16:19**

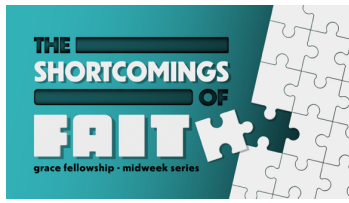
NKJV “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

c. **Job 22:28**

KJV “Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.”

Literal Standard Version “And you decree a saying, And it is established to you, And light has shone on your ways.”

Berean Literal Bible “Then you will decree a word, and it will stand for you, and upon your paths light will shine.”



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Smith's Literal Translation "And thou shalt decide the word, and it shall be set up to thee: and the light shone upon thy ways."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Decreeing is commanding faith. Faith isn't limited to requesting God to act on our behalf. Faith is decreeing—enforcing authority—through speaking His words and making them our words!*

4. **Establish** = To bring something into settled reality; to make firm, secure, and permanent.
 - a. Job said: "You shall decree a thing, and it shall be **established** unto you."
 - b. God confirms and settles what has been spoken in faith.
 - c. When David SPOKE words of faith to the giant, the saying became established, and God made it reality.
 - d. Establishing is the RESULT / MANIFESTATION stage.

5. The progression:
 - a. **Declare**—I agree with God.
 - b. **Proclaim**—I announce it boldly.
 - c. **Decree**—I command it with authority.
 - d. **Establish**—God settles it into reality.

II. CLOSING NOTES:

- We must begin to engage our voice with our heart in the process of faith.
- It will take consistent, intentional practice until speaking in faith simply becomes our default way of living.
- Results come as we boldly declare words of faith with authority against the enemy.