

The Doctrine of Faith and Faithfulness pt. 3

Various Scriptures

“My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not be based on human wisdom but on God’s power.” -1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Can you name any false doctrines about biblical faith that are prevalent today?

* _____ of _____ movement

Also known as “_____ it and _____ it,” the belief of force of faith implies that our words can be used to manipulate the faith-force and create whatever one believes God promises in scripture.

You name it...

- ✓ Health
- ✓ Wealth
- ✓ Status

Where does this come from and what do they believe?

- ◆ Pentecostal movement, E. W. Kenyon studied metaphysical New Thought of Phineas Quimby. Mind science Christianity mixed with mysticism.
- ◆ When God created man in his image it was physical not spiritual, we were actually little gods. (Genesis 2:27)
- ◆ Before the fall, humans had the same ability to call things into existence like God.
- ◆ After the fall, humans took on the nature of Satan and lost that ability.
- ◆ Jesus Christ gave up his divinity, became a man, died spiritually, took Satan’s nature upon himself, went to Hell, was born again, and rose from the dead with God’s nature.
- ◆ Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to replicate the incarnation in believers so they could become little gods again like God originally intended.

What is wrong with this?

*Bad _____ *Idolatry *Personal revelation > Scripture

Why is it important that you know this and share it with your family?

➤ Ephesians 4:14

Power of Faith

Who or what is the source of our Faith? _____ Mark 11:22; Hebrews 12:2

Our faith in Jesus gives us power to...

● Be Healed and Live: Mark 5:21-42

After an encounter with a demon possessed man, Mark testifies about two other people who were in need of his power.

Who was the first person mentioned in this discourse that had a need and what was wrong?

* _____ who was sick.

Who was the second person, what was wrong with her?

* _____, who was hemorrhaging.

How long? _____

What did she go through?

*Much _____

*Many _____

*All of her _____

*No assistance; things got _____

She heard about Jesus; can you imagine all of the stories? Here she is in a crowd of people and she says, "If I just touch His clothes, I'll be made well."

What happened after she touched Jesus' clothing?

*She was _____

How long did it take? _____

What happened to Jesus, what was he doing, and what did He say?

*He realized in himself that _____ had gone out from him.

*Looking _____

*Who _____ my clothes?

What was it about the woman's faith that really got Jesus' attention? (32)

*She _____ herself and _____ it was her.

*Not only did she have the necessary faith to _____ in Jesus' power to heal her body, but when the time came for her to _____ up in the presence of others she did so.

Finally, Jesus told her "Your faith has _____ you, go in peace, and be healed from your affliction."

In light of her story, what is the priority of Jesus' statement that should remind us about God's healing?

* _____ is #1

As the second other story continues, they are bombarded with the bad news that Jairus' daughter had died. They said, "Your daughter is dead, why bother the teacher anymore?"

When we are overwhelmed with negativity, what are we mostly tempted to do?

➤ But Jesus encourages him to not be _____ only _____.

When we have faith/believe in Jesus, we trust Him to handle it His way. Notice how Jesus handled this family tragedy:

*He allowed a certain few to accompany Him. (37)

*He affirmed her condition. (39)

*He removed the distractions. (40a)

*He allowed the mother and father to be witnesses of a miracle. (40b-42)

● **Overcome/Remove Obstacles: Mark 11:20-25**

This text is a reflection of the barrenness of the nation of Israel. Normally if a fig tree had leaves it meant it had fruit. From a distance, metaphorically speaking, the nation's spiritual leaders had an outward look as if they believed and followed God, but as Jesus got closer, there was nothing. Therefore, he cursed the tree as judgement upon Israel and a warning to us.

Remember: God is not pleased when His people are all leaves and no fruit!

Jesus is saying, just like I have the power to say that this fig tree will no longer produce fruit or anything, you too have access to the power. This access is having faith in God to do the same for us in prayer, even if it seems impossible.

In order to do this we must understand the following:

#1 God is the object of our Faith: Mark 11:20-22; Romans 3:21-22

We must trust in the right _____

#2 Faith in God gives us authority to speak directly to the obstacles of life: Mark 11:23

The phrase “This mountain” was a popular figure of speech for any insurmountable problem.

What are some obstacles we can speak directly towards today?

#3 Faith in God must be sure: Mark 11:24-25

- *Prayer gives us _____ to power.
- *Believe in advance, according to God’s will.
- *Unrepentant sin blocks our request.

● **Forgive of Sin: Mark 2:1-12**

Mark talks about an occasion when Jesus was speaking and the crowds were so much there was no way for people to get to him. However, there was a paralytic man who had four friends who tore a hole in the roof/ceiling, lowered him in front of Jesus so that He might heal the man.

Who are your friends do you think they would do something like this for you?

What happened when Jesus saw their faith, what did He say?

* _____ , your sins are _____.

What did the leaders think about this? (6-7)

How did Jesus respond? (9-12)

- *Challenged their thinking
- *Displayed His authority to forgive sin(eternity) and heal his body (present)

“The power of faith overpowers fear.”