

CALLINGS THINGS

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I want to talk about expanding the Kingdom of God in our lives and in our worlds. When I say the Kingdom of God, I'm talking about His ways being in control in our lives. I'm talking about 'as it is in Heaven, so it is in Earth, my world'. For this to happen, we must know and understand His ways. We must embrace His ways. We've already studied about His love, His character—that we see in the fruit of the Spirit—and His eternal mindset. Now we will study how He establishes His plans. How He creates. We will find that we have that same ability and we are expected to use it.

Romans 4:17

17 as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations"[a] in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

God speaks of the non-existent things as though they already existed. He called Abram the Father of many nations while Abram did not have any children. God's way of changing the things we see and establishing the things we don't see is through WORDS.

2 Corinthians 4:18

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

We referenced this when we studied the eternal mindset. We have two sets of eyes; natural and spiritual. The spirit eyes are the eye of faith. The natural eyes can only see the physical world. Temporal means subject to change.

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Get your mind off the problem. Fix your mind on the promises of God. Begin to think on the things NOT seen--the desired end result. God's Word is the establishing force of the image of unseen things. You change the things you see--your problems--with God's Word. You shape the unseen by calling things that are not as though they were. A good example is of a man 'talking' to his car when it won't start, 'you piece of junk', etc.

1 Corinthians 1:27-28

27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

Our goal is to think like God thinks. This is how He thinks. It may seem foolish to call things and speak to things, but that is what God does.

Genesis 1:3

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air,

and over the cattle, over all^[a] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Mankind has the same ability as God to use His Word and take those things that be not and bring to naught things that are. This is a direct reference to sickness and disease and any oppression of the devil. Jesus came for the express purpose to destroy the works of the devil

So, just HOW does this work?

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

The Word was God Himself. He was there from the beginning. All things were made and came into existence through Him

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

It can't get any plainer than this. The worlds were created by the Word of God. What we SEE was not made out of things that were VISIBLE.

John 1:14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend^[a] it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ^[b] 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, ^[c] and His own ^[d] did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Word became flesh. Jesus lived among us. Now, when we accept Jesus, the Word lives in us by faith. And you can speak His Words and they will create your world. They will change your circumstances. Let's watch Jesus as He operates in this Law of Creation:

Luke 8:22-25

22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. 23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing! Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Jesus speaks to the storm. Jesus said 'let's go to the other side of the lake.' The disciples said what the devil said. We are perishing! Jesus censured express severe disapproval of (someone or something), typically in a formal statement.

Meaning of rebuked: To express sharp, stern disapproval of; reprove. To voice or convey disapproval of; rebuke; to speak disapprovingly to.

Mark 5:21-43

21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. 22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet 23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." 24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

Notice where Jairus' faith was: 'Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be healed.' Notice Jesus' response: He went with Him. Notice the evil report: 'Your daughter has died.' Pay attention to Jesus' response: overhearing, but ignoring it! Jesus tells Jairus don't fear! Only KEEP believing! Notice that Jairus didn't say A WORD. He kept silent. He was hanging on to his faith. Watch Jesus: He spoke the end result! NOT WHAT HE SAW! The little girl is just sleeping. He called that which was not as though it was. THEN He SPOKE to a dead girl: Little girl, I say to you, arise from the sleep of death! AND SHE DID!!!

JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH LIVES IN YOUR SPIRIT BY FAITH AND YOU CAN SPEAK WORDS AND THEY WILL CREATE THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN! WORDS SPOKEN WILL CHANGE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Mark 11:23-24

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.

This is the Law of Faith. Agree with God and speak what He says about you and the problem. You can have what you SAY. You don't have to ACCEPT what you see now They are TEMPORAL--subject to change! They will change when you begin to call things that are not as though they are.

John 11:3-44

3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." 4 When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." 12 Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." 13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe.

Nevertheless let us go to him." **16** Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." **17** So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles[a] away. **19** And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. **20** Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. **21** Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." **22** But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." **23** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." **24** Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" **27** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." **28** And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." **29** As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly and came to Him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was[b] in the place where Martha met Him. **31** Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."^[c] **32** Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. **34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." **35** Jesus wept. **36** Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" **37** And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" **38** Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead four days.*" **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" **41** Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying.^[d] And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. **42** And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, th at they may believe that You sent Me." **43** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" **44** And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Verse 4 is when Jesus begins the miracle of raising the dead man. He called that which was not as though it was. He said this sickness was not to end in death, but would be used to glorify God. The devil intended to kill Lazarus with this sickness. Verse 11, Jesus continues speaking the desired end result. He's not talking the problem. Notice the disciples are confused; they don't understand His talk. Then He plainly tells them--he died. Verse 23, Jesus continues speaking the desired end result, even when the circumstance and the facts are screaming at Him--Lazarus died and has been in the grave for four days! Verse 41, Jesus takes action; roll away the stone; get ready to see the dead raised. Verse 42, He continue with prayers of thanksgiving. Verse 43, THEN He commanded the grave to give up the dead--and Lazarus came out!

IN CONCLUSION:

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF CIRCUMSTANCE YOU ARE FACING. IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE IT, YOU MUST QUIT TALKING THE PROBLEM AND BEGIN SPEAKING THE DESIRED END RESULT! Keep saying! Keep speaking! Keep thanking God! THE FIRST THING YOUR WORDS ARE DOING IS CAUSING FAITH TO COME! Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. You are not going to affect many things until faith comes. Your words spoken in faith is shaping the unseen. Some people don't overcome because there is no WORD in their TESTIMONY: SPEAK God's Word out of your mouth over the problem.

[All Scripture is from New King James version]