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“Word-Spirit-Form Part 4”

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We are going to continue with the Word that the Lord has been giving us, and we want to begin by turning once again to Mark chapter 11, as there is a lot more in this chapter that we still need to bring out to help you understand what the Lord is saying to us in this series of newsletters entitled, “Word-Spirit-Form”.

The Lord has been saying to us that He wants us to have the same Faith that He has! You also need to understand that when Jesus was telling both the Pharisees and His Disciples in Luke 17:21 that, “...the Kingdom of God is within you”, He was also saying that, “God is within you!” God is saying the same thing to you and me today, because He wants us to understand that we cannot live by the systems of this world anymore! We are to live by His Ways, and this is the reason why Jesus declared in John 14:6, that “I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” We are to live by the Ways, Principles, and Systems of His Kingdom, because in God’s System all things operate according to His Word! God always operates out of His Ways, and not ever according to the ways of man which are carnal

and corrupt. God always operates according to what He has spoken, declared, and commanded, in His Word.

I find that a lot of Christians today are waiting for God to do something, when God has already done everything that was/is needed – on the cross! I’ve learned that we have a responsibility in things, and that a great deal depends on us doing our part. “Responsibility” means that you are expected to respond in a certain way - first. I say this, because I find a lot of ‘ifs’ throughout God’s Word, saying in so many places that, “if you do this...”, or “if you do that...”, meaning that there is a “responsibility” on our part that must be fulfilled first. Along with this responsibility, God has given us the Authority and Power in Him to do what ever is required of us! In each of these places in God’s Word, until we do our part, God must wait. He must wait for you and me to use the Authority and Power that He has already given us, before He is can move and fulfill what He has spoken, declared, or commanded in His Word.

Far too often, we are waiting on God, and He is waiting on us. He is waiting for us to grow up! He is waiting for us to come to

full maturity and use everything that He has taught us! Our mind is like a barn, and this is where all the corn (the Word of God) is gathered into and stored. Even so, that corn is not going to feed the cattle, and it is not going to reach creation, as long as it stays locked up in the barn. It is not what you know that matters, but rather how you use what you know. You must experience what you know, through walking out what you know and understand.

If you look in the scriptures, you will find that in almost every case where Jesus healed someone, He would say to them: “...thy faith hath made thee whole.” “...According to your faith be it unto you.” “...great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.” It says, “And when He saw their faith, He said...thy sins are forgiven thee.” Or, “Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.” The point is that in every case Jesus would always say something about their “FAITH”. The reason why Jesus said this was because He wanted each of them (and us) to know that, “You had/have a part in bringing about this Miracle!” They played a part in “IT”, just like the woman with the issue of blood in Matthew 9:20-22 where it says, “And, behold, a woman, which was

diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment: For she said within herself, IF I MAY BUT TOUCH HIS GARMENT, I SHALL BE WHOLE. But Jesus turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, Daughter, be of good comfort; THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE. And the woman was made whole from that hour."

The "woman" in scriptures always represents the "soul", and in this case (as well as with all of us at one time or another), the "soul" had many things wrong with it. In Mark 5:26 it says that she, "...had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse...". This poor woman had spent all that she had on trying to get healed, and still she was getting worse. No one could set her free from the afflictions of her body and soul. But that's what people do when they have something wrong in their body or soul - they seek out doctors, and counselors, and many other things to get help. Some like this poor woman, will spend all they have to be set free from their afflictions, but no matter what they try "in this world", nothing changes! This woman was looking for a Miracle! She had tried everything in this world, and then in Mark 5:27-28 (Amplified Bible) it says in verses that, "She had heard the reports (in other words, she had heard "The Word") concerning Jesus, and she came up behind (she followed) Him in the throng (crowd) and (in Faith, she reached out and) touched His garment (the Glory of God), For

she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health." You see, there was something within her that kept saying, "...If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole." When she heard the Word about Jesus, she also heard the Spirit of God within her telling her what it was that she needed to do (what her part or responsibility was) in order to be made whole. She believed the WORD she had heard, and in FAITH she acted upon IT! She pressed through the crowd believing in her heart that if she could but touch the hem of Jesus' garment, she would be restored to health and made whole - and she was! Yes, there was a crowd in the natural, but that crowd also represented obstacles that stood in her way. Obstacles that she needed to press through in order to get into the Presence of God and touch Him!

Just like that woman, you and I have to press through different things as well. Things that if we allow them to (whether consciously or subconsciously, thoughts in the mind, or things in the natural), they can very quickly become a crowd of obstacles that come between us and our relationship with the Lord! Obstacles that prevent us from entering into the Presence of God and touching Him! **Like that woman who was healed of the issue of blood, in "FAITH" we too have to press through the crowd that stands in the way of our acting upon the Word we have already heard, and from using what we have been given in Christ!** If we allow the crowd to stand in our way, and for what ever reason choose not to act in

faith - we will remain in a state of hell and continue to be afflicted in our soul, our body, and in our circumstances as well. We have to press through all the thoughts of fear, doubt, worry, unbelief, and what ever else that stands in our way. We have to press through our five senses and the carnal mind. We have to press through our problems and our circumstances with nothing in mind but the goal of touching His garment, because "His Garment" represents "the Nature of God", and "the Hem of His Garment" speaks of "the Word of God". **We must "IN FAITH" do as Paul wrote in Philippians 3:14** (Amplified Bible), "...press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward", **because there is something about touching God's Word and His Nature that brings change!**

The woman with the issue of blood had spent all she had on doctors and other things trying to get help; but it was not until "...she heard the reports (Word) concerning Jesus," and by faith chose to act by pressing through the crowd to "touch His garment", that she was finally made whole. And yet, when you read the scriptures it was not the act of her touching the hem of Jesus garment that made her whole, **Jesus said that it was her "FAITH" that made her whole.** Why? Because "FAITH" IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY THING! FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR ENTIRE WALK WITH GOD! "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just

shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17).

In Mark chapter 11 Jesus was talking about speaking to the mountains, and the first thing He said before getting into this was, "Have faith in God." Then, in the very next verse (verse 23) Jesus said, "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." In this verse Jesus was speaking about "Faith", as well as the need to speak to the mountains. There are many different kinds of mountains. There are natural mountains in this world; but in the Word of God "mountains" can also represent obstacles and barriers that stand in the way of people's lives and prevent them from moving forward. Mountains can represent different kingdoms in the realm of the spirit that try to rule over people's lives (both in the natural and invisible realms), and just like mountains in the naturals, these kingdoms keep everything and everyone under their domain in a state of darkness by casting shadows over them (within their mind/soul). By keeping people in a constant state of darkness, the rulers of these kingdoms control and manipulate these people through lies, keeping them bound and away from seeing the Light/Truth of God that will set them free.

Mountains can also be representative of thoughts, concepts, ideas, teachings, or beliefs in the mind that have

taken such a prominent place in people's lives, that they have actually become an idol or god to them. There are a lot of people standing on, or in the shadow of many different kinds of mountains today, and until the mountains are removed and cast into the sea, these people will not be able to experience the Liberty, Light, and Kingdom of God!

As I said, there are many kinds of mountains, and there are many people on the mountain of fear today. There are many others on the mountains of stress, anger, and hate. As you can see, there are many minds in the world on many different kinds mountains. There are also many minds today that are on "Mount Sinai", which represents "the law of religion". These are the people who through their long list of do and don'ts are trying to please God and work their way into heaven. They are hoping and praying that one day they will be good enough, and that God will accept them for all their good works. Just like Cain, these people are all going to be very disappointed, because if you truly understand what God was saying to Cain and Abel back in Genesis, you will see that He was not saying anything different to them, than He spoke to Israel in Deuteronomy 11:26-28. God is consistent throughout His Word! What said in Deuteronomy 11:26-28 was this: "Behold, I set before you this day A BLESSING and A CURSE; A BLESSING, IF YE OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, which I command you this day: AND A CURSE, IF YE WILL NOT OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD...". All

that Cain and Abel had to do to please God, was IN FAITH, OBEY HIS COMMANDMENT BY DOING WHAT HE ASKED THEM TO DO, and what God had asked them to do was, they each had to sacrifice a lamb to Him. Nothing more and nothing less would be accepted! Abel had both an understanding of God's Word, and of how He operated. Abel acted in Faith, and in obedience to God it says in Genesis 4:4 that Abel, "...brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof."

However, it says that "Cain was a tiller of the ground", and instead of obeying God, it says in verse 3 that, "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD." But God never operates outside of His Word, and as a result of the choices Cain and Abel made, it says in Genesis 4:4 -5 says that, "...the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect...". Why? Because Abel understood God's Word and His Ways, but Cain did not! Cain through his religious beliefs thought that God would accept his sacrifice and respect him for all of his hard work and good intentions - but God did not. God did however, out of His Mercy and Love for Cain, offered Cain another chance to earn His respect by doing what was asked of him in the first place. It says in Genesis 4:6-7 (Amplified Bible) that, "...the Lord said to Cain, WHY ARE YOU ANGRY? And why do you look sad and depressed and dejected? IF YOU DO WELL (what I asked you to do in the first place), WILL YOU

NOT BE ACCEPTED? And IF YOU DO NOT DO WELL (what I asked you to do, then), SIN CROUCHES AT YOUR DOOR; ITS DESIRE IS FOR YOU, BUT YOU MUST MASTER IT."

Instead of listening to God and choosing to act in faith, Cain chose to rebel against God and His Word by bowing down to his anger that was within him. Instead of taking authority over and speaking to the mountain of anger that he was on, Cain became one with it (anger) and sinned. Verse 8 says, "...Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him." Not only that, but Cain also tried to hide what he had done, by burying Abel in the ground; and when God asked Cain where Abel was, he lied to God saying, "...I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

In 1Samuel 15:23, God spoke to Saul, after he too, did what he thought was right, rather than obey the commandment of God, and through Samuel, God said, "...Behold, TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND TO HEARKEN than the fat of rams. For REBELLION IS AS THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT, AND STUBBORNNESS IS AS INIQUITY AND IDOLATRY. Because thou hast rejected the Word of the LORD, He hath also rejected thee from being king."

How many people are going to be distraught when they come before the Lord believing and saying within, "I am a good person, and every good thing that I have ever done is what is going to get me there. I have fasted all week. I have prayed constantly. That is going to get me there."? Yes, these things are good, and they do help you in your walk, but the truth of the matter is: that

it is what Jesus Christ did on the cross that is going to get us there, and that is the reason why Jesus said in John 19:30, "IT IS FINISHED." "And, having made Peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:20). The Bible says that there is going to be a lot of weeping and gnashing of teeth, and this will come when God says to all these people just as He had to do with Cain, that He does not respect, and cannot accept their offerings of good works. A lot of people are trying to be good enough for God through all kinds of religious ceremonies and rituals that can never change the inner man. The wailing and gnashing of teeth that is spoken of in God's Word, is all of these people crying out when God says to them, "I cannot accept you based on what you have done. The only thing that I can accept is what was finished on the cross! In Christ you are blameless, and I do not blame you for anything. You have been made Holy only by what I have done, and not by anything you have done." In the Amplified Bible, Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take

glory to himself.]". People have to understand that God operates out of His Word.

As we have said, there are many people on different mountains. You have mountains in your life as well. Many times that mountain in your life might be a circumstance you are going through, and you have difficulty getting passed it. No matter what it is, the situation may look impossible to you in the natural, and your carnal mind may be telling you that it's impossible as well, but I have learned that we should never, ever say that "it is impossible." Jesus said in Mark 10:27 that, "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

With this in mind, in everything that you go through remember that the lesson that God is trying to teach you is that, **ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE IN HIM**, so stop murmuring and complaining and talking about your problems all the time! Except for sharing your situation(s) with the person(s) that God tells you to in order for them to support you in prayer, you are to speak the Word only. God is trying to get us to understand that **we are to speak only what God has already spoken to us about our situation(s)**. Why? Because God said in Isaiah 55:8-9, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." God's Ways work!

In the 3-1/2 years that Jesus was with His disciples, He was constantly saying that they can

do the same things that He can do. He demonstrated over and over again how He would do things, and what Jesus would do all the time is speak to "it" (whatever "it" might be), and "it" would have to obey Him! He would speak to the storm. He would speak to the disease. He would speak to the problem or situation in front of Him, but Jesus would never go around talking about "it" to this person and that person. He would just speak to "it" and "it" would obey Him. He would speak to "it" and bring forth change. Do you hear what the Spirit is saying here?

To give you an example, I remember one day in particular many years ago when the Lord spoke to me and said that He wanted me to go to a particular place that day. In obedience to the Lord I got ready, climbed into my truck and turned the key - but it would not start. Several people had borrowed my truck to do things they needed to do in the past few days, and it had worked fine. Now here I am, I have to go somewhere, and it would not start. I tried and tried, but it would not start. So you know what I did? I got out of the truck, laid my hands on "it", and said, "Look, I need to go somewhere." When I got back in the truck "it" started right up.

Now you probably think that I'm nuts, but I really did things like that. Why? Because when it wouldn't start, I said, "God, you told me that you wanted me to go somewhere today, and I know that I heard you clearly on this - but now my truck won't start. What am I supposed to do?" Then God spoke to me and said, "Joyce, "it" is just a "thing". The

truck is just a thing, Joyce. Speak to the "thing." So in faith, and with the Word that God had just spoken to my heart, I got out and spoke to the "thing". The "thing" obeyed me and started right up!

This week, my computer went wacky. It kept freezing up; and when it did run, it would either run very slowly so that it would take a very long time to do the least little thing, or error messages would keep popping up. We have noticed over the years, that ever time God is using us to do something to bring a great change in the realm of the spirit, and/or when He is having us do something new in the natural to reach out and minister to others around the world - whether it be through the newsletters, tapes or CDs, the radio, or something else; and especially when there is an important Word that God wants put on the radio or to be sent out on tape/CD of something that He had us minister here on a particular Sunday - one thing after another with our electronic equipment will go wrong. Either, the Word/Message will not record; something will go wacky with our computers or printers; our tape machine will break down so that we cannot copy things for a while - some "thing" or "things" will act up, because the enemy does not want this Word to get out, and for change to occur!

I remember when God first opened the doors for us to begin sending tapes into Africa and India. Every time we tried to copy the tapes to send to Africa and India, they would either not copy properly, or the tape duplicating machines would not

work at all. We could copy them to send to other places, but if they were going to be sent to Africa or India, they would not work properly. Once again (just like with my truck), the Lord said, "Speak to "it, Joyce. You have got to deal with what is in the invisible realm, because what is in the invisible realm does not want these Truths to go abroad into Africa and India. Speak to "it", and take authority over "it" with the Power I have given you in Christ. You are not up against flesh and blood Joyce. That is not the problem." Ephesians 6:10-12 says that we must, "...be strong in the Lord, and in the Power of His Might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." When we started speaking to "it" and laying hands on the "things" that were not doing what they were supposed to do - they all started working properly. It was amazing!

In Matthew 17:14-20 it says that a certain man came to Jesus, "...kneeling down to Him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to Me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour."

Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?" Sometimes you have got to speak to the mountain, and just as Jesus had done using the example of the fig tree in Mark chapter 11, Jesus used this opportunity to once again teach His disciples the importance of putting FAITH into action, and that no matter what the form the "mountain" took on to block their way, **that even with the smallest amount of Faith put into action - when you speak to that "mountain", "it" must obey you!** When Jesus' disciples asked Him why they couldn't cast the devil/spirit out of that man's son, in Matthew 17:20, "...Jesus said unto them, BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF: for verily I say unto you, IF YE HAVE FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, YE SHALL SAY UNTO THIS MOUNTAIN, REMOVE HENCE TO YONDER PLACE; AND IT SHALL REMOVE; and NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTO YOU."

The question this brings up is: Why do people doubt? Why do you doubt? I'll tell you why, because if you don't see "it" come to pass and manifest right away ("it" being the end result of either what God spoke to you, or what you spoke or prayed for), then you begin to reason why or why not in your carnal mind. You begin to doubt if you heard God correctly, or if you did something wrong. Then you begin to worry and try to figure out what it is that you can do, or say, or pray to cause it to happen quicker! But the truth of the matter is: if you truly believed when you spoke to the mountain in front of you, then your Faith would not waver

just because you didn't see it come to pass that instant. And if you truly believed, you wouldn't be concerned and keep asking God, "When Lord? When will "it" happen?" Because within your heart of hearts you know that it does not truly matter when; you are content in just knowing and trusting that "it" will happen in the Lord's perfect timing. When you were young in the Lord, sometimes God would do things very quickly; but the reason He did this was to increase your faith and show you that there is something to this. Now He is trying to get you to grow up and to walk by Faith, and not by sight. Jesus said in Matthew 6:18,27, and 33-34 (NKJV) that, "...your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him... WHICH OF YOU BY WORRYING can add one cubit to his stature?... seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these THINGS shall be added to you. Therefore DO NOT WORRY about tomorrow...". He was telling His disciples (back then and us today) that all of your WORRYING is not going to change your circumstances - and it certainly is not walking by Faith. **The Father already knows what are needs are, and our focus is to be on seeking Him** (having a relationship with Him and coming to know Him and His Ways), **His Kingdom** (Righteousness, Peace, and Joy), **and His Righteousness** (allowing Him to change our nature so that we will be like Him), **knowing and trusting within that He will meet our needs and do all that He has spoken to us in His Word, as well as what He has spoken to us personally. Jesus**

was also teaching them and us, the importance of Words - the Words God speaks, the Words we speak, and how we are to speak them - because "WORDS" are "THINGS" that take on form!

In the same way that not one Word Jesus spoke will ever fall to the ground, the same is true with you and I when we walk in Faith, abide in Christ, and speak under the anointing that God has placed on our lives, because when we do, the Word and Spirit are going forth to create or accomplish whatever God though us has sent them to do. Just as God said in Isaiah 55:11, "SO SHALL MY WORD BE that goeth forth out of My mouth: IT shall not return unto Me void, but IT shall accomplish that which I please, and IT shall prosper in the THING whereto I sent IT." Jesus was trying to teach His disciples that the same is true with each WORD that we speak forth in FAITH. Jesus said that if we "have Faith as a grain of a mustard seed", that whatever we say unto the "mountain", "it" must obey! Why? Because, "it" is a "thing"! A "Word" is also a "thing" that when spoken in "Faith", must take on the "form" of, and/or accomplish all that "it" (the Word) was sent to do or become. "It" cannot return void!

Going back to what Jesus said in Mark chapter 11, Jesus went on to say in verse 24 (NKJV) that, "...whatever THINGS you ask when you pray, BELIEVE THAT YOU RECEIVE THEM, and YOU WILL HAVE THEM." Unfortunately what often happens with this scripture is that we put it to use and apply it to our lives, by believing that we have received what we spoke into

being or prayed for in Faith. Then we start telling others about what we prayed in Faith, but as is the case so much of the time, "it" doesn't manifest right away, and like many others we become discouraged, feel foolish for having told others, and because we don't see "it" come to pass or manifest right away we begin to reason why or why not in our carnal mind. We begin to doubt if we heard God correctly, or if we did something wrong. Then we start to worry and try to figure out what it is that we can do, say, or pray to cause it to come to pass quicker!

But the thing that we truly need to understand and remember here, is that the "Word" is like a "sperm"; and when it goes forth and is mixed with Faith, just as in the natural it takes a certain amount of time (God only knows how much time) for what was conceived in Faith to be birthed forth into the natural. It is conceived in your heart through a union with God Himself, and when God has spoken to you that without a doubt He is going to heal you, or He is going to prosper you, or whatever "it" is that God spoke to you, it is God Himself that has put that desire in your heart to ask, pray, or speak into being, because this is a "thing" that pleases Him. We are told in Psalms 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Why? Because when you delight yourself in the Lord, He puts the desires in your that He would have you ask for, pray for, or speak into being - believing in Faith without a doubt in your heart that you will receive

"them", no matter what mountain or mountains may stand in your way, that, "If ye have faith, and doubt not, ... if ye shall say unto this mountain (or mountains), Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; IT SHALL BE DONE. And ALL THINGS, WHATSOEVER YE ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING, YE SHALL RECEIVE." (Matthew 21:21-22). No matter what the mountain or mountains in our life are, God has given us the Authority and Power through Christ to speak to them, and they must obey, that the fulfillment of the desires of our heart that God gave to us, might be birthed forth and manifest in the natural. You and I must continue to believe no matter what we see with our natural eyes, and no matter how long in the natural it may take, knowing that the Father's timing for things is always Perfect and Right!

God is the only one that truly knows how long it will take for that mountain to be gone, and for His Word (that same Word/desire that He put in your heart to pray for and believe that you would receive) to manifest and bear the fruit of what was promised and conceived in your heart. Unfortunately the problem with us is that far too often if "it" doesn't come to pass in the first month or two, we start to enter into doubt and unbelief, and just like a child conceived in a natural womb, we can actually cause what was conceived initially in Faith, to be aborted. What we need to understand and remember, is that God uses these things to work His Nature into you. The only way that you can gain in the area of "Patience" in

your life, is through having to endure and wait for "things". Far too often we defeat ourselves just because "it" doesn't happen when or how we think it should.

If you really and truly believed God when you asked Him for whatever "it" was or is - then your actions, speech, and behavior would be different. Instead of asking God "when" all the time, you would be rejoicing in the Lord, because Jesus declared on the cross that, "IT is finished." If you asked for a healing in your body while believing in your heart that you would receive "it" - until "it" manifests in "its" entirety, knowing as well that Jesus completed "it" on the cross, if any feelings of pain or other symptoms try to arise then you need to speak to your body (the mountain) and say, "Body, get in line with the Word. I am not going to go by my feelings, ...but by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God." I am going to go by what God has spoken to me, and not by feelings." Whatever you have prayed believing that you will receive "it" (no matter what "it" is), if you do not see the full manifestation of "it" right away, do not begin to judge and reason things out with the five senses and carnal mind. Instead, **ARISE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD, AND IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST BEGIN TO SPEAK THE WORD ONLY TO YOUR SITUATION, TO YOUR BODY, TO YOUR FINANCES, OR WHATEVER "IT" MAY BE - AND INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS AND GIVING STRENGTH TO THAT THING THAT IS**

CONTRARY TO THE WORD OF GOD - SPEAK THE WORD ONLY AND REJOICE THAT "IT" IS FINISHED!

If nothing else in this message gets through to you today, I pray that you will take hold of and put to use this one thing in your life. **SPEAK THE WORD ONLY**, because when you begin to focus on and talk about your problems and situations (those things that are contrary to the Word of God) all the time, without realizing it, you have walked out of the realm of the Spirit, Life, and of Faith, and you have begun to walk in the carnal mind where you are actually feeding and strengthening those things in your life that you want to come to an end. Romans 8:6-7 says, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded is Life and Peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity (the enemy) against God...". By talking about your problems all the time, you are actually speak out of the carnal mind a word that is contrary to THE WORD OF GOD, and by doing so you are causing the Word that you initially prayed while believing in Faith that you would receive "it", to be aborted. In other words, rather than the Words you spoke and prayed in Faith producing Life and giving birth to the desires the Lord put in your heart, you are in fact speaking death to what was conceived in your heart by Faith, because when you walk in and speak out of the carnal mind you are at times without realizing it, rejecting the Word of God, and surrendering control of that area

of your life to the enemy. Do you see now how serious this is?

It's just like the parable of the seed-sower where Jesus said in Matthew 13:18-23 (Amplified Bible), "Listen then to the [meaning of the] parable of the sower: While anyone is hearing the Word of the Kingdom and does not grasp and comprehend IT, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the roadside. As for what was sown on thin (rocky) soil, this is he who hears the Word and at once welcomes and accepts IT with joy; Yet IT has no real root in him, but is temporary (inconstant, lasts but a little while); and when affliction or trouble or persecution comes on account of the Word, at once he is caused to stumble [he is repelled and begins to distrust and desert Him Whom he ought to trust and obey] and he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the pleasure and delight and glamour and deceitfulness of riches choke and suffocate the Word, and IT yields no fruit. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps and comprehends IT; he indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another sixty times as much, and in another thirty."

Like the seed-sower, in Faith you are sowing the Word that God has given you, knowing and believing that that Word will take on form. You may not know exactly when that Word is going to take on form, and like a farmer when he puts that seed in the ground, that farmer knows that he must protect that "seed" or

"it" will be aborted and die, not yielding any harvest in its time.

The farmer knows that just like in the parable above, the seed must be planted in good soil. You are the soil that God has chosen to plant His seed in, and in Luke 8:11 it says that, "... the seed is the Word of God." The Word/Seed that God has planted within us must be digested by you and me in order for it to bring forth much fruit, but the parable of the seed-sower explains why different individuals do not produce the Fruits/Nature of the Lord for Him to harvest unto Himself. Many do not produce thirty, sixty, or one hundred-fold of that which is sown into them, because according to this parable, even though many initially received the Seed/Word that was sown in them with a measure of Faith, they did not continue in the Faith of Christ to hold onto, focus on, and feed on the Seed/Word that was sown in them. Instead, many people begin to focus more on the cares of this world, the afflictions, problems, and sometimes persecutions that they go through (in other words, the negative things that people experience in their lives and focus on in their minds). With others it is their great desire for the things of this world and/or the lusts of the flesh. All of these things have no life in them, and they will choke out, suffocate, and steal the Seed/Word that God has planted in your heart if you choose to feed upon them, and live either on, or in the shadows of the mountains they produce. Thoughts like anger, unforgiveness towards others, hate, lust; any thought that is contrary to the Word of God and

you choose to yield your will to it, becomes sin - and the wages of sin is death. Any thought that you choose to feed upon which is contrary to the Word of God, will choke out the Seed/Word within you, and you will not produce the Fruits of the Spirit.

But God Loves us, and I have seen Him do this time and time again. He will bring forth a Word that people will hear with joy and excitement, not understanding that coming right behind that Word is "tribulation." People don't always understand or realize that when God gives you a Word - a test is coming! Every time God gives you a Word a test will always follow after "IT". Have you ever noticed that a good schoolteacher will teach you everything they know on a particular subject, whether it be: English, Arithmetic, History, or whatever the subject may be, but soon after that teacher will always follow what he or she has taught you with a test of some kind. Many times you would not know when, or in what form that test would be in, so you had to study to show yourself approved, and be ready all the time. I remember back in high-school that one of the things that I feared the most, was that I would fail my tests. Since that time, God has taught me that when you think that way (that you will fail), then that is generally what will happen.

Now have you ever noticed that when teachers would give you a test, they would not talk to you during that test? Well God is the same way. He will speak to you, and He will give you His Word to teach you of His Ways, but when the time comes for you

to be tested, He will withdraw Himself for a time. He will never leave you or forsake you. He will only pull back to where you cannot hear His voice, and just like Jesus in Matthew chapter 4: you too will be led into the wilderness where a situation will come to test you. While you are there God is saying to Himself, "Are they going to use what I gave them? Are they going to use MY WORD? Are they going to walk in MY WAYS? I hope they do! Have they got IT yet? I hope they do!" God sits back and says nothing to you during this time, but often you will say, "Where did He go? Why isn't He here? Why isn't God talking to me?" He isn't talking to you because you need to be tested to show you where we are at in Him. To show you where you have grown, your strengths, and weaknesses; as well as to bring those things in us that are still not like Him to the surface, so that we can see these things for what they are, and lay them down for Him to consume.

In school, the teacher sits very patiently behind his or her desk and waits. When the test is over they gather up the tests to take home and mark with an A, B, C, D, or F. God also waits very patiently for you while you are being tested after each Word He teaches us.

Look at Jesus and what He went through, because He too was tested in the wilderness just like you and me. Immediately after Jesus was baptized by John, it says in Matthew 4:1, "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." In the original Greek, that word "tempted" means: to test (objectively), scrutinize, entice,

discipline, examine, prove, tempt, and to try. Jesus was led by the Spirit of God into the wilderness to be tested and tried by the spirit of Satan, but you need to remember that Satan can only operate through the carnal mind. **When you look at Matthew chapter 4 you can clearly see that Jesus rose above and passed each test/temptation by knowing the Word of God and Who He truly was.** Jesus never once gave Satan even the smallest opening to come in and express himself through the natural/carnal mind that resided within the man Jesus, because Jesus never once yielded to His self-will. **In all things, Jesus walked continually in the mind of Christ, and the mind of Christ is the Word and the Spirit of God operating as ONE to do the will of the Father.**

Jesus said in John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me", and in all things Jesus demonstrated the Way, the Truth, and the Life for ALL that are called to follow after Him and Overcome ALL THINGS in the same way that He did - through the Word and the Spirit of God! In every situation, and in everything that Satan spoke to Jesus to try and bring Him down, Jesus always answered with the WORD! Jesus would always say, "It is written...", "It is written...", "It is written...", because He knew the WORD, and in everything He applied IT to His Life!

In Matthew 4:8-9 it says, "Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto Him, All these things will I give

Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.” And what did Jesus do? In Matthew 4:10 it says that, *“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.”* There are times when your soul begins to entertain certain thoughts that come in your mind - thoughts that do not line up with the Word of God; and in these times the serpent will come to feed off of the carnality in you. The serpent cannot feed off of the mind of Christ, or the positive things that bring Life. The serpent can only feed off of the negative where there is no Life, because he is cursed to eat the dust, just like it says in Genesis 3:14. *“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed...upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”* The serpent can only feed off of the “dust”, which represents the negative, carnal thoughts of man. He is cursed to crawl upon his belly, which means that the only thing that moves him to do anything are the appetites of the flesh. That is the only thing that the serpent can feed off of, so when the soul has a union with the carnal mind it produces dust - carnal, lifeless thoughts for the serpent to feed upon; and, because the serpent is also a thief, he steals your joy, your peace, your happiness, and the Truth (Seed/Word) that God has sowed into your heart/soul and mind.

The serpent comes as a liar and a thief, and with his words he convinces you that what he is saying is true. Then the moment you start agreeing with him you

begin to get depressed, but Jesus never went there in His mind! Jesus always said, *“IT is written...”*. No matter what Satan would say to Him, Jesus would declare, *“IT IS WRITTEN...”*.

Can you imagine for a moment a line stretched from the beginning all the way through eternity itself; and on this long line envision a single dot. That little tiny dot represents you and me. It also represents our journey here which is so very short in comparison with eternity. God is both the Beginning and the End, and He is here forever. God is so amazing and so very large. He is all that He is, and yet out of all creation and all of time, He chose you and me at this very point in time for His Purpose and for His Glory. He told you your purpose here, and that this is just a journey that you are passing through, when you were yet WITH HIM, and IN HIM before you entered the body you have now - even before the foundation of the world itself. God even spoke to Jeremiah of this in Jeremiah 1:5, and of how He knew him then, saying, *“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”* And Ephesians 1:3-5 says, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath (past tense) blessed us with all Spiritual Blessings IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST: According as HE HATH (past tense) CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, that we should be Holy and without blame before Him IN LOVE: HAVING*

PREDESTINATED US unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will...”.

Compared to eternity we are here for just a moment, and this is the reason why God said in Colossians 3:2, *“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”*

The world is always trying to distract and tempt us with one thing or another, always trying to get us to set our affections on the things of this world. Now God does not mind that you have things, but He does not want those “things” to pull you away from the things above, from your relationship with Him, and from His purpose in sending you into the world at this very important point in time.

When you truly come to understand that what we do here is so vitally important to the Father’s plan, and for creation overall (even more so than we can comprehend just yet); and when you truly get caught up in Christ where you become completely dead to everything in this world and in your soul - then none of the stuff this world (and the serpent through it) is trying to distract you with will matter!

God is also trying to bring us to the place where all of the little things that we get so upset over - all of the silly little things and disagreements that seem to occupy so much of our minds and lives at times now - will mean nothing at all. Those things will no longer be important to you, because they will have been replaced by that which is important, the eternal, and the reason why you are here.

Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 27:37-39) And, "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you..." (Matthew 7:12 - NASB). We are God's Ambassadors! The Lord Jesus Christ is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, and He is resides within us. His Kingdom is within us, and He wants to be the King over our lives. He wants to rule our life and be Supreme, but in order for Him to be Supreme in us and through us He must rule over our mind. He wants to rule over our soul, our thoughts, our actions, and our tongue. He wants to rule over our tongue because no matter how hard we try, we cannot tame our tongue. You cannot tame it, and I cannot tame it. James 3:8 in the Amplified Bible says, "...the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison." God is the only one who can tame our tongue. In Proverbs 23:15-16 in the Amplified Bible, God says, "My son, if your heart is wise, My Heart will be glad, even Mine; YES, MY HEART WILL REJOICE WHEN YOUR LIPS SPEAK RIGHT THINGS."

We are Ambassadors of the Lord God Almighty, and everybody is looking at us. We are representing His Kingdom, and the reason why every one is looking at us is because they want to know what this Kingdom is like. They are thinking, "Wow! These people are different. Their

conversation is different. Their conversation is always Heavenly. Who do they represent?"

I want you to understand what that word "Ambassador" means, because it is important that you understand what an Ambassador is, being that you are an Ambassador of Christ and the Kingdom of God. In the Webster's Dictionary it says that an Ambassador is: "a diplomatic official of the highest rank, sent from one country to another as its representative." That means that you are an official of the highest rank in the Kingdom of all kingdoms. The Webster's Dictionary also says that an Ambassador is: "a minister of the highest rank employed by one prince or state, at the court of another, to manage the public concerns of his own prince or state, and representing the power and dignity of his sovereign. An Ambassador is also a messenger." You are a part of God's Government and you are representing Him and His Kingdom to the nations of the earth. An Ambassador is assigned to a particular country or nation, and they are assigned or given a particular mission there. In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus told His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." In Mark 13:9-11 He told them, "But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought

before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them. And the Gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost." And in Luke 24:47-49, Jesus told them, "...that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name AMONG ALL THE NATIONS, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with Power from on High."

An Ambassador is empowered to negotiate treaties and is an authorized messenger. As an Ambassador of the Almighty God you bring with you the message of the Kingdom of God. You are Living Epistles, just as Paul wrote in 2Corinthians 2:2-3, "...Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN; Forasmuch as YE ARE MANIFESTLY DECLARED TO BE THE EPISTLE OF CHRIST ministered by us, WRITTEN NOT WITH INK, BUT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD; NOT IN TABLES OF STONE, BUT IN FLESHLY TABLES OF THE HEART." Just as Jesus is the Word of God, we are His Living Word in the earth today; and as you walk out the Word, people are looking at the Word of God. In John 1:14 (Amplified Bible) it declares, "And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of

flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His Glory (His Honor, His Majesty), such Glory as an only begotten Son receives from His Father, Full of Grace (Favor, Loving-Kindness) and Truth." First God made the Word to become flesh, and now as we yield our hearts and will to Him, He is making our Flesh to become the Word! When you walk in the Spirit in union with Christ - people are looking at the Word made flesh once again!

Everybody around us is speaking so negatively all the time, but in Christ we are here speaking a Creative, Living Word that is bringing a change! We are speaking positive "things" when so many others are depressed and without hope! We are like Paul when the ship he was on was about to sink in the storm, saying, "...I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship." (Acts 27:22). Why did God bring the storm upon the ship? Because the ship represented the world, and just like back then with Paul, there are many storms taking place in the world around us today. There are also a lot of people that are in fear for their life.

Just as with Paul on that ship, God has not forsaken the people and left them alone and without hope. Just as He used Paul back then, God has His Messengers positioned in the earth today that will speak forth the Word of the Almighty God, and bring hope to those who believe they have none. You are God's Messenger and Ambassador, and when the people see you having "...put on God's complete armor, that you

may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the Belt of Truth around your loins and having put on the Breastplate of Integrity and of Moral Rectitude and Right Standing with God, And having Shod your Feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of Peace. Lift up over all the [covering] Shield of Saving Faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And take the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God."

(Amplified Bible - Ephesians 6:13-17). You are the Word of God, and yet there will be times when you won't have to say anything, because when people look at you all they will see is Jesus! How many times do people come up to you even now, and say, "You look so peaceful. Why do you look so peaceful?"

Every Miracle that Jesus performed was done on the Sabbath Day. Why? Because the Sabbath was created for man, and because Jesus was ONE with the Father! He also did all that He did on the Sabbath, to demonstrate to man that it was by Grace that they would be saved, and not by works of the flesh. That obedience was better than sacrifice, and that in the Rest that God created for man, if man would live by Faith rather than works and worry, seeking first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness rather than the

things of this world, that God would meet his every need, whether it be food, clothing, or even the healing of their body. That if they would take up their cross and follow Him, they would be as those that John wrote of in Revelations 14:13 where he said, "...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." These are a people that have come to the end of themselves. Hebrews 4:10 says, "For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His."

Jesus only did those things that He saw the Father doing, and He only spoke what He heard the Father telling Him to speak, because Jesus understood what we all should, but too often forget, "For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." (John 6:38). As Sons and Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God we are not here do are own will, but the will of Him that sent us. To do this we must enter into His Rest by Faith, where we come to the end of ourselves, and allow the works of Christ to flow through us and be seen by others. "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (Hebrews 4:11).

All of creation needs to see that there is a People who knows their God personally, and that through their union with Him, they have come to both know and walk His Ways forever! To God be the Glory forever. Amen!

(To be completed in Part 5)