

What You Hear Determines What Is Here

Romans 10:14-17 (NKJV)

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is the result of hearing God speak, through His Word. In the passage we just read, it said we must have faith to believe in and even call on God. But, you can't believe in Him, if you haven't heard about Him. And, you can't even hear about Him, without a preacher to explain the Word. Every time the Word of God is taught, there is potential for faith to come alive in you. Because faith comes by hearing, we will examine: **What You Hear Determines What Is Here.**

Mark 5:21-24 (NKJV)

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.

Obviously Jairus had to have heard about Jesus. \ He believed Jesus could possibly do something to help his daughter. Thus, he came begging Jesus to heal her. **However, begging doesn't move the hand of God. Faith is the only thing that causes God to move.**

1. **What you hear, determines what you believe.**

Mark 5:25-34 (NKJV)

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."

Sometimes God will interrupt our regularly scheduled program to do the supernatural. Jesus is on the way to Jairus house, when a certain woman, with an issue interrupts the trip. **We thought it was a distraction. However, It was a God-ordained detour.** Jesus let's Jairus hear the woman's testimony. He shows Jairus the importance of faith, when he tells the woman, "Daughter, your faith is what made you well."

2. What you believe, influences what you say.

Luke 18:35-43 (NKJV)

35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

There are 2 realms, the seen and the unseen worlds. Everything in the seen realm came from the unseen realm. The question then becomes, **"How do I get what's in the unseen to come into the seen world?"**

FAITH IS RELEASED WITH WORDS FROM YOUR MOUTH. Faith is released with words from our mouths. The crowd of people told the blind man to be quiet. But, the ones who said it already had their sight. Don't ever allow anybody, situation, circumstance, obstacle or issue to cause you to close your mouth. **ALWAYS DELCARE WHAT YOU WANT!!**

3. **What you say, impacts what you see.**

2 Kings 6:14-17 (NKJV)

14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Until we are able to see with the eyes of faith, we are unable to believe God's report. We will believe we're outnumbered, outclassed, and out of time. But, the moment our confession lines up with the Word and the vision God placed on the canvas of our imaginations and we move in faith, our eyes will become opened. **We've got to see it in our minds in faith, so we can know it in our hearts.**

4. **What you see, affects what you know.**

1 Kings 18:41-44 (NLT)

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!"

42 So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.

43 Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.” The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, “I didn’t see anything.” Seven times Elijah told him to go and look.

44 Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, “I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.” Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don’t hurry, the rain will stop you!’”

Preparation is a key indicator of someone who is operating in faith. If you really knew what was coming next, you’d get prepared. If you were really in faith for what you’ve been asking for, you’d be clearing out space for it now. It hadn’t rained in 3 and ½ years. It didn’t look like it was going to rain. There was no evidence of rain. **BUT ELIJAH KNEW IT WAS GOING TO RAIN...HE HEARD IT!!!**

5. What you know, stimulates how you prepare.

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