

## February 8

**2 Corinthians 4:13 (NIV)** It is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

George Dantzig was a doctoral candidate the University of California, Berkeley. He was studying mathematics and was enrolled in of the most difficult graduate-level statistics classes at the university. The night before the final, he had studied late and overslept the next morning. He arrived late for class to find three problems written on the board. Mistaking them for an assignment, he set out to solve them. The first two were difficult, but Dantzig soon solved them. The third was far more difficult. Nevertheless, he continued working until he had solved that one also. Turning in his paper, he felt relieved until, that is, he was contacted by his professor concerning that assignment.

We often fall into the pattern of thinking that because we believe something it must be true. Conversely, if we do not believe something, it must be false. Thus, our beliefs shape our world. At one time, people believed the world was flat; of course, that was false, but it shaped their world. Paul tells us that what we believe shapes what we speak. We will encounter many who do not believe Jesus is the Christ, and their speech mirrors that belief. However, our beliefs do not shape the truth. Our beliefs shape our relationship with the truth. When Dantzig met with his professor, he learned that the third problem was an example of statistical theorem that had never been solved. It was never meant to be solved. Yet, Dantzig had solved it! Others in the class believed it could not be solved so they did not try. Dantzig, however, believed that it could be solved, and that belief shaped his thinking. Every day, our lives will demonstrate what we truly believe. Our faith in Jesus and in His Word should result in our daily living lives where the impossible is possible. As we believe, we speak. As we speak, so we behave.