

Healing Through the Word – Session 6

Romans 12:1, 2

Luke 13: 10-16

Hebrews 7:22

Hebrews 8:6

Acts 1:6

1 Corinthians 1:16, 17 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the *Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

(* See Matthew 15:21-28 – The Canaanite woman whom Jesus told that He was “...sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 “⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

We are to live in the power of salvation by faith, from faith to faith revealing God’s righteousness in the process. The goal of our speech and preaching is to be a demonstration of the Spirit and power that our faith should be in the power of God and not man’s wisdom.

In this Covenant leave nothing on the table -

Ephesians 3:14-21 – “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think,—

...according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

This glory is to all generations by His power working in us, not by His external power apart from us. It's a partnership, not a solo act.

We need to be power hungry! – Not for riches or our own glory, but this is to all generations to bring His will from heaven to earth.

***Ephesians 1:3** – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”*

It does not say, “some,” it says “every.”

***Colossians 2:8-10** – “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”*

Reviewing from last week as I glossed over it –

Changing our narrow view of what it means to be saved – The fullness of being saved:

To be saved is not just to avoid Hell. Change our narrow view of salvation. ...because there's more... What is in a word?

Jesus' words in **John 10:10** – “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Obviously in salvation there is more than just the avoidance of Hell. Jesus says He came not just to give us life (zoe), the God kind of life, but that we would have it more abundantly. The God kind of life, even more abundantly. So, there may be more to being saved than first appears.

G4942 “to save - *sode'-zo* from a primary word (“safe”); to *save*, that is, *deliver or protect* (literally or figuratively): - *heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.*” The “do well” also carries a sense of provision. Try viewing this in the context of Psalm 91, of being under the shadow of the Most-High God.

G4991- “*sōtēria so-tay-ree'-ah* derivative of G4990; *rescue or safety* (physically or morally): - *deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.*”

It's difficult to pray the prayer of agreement if there's no agreement – First of all if we're not agreeing with God and His Word. Then, if we don't believe the same thing, if one is hoping, and another is believing. It's difficult to stand in our authority if we don't believe, truly believe we have it in the first place.

Different context but remember what James said about asking amiss – *“You have not because you ask not, and when you ask, you ask amiss.”* Learn to ask and speak correctly in faith.

Righteous Abraham –

Look at this principle of faith, especially pertaining to healing:

Romans 4:19-22 – “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

Yes, Abraham wavered and messed up big time years before Isaac's birth by sleeping with Hagar that bore the son of the flesh, Ishmael. Abraham repented, grew in the Lord; learned from his mistakes and did not duplicate them.

(There can be repentance and restoration, but sometimes the results or consequences of disobedience do not just evaporate. Abraham's act of the flesh still haunts Israel to this very day.)

Now at 99, Abraham did not consider his own body. (Unfortunately, I think that considering our own bodies is often the 1st thing we do.) Not considering our own bodies is only accomplished by **not** being conformed to this world, by being transformed, by having our minds renewed, casting down and out, and bringing into captivity, every vain imagination, every thought that exalts itself against our knowledge of Christ and God's perfect will. That is living by our faith, from faith to faith.

If Abraham could do it, we can do it!

We often have a stylized, almost legendary, and mythological view of the patriarchs and those God used mightily in the Bible. This deception can make it difficult for us. Off the top of my head Abraham had failures, Moses had failures, Elijah wept and begged God to kill him after putting the prophets of Baal to shame

by starting a fire with soaking wet wood and no flame. I'm not advocating her line of work, but Rahab was a prostitute, and yet she saved the Jews at Jericho and is in the lineage of Jesus. Samson and David had failures, Peter, Paul, and Mary... Every one of them needed a Savior, being as imperfect as we are. Again, instead of disqualifying ourselves we need to see that Christ has qualified us for His glory.

This is often not easy but consider this and be encouraged to faith: When it says "*Abraham did not consider his own body already dead*" since he was about 100..." ...think about what that might mean... – there was no little blue pill back then. Likely no lead in his pencil but he didn't consider that.

Sarah's womb was dead too. Sarah's eggs weren't over easy, they were just plain over, and her uterus was like hard cracked leather boots. Yet Abraham didn't waver at the promise of God through unbelief. It is our relationship with Abba that conquers wavering. When we can't understand, can't comprehend, when it makes no sense, it is only our relationship with relational Jehovah that carries us through in faith.

I don't know... but I know God. I don't understand a lot, most things in fact, but I know who my God is. I learned to trust who I know He **is** when I don't understand what is happening.

Because of relationship Abraham was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, being fully convinced, one translation says, "fully persuaded" that what God had promised He would fulfil.

We must persuade ourselves by the Word and Spirit. We can't consider our own bodies while simultaneously considering the promise of God and not waver. These two are mutually exclusive. If we attempt to do it, it is double-mindedness and... we're unstable. Don't think we'll receive anything.

Abraham was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform. That full and complete persuasion was accounted to Abraham as righteousness. Be fully persuaded that God has promised you healing!

Since Abraham was not weak in faith, what is faith?

Hebrews 11:1 – "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Now faith, now, right now, faith is now, and it is the substance of things hoped for, it is evidence. Faith is the proof because hope has no proof, no

substance. Faith is ownership, faith is the title deed of things not seen. Faith owns it.

Yes, we need hope because *1 Corinthians 13:13* tells us that these three abide - faith, hope, and love, so hope is inextricably linked with faith, and it only works by love. Faith is absolute confidence of having, of possessing the promise. Hope is soaring encouragement with strong desire and anticipation in the promise. Hope holds out a desire in anticipation while faith pulls it into now.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God, but is that just faith that we're not going to Hell or something bigger, something more transformative, something by which we truly can live the abundant life?

Faith cannot be passive; faith must be active. Works cannot save us, but true faith produces works of faith. Is simply believing enough? –

James 2:18-20 – “*But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.* ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰ *But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”* Faith may grammatically be a noun, but biblically, it is a verb.

The Premier Instruction in Faith by Jesus Himself –

We know that *Romans 10:17* is true – “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” - Literally hearing it from the lips of Christ the Messiah Himself.

Mark 11 overview - The morning following Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He was leaving Bethany and was hungry. He saw a fig tree with leaves which would indicate there was fruit, but when He went to pluck the fruit, there wasn’t any. Jesus cursed the fig tree.

(Likely a picture of Israel after His 3 1/2 years – Israel should have had fruit but did not, only having the appearance, for in less than a week these same people cried out, “Crucify Him.”

They brought a curse upon themselves at Christ’s trial before Pilate. - *Matthew 27:25* “*And all the people answered and said, ‘His blood be on us and on our children.’*”) They cursed themselves: His Blood was on their hands – they reaped what they had sown.

Jesus then goes into the temple and overturns the tables and throws out the money changers, crying out in a teachable moment, “...*Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? ‘But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’*” Then...

House of Prayer/This House (my body) of Prayer -

Mark 11:20-26 – “Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter, remembering, said to Him, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.’ ²² So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” We’ll come back to vss. 25, 26 in a bit because these verses we just read hang entirely upon them.

Is that how we pray and stand in the/this house (our bodies) of prayer?

Literally verse 22 says, Have the faith **of** God.

Alice & Jezebel account -

***** Believing that you receive a thing precedes you having it. *****

So, I asked God what **believing I received** meant. His response to me was, “Act as though you already have it.” In the case of Alice, I wanted a *Proverbs 31* wife, so I began to treat her like the *Proverbs 31* wife even though she still acted like Jezebel. I believed I received it, and I had it.

Believing we’re healed when we see it is not faith. When we see it, we don’t need faith. We need to see it in the Spirit and bring that into the natural realm. This is the fruit of “Thy will be done on earth, in this earth as it is in heaven.” Do we expect or hope? Even the carnal lame man laid at the gate beautiful expected to receive something.

Acts 3:4, 5 – “And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” ⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.”