

CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

Speaking To It

- I. **Jesus is telling us that we can believe and speak and see to physical things and see them change-***Mk11:12-When they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: ¹³ And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. ¹⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it. ¹⁵ And they come to Jerusalem ¹⁹ And when even was come, he went out of the city. ²⁰ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away. ²² Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. ²³ For verily 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. Most don't believe they can speak words and see things change-They don't believe their words affect physical things
1. Plants-UK's leading gardening organization found that talking to your plants can help them grow; IKEA plant study
 2. Jesus was not surprised his words worked-The disciples were surprised his words worked, but he was not
- B. We have to learn the art of speaking to "its"-Jesus spoke to wind, the sea, trees, fevers, ears; Joshua spoke to the sun and moon
- C. Words affect things-According to Jesus, there's a connection between the things a man has and what he believes and says
1. Your words affect your inner man-*Pr16:24-Pleasant words are as an honeycomb sweet to the soul, and health to the bones; Pr15:4-A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness there is a breach (breaking) in the spirit*
 2. Your words affect your body-*Pr16:24-Pleasant words are health to the bones; Pr4:22-They are health to all their flesh*
 3. Words affect things, words change things
- D. We live in word created environment-Things in this environment that was created by words respond to words-*Hb11:3-The worlds were framed by the Word of God; Mk11:23,4:35,Josh10:12,Mk7:33*
- E. Words become-Flesh-*Jn1:14; Healing-Pr4:22,Ps107:20; Freedom-Jn8:32, Peace was words first-Mk4:35*
1. All words are seeds and seeds become-The words you hear, the words you believe, the words you speak work to become a reality in your life-*Lk8:11-The seed is the word of God*
 2. Whatever you desire in your life has to be words first
- II. **Jesus is teaching us to use our words to accomplish something – Not just to watch what we say**
- A. God used His words to accomplish-*Is55:11-So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish (work, produce, effect) that which I please; Ps107:20, Ps33:6, Jn1:14*
1. Jesus used His words on purpose, to accomplish, for affect-*Mk4:39-He rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, peace, be still; Lk4:39-He rebuked the fever and it left her; Mt8:3-I will; be thou clean*
 2. What are we doing with our words?-What are you using your words to accomplish
- B. You can use your words to accomplish, for affect, to affect things in your life-*Pr18:21-Death and life are in the power of the tongue; Pr10:11-The mouth of the righteous man is a well (spring, fountain) of life*
- C. Most have no concept of using words to accomplish, but rather they use words solely to communicate thought or emotion
1. Example-So if my knee hurts I use my words to communicate my thoughts and feelings about my hurt knee. "My bad knee is acting up again. This knee has been hurting for 20 years. It always hurts this time of year. It hurts so bad today." They use their words communicate their thoughts and feelings about their hurt knee, but they don't use their words to accomplish something good in their knee.

2. Most use words to share or communicate with others about the struggle never thinking to use their words to overcome the struggle

D. Jesus didn't say don't try this, he said the opposite, he said you can do it-Jesus was basically saying, "You're marveling at this huh? You can do it." -**Mt20:18**-*In the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. ¹⁹ And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever. And presently the fig tree withered away. ²⁰ And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!²¹ Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done; **Lk17:6**-If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamine tree, Be though plucked up by the root and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you; **Mt17:18**-Jesus rebuked (charged) the devil; and he departed out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could we not cast him out? ²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you*