

CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

Calling It Like It Is

- I. **What does it mean to call things that be not as though they were?**-*Rm4:17-As it is written, I have made thee the Father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead and calls those things which be not as though they were; ER-As the scriptures say, "I have made you a father of many nations." This is true before God, the one Abraham believed—the God who gives life to the dead and speaks of things that don't yet exist as if they are real*
- A. God calls things that be not as though they were – This is the way He operates-As much as He is the God who quickens the dead is as much as He is the God who calls things that be not as though they were
- B. It is to speak of things that don't exist yet as if they do-*AC-Speaks of nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they already existed; DLNT-Calling the things not being as being; JUB-Calls those things which are not as those that are; TL-Speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past; MEV-Calls those things that do not exist as though they did*
1. God called Abraham the Father of multitudes when that didn't exist-It not existing didn't stop God from calling it
 2. He didn't wait until he became the Father of a multitude to call Him one-He called him that for years before it happened
 3. God has Abraham call himself something that does not exist yet-What God has said to me, said about me, promised me I don't wait until it exist to call it that way – Before or after it happens? Before
 4. When you know something is God's will for your life and you don't see it you call it like it is that way now
- C. It is to call into being what doesn't exist-*Rm4:17-AM-Calls into being that which does not exist; CSB-Calls things into existence that do not exist; CJ-Calls non-existence things into existence; ESV-Calls into existence the things that do not exist; ISV-Calls into existence things that don't yet exist; NABRE-Calls into being what does not exist; NASB-Calls into being that which does not exist*
1. God called into existence that which did not exist-*Gn1:2-Darkness was upon the face of the deep. God said Let there be light; Ez16:6-When I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee, when you were in your own blood, Live; Ez37:4-O ye dry bones hear the word of the Lord 5...I will cause breath to enter into you and you shall live*
- D. Jesus does and says what The father does and says and so he called things that be not as though they were-*Jn3:34-For he whom God has sent speaks the Words of God; Jn5:19-What thing soever he does, these also does the son likewise*
1. He doesn't see it, so he calls it-*Mk4:39-Peace, be still; Lk13:12-You are loosed; Mt8:3-Be thou clean; Mk7:34-Be opened*
- II. **Are we supposed to do this? We are to call things that be not as though they are**-*1Jn2:6-AC-Whosoever says he abides in Him ought to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted himself; Ep5:1-Be ye therefore followers of God; Lk6:40-The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master*
- A. If you're going to talk like God you're going to call things that be not as though they are
- B. We do not have the capability to just call whatever we want into existence-We don't have creative ability like God
- C. We call things that be not as though they are based on what God has said-If God has said something to us, something about us, promised us something that doesn't exist we call that into existence
- D. It's not us calling whatever we want, but discovering God's will, what He has said and decreeing it-*Mt6:9-After this manner pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will (pleasure, desire, decree) be done (come into being) in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever, Amen (At beginning of discourse surely, truly; at the end so it is, so be it); Lk11:2-When you pray say*
1. Amen means so it is, so be it-Whatever I just prayed BE
- E. Jesus taught us to call that mountain what you want it to be, call it removed and cast into the sea-*Mk11:23-Verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea and shall doubt in his heart, but believe that those things which he say shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he says*
1. Religion teaches repeated petition-A mountain is in our way, it's a big, it's in our way, God please move it

F. You're not calling away what is, you're calling into being what isn't-My arm isn't broke vs. I call my arm healed

III. The opposite of calling things that be not as though they were is calling it like it is-The way it is, is the way you call it

A. They are paying no attention to what God has said and are just calling it like it is-Nm13:25-They returned from searching of the land after forty days. **26** And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. **27** And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. **28** Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. **29** The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. **30** And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. **31** But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. **32** And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. **33** And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

1. God promised them something concerning possessing the land-Ex23:23-Mine Angel shall go before thee and bring thee in unto the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. ²⁸ I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. ³⁰ By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased and inherit the land
2. Everything they said is factual, but it's not faith-It's factual in the natural that their enemies are stronger than them and they (in and of themselves) are not able to go against the people
3. We are well able-This be not, they don't see or feel this, but they call themselves this based on what God said

B. Faith does not call it like it is-Faith finds out what God has said and calls it that before it exists

C. When you're calling it like it is-1) You're not calling something into existence you're calling what already exist 2) You're not speaking about what God has promised like it already exist, you're speaking like it doesn't exist

D. To call things that be not as though they were is to talk differently than most everybody on the planet-The world and religion calls it like it is, they talk what is, what they see, how they feel (My back hurts, this nation is a mess, I'm afraid)

1. The majority of people in Joshua and Caleb's day didn't talk this way-They were the "nuts" that did this
2. There is an awkwardness in your flesh when you start speaking to things and calling things-Ex. Bill Winston car
3. You have to train yourself in these things-This needs to become how you operate but you have to be rewired

E. You will be tempted by the enemy to call what is like it is

1. When negative things are staring you in the face it's challenging on the flesh because you have to call it this way when it's not his way-You don't see it or feel it and yet you're saying it and that's why it's hard on the flesh
2. K.Moore story about woman with stomach cancer-It takes some spiritual gumption and fortitude to do this
3. Hold fast to calling it what God has promised-Hb10:23-Let us hold fast to the profession (assent, agree, say same thing as another) of your faith without wavering