

**I. Review/Previous Sessions****A. Our Better Covenant of Health****B. How to Access Our Covenant of Health****C. The Progressive Force of Faith****D. Mike Hensley's Lesson****II. Watch Out for Deception****A. When we are engaged in a faith battle pertaining to anything, we must watch out for the deception of the enemy.**

**1. Deception** – The act of causing someone to receive something as true or valid when it is actually false or invalid.

**2. Satan is a master deceiver.**

**3. Satan will deceive people in times of spiritual warfare, convincing them that their faith is genuine, active, and producing when it isn't.**

a. This is why we must know what REAL FAITH IS.

b. WE must have our foundation of faith settled in the Word.

**B. 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)** – *Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.*

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (CEV)** – *Test yourselves and find out if you really are true to your faith. If you pass the test, you will discover that Christ is living in you. But if Christ isn't living in you, you have failed.*

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (GNT)** – *Put yourselves to the test and judge yourselves, to find out whether you are living in faith.*

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (ISV)** – *Keep examining yourselves to see whether you are continuing in the faith.*

The fact that Paul instructed the church to examine themselves, testing their faith for authenticity, proves that it was possible for them to think they were in faith, but in reality, they were deceived by a false faith.

***NOTE:*** *When you are in a life and death battle, you cannot have a “FALSE FAITH”, you must possess genuine Biblical faith!*

### C. Putting Faith to the Test

#### 1. The Word Test – Romans 10:17

- a. **What scriptures are you standing on as your foundational scriptures for the healing you desire to receive?**
- b. **Can you find them in the Bible?**
- c. **Are you looking at them and meditating upon them often?**
- d. **Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)** – *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

**NOTE:** As New Covenant people, we could read this passage as follows: *The Word of God shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in the Word of God day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.*

- e. Does your faith pass the “Word Test”?

#### 2. Does your faith get excited because of the Word you receive?

- a. **The Word of God Is to the Spirit what natural food is to the body.**  
*Just as we get excited for a good meal, we should be excited to receive the Word of God as a spiritual meal for our faith.*
- b. **If there is “NO EXCITEMENT” for the Word, the Word isn’t resulting in active faith.**

- c. **Does your faith get excited enough for the Word that you must have more of it?** *You can use HUNGER as one gage to determine how faith is developing.*

**3. Does your faith speak the Word with boldness and confidence.**

- a. True faith always affects our words.
- b. True faith speaks with confidence.
- c. When your faith is tried, do you speak from your natural senses, or from the Word that has been deposited in your heart?

*Note: If your mouth still leans toward the realm of the natural senses, you need to INCREASE the time you are meditating in healing scriptures.*

**D. The #1 Deception to watch out for:**

**1. The Confusion of Denial with Faith.**

- a. There are many who are convinced they are in faith because they deny having an illness – *“I don’t have cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney disease, etc.”*
- b. Confessing that you don’t have something – is not a confession of faith!

**2. A confession of faith is always – *What I Do have – not what I don’t have!* If your confession is saying “I’m not sick more than it is saying I’m healed because the Word says \_\_\_\_\_, it is not a true confession of faith.**

**3. Romans 4:16-21 (NKJV) – <sup>16</sup>Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all <sup>17</sup>(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;** <sup>18</sup>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.” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup>and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

a. **God calls those things that do not exist as though they did.**

- **NIV – He calls into being things that were not.**
- **ISV – He calls into existence things that don't yet exist.**
- **Weymouth – He makes reference to things that do not exist, as though they did.**

b. **Notice – God does not speak of things that exist as though they don't. He speaks of things that don't exist as they do.** *Abraham followed this example, agreeing with God as He referred to himself as Abraham – the faith of a multitude.*

c. **How faith for healing speaks:**

- *By the stripes of Jesus, I am healed!*
- *God sent His word and healed my disease!*
- *I am healed, whole and healthy because Jesus bore my sickness and carried all my pain.*
- *The faith confession is – I am healed!*
- *The faith confession is not – I don't have.*

d. **By making confessions based upon the covenant promises, I am calling healing into my body.** Confessions of not having illness is not calling anything into existence. *It is the WORD OF GOD that is a creative force. As we make our confession of the Word regarding healing – healing is becoming a reality for us in our body. Simply saying, "I don't have", doesn't create anything for us.*

**Pastor's Note:** *There is significance in refusing to take ownership of disease by referring to it as "My cancer, my diabetes, my kidney disease, etc." However, we must not confuse this as our confession of faith. As a result of my faith, I can refuse to make a claim of having certain illnesses, but only because I have settled the issue of faith – based on what the Word says is mine.*

*WE also need to be mindful that our confession of faith is a spiritual force that works personally before God. I am not bound to offer that confession of faith in the presence of everyone I meet. I need to have wisdom regarding who, how and*

*when my confession is to be made in public. There are times that God would have us to negate words spoken over us. There are other times that He would have us remain silent. Working faith will always include the direction of the Holy Spirit including the Wisdom of God.*