

## CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

How To Believe & Speak: Choose To Believe

- I. **Jesus is teaching us to use our words and our faith to accomplish something-He is teaching us we can believe and speak to physical things and see them change-*Mk11:22*-Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> For verily (truly, surely, truth) I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith**
- A. Believing and speaking is a spiritual law-God established the spiritual law of believing and speaking
1. Law-Str-Principle (a truth); Th-Anything established; Laws are simply how things work-It's established you do this, this is the result; Spiritual law-A statement by God that a particular phenomenon always occurs if certain conditions be present
- B. Spiritual law, spiritual things work a certain way-There's a way believing and speaking works and a way it doesn't; The devil and the children of Israel tried it and it didn't work-*Is14,Nm14*; Jesus spoke to the storm and it did work-*Mk4*
1. Prayer works a certain way-There are things you can do that'll cause prayer to work or not work-*Mt21:22,1Jn5:14*
  2. Peace works a certain way-There are things you can do that'll cause peace to work or not work-*Rm8:5; Is26:3*
- C. How do we believe and speak and see it work?-He didn't say it'll work some of the time; It worked all the time for Him
1. If we want to see spiritual laws work, we have to make sure we work the law-Things must be in place for it to work
  2. Anytime it didn't work it was because you lacked light-There was something you didn't see about its working
- II. **How to believe and speak: #2. I choose to believe what God says about my situation – Once you discover what God says about your situation, God's will for your situation, choose to believe what He says**
- A. If you don't believe what God says you won't say what He says-I have to believe what God says before I can say what He says and believe that what I say will come to pass-*2Cor4:13*-I have believed and therefore have I spoken
- B. Faith is a choice-*Ps91:2*-In him will I trust; *Is7:9*-If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established
1. He corrected them about their unbelief because they chose not to believe-*Mk16:14*-Upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen; **TL**-Stubborn refusal to believe
  2. How do you have faith in God-By decision
- C. You activate your faith with your will and your words-When you say, I choose to believe that, and mean business you just activated your faith-*Ps56:3*-I will trust in you; *Ps61:4*-I will trust in the covert of thy wings; *Hb2:13*-I will put my trust in him
1. Thomas activated his unbelief with is will and words-*Jn20:25*-The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe 27 Be not faithless (Incredulous-Withholding or refusal of belief) but believing
  2. Your faith isn't activated until you choose to believe-Before you choose to believe faith lays dormant
  3. You believe on purpose-You don't believe just because you want to or know you should; You don't believe until you choose to believe; Many never believe because they didn't decide to
  4. Faith has to be activated in each area-*Ac14:9*-Perceiving he had faith to be healed
  5. Story: Going through the pandemic we chose to believe-*Ps91,Ps37*
- D. You choose to believe The Word in spite of what you see and feel-*Hb11:1*-Faith is...the evidence of things not seen
- E. To keep your faith on you have to uphold and maintain that decision and if you don't faith shuts off-Making the decision is to believe is quick and easy, maintaining it is a fight
- F. Faith comes by hearing, but it happens by decision-You can hear and not have faith if you don't choose to believe-*Rm10:17*-So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. 18 But I say have they not heard?... 19 But I say, Did

*not Israel know?... 21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient (disbelieve willfully, not allow one's self to be persuaded, to refuse or withhold belief) and gainsaying people*

1. Faith doesn't happen just because you hear-Many think if I just hear it enough eventually I'll believe it unconsciously – WRONG – You might eventually choose to believe it, but not without a decision
  2. The more you hear something the more likely you are to choose to believe it-But faith never happens without a decision
- G. You must mix The Word you've heard with faith or The Word will never profit you-**Hb4:2**-*For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in that that heard it*
1. The profit is in the mixture-Hearing The Word or just knowing what it says, won't cause the Word to profit you
  2. You can hear it and know it and not mix it with faith and it'll do nothing for you-Story-Jer29:11 sign in my office