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"Word-Spirit-Form Part 2"

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The Lord's Words will minister to you and give you what you need. So God wants you to sit there and pull it out. That's important, because if you are hungry, you will pull it out. If you are not hungry, you will just sit there. I don't know how far we will get today, but there is such an excitement that I have within me on the Word today! Every level that the Lord brings us into, the more things that just keep jumping out in His Word! Some things we have seen before, but the deeper we go in Him, there are different meanings and understandings that God brings out at different times when you get in the Word! It is very exciting!

One particular time when I was ministering in prison years ago, we taught on how words are extremely important and especially how important God's Word is. You know this, but I believe that you will see an even greater importance in this truth, as we continue with this Word and see what God wants to bring out today. We will see how far we get, but the interesting thing that we learned last week was that the very "THING" that God wanted, He spoke "IT" into being.

You need to understand that everything that God spoke was God's Word, and that God's Word is "a Holy Thing." Even in Luke 1:35 where it says, "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also THAT HOLY THING which shall be born of thee shall be called THE SON OF GOD." When God sent His angel to speak to Mary, He was saying that "Christ" was to be formed within her womb, and He called "IT" "that HOLY THING" because "IT" (THE WORD OF GOD) had not yet taken on form (the form of God) yet. John 1:1 and verse 14 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us....", "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men...". (Philippians 2:6-7). "IT" is the evidence of things not seen; and that is what Faith is. "It" is "the evidence of things not seen," and "the substance of things we hope for." (Hebrews 11:1).

Many, many, many times throughout His Word, God has said things, and what He spoke came to pass. In Isaiah 55:11, God said, "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."

When I was ministering at Lorton Prison years ago, God began to explain to us that when we speak negative words, those negative words go into the atmosphere and strengthen every negative word that someone else is speaking out there as well. If I have a lot of anger and speak this anger and what is in my natural/carnal mind, rather than being as it is written in James 1:19-20 where it says, "... let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God", then we only strengthen the anger that is in others. Far too often we are quick to speak! It's okay to be angry; but it is important to express that anger out of the mind of Christ, speaking only what and when God tells you to speak. The Lord showed me a long time ago, that if I have a lot of anger in me, and I speak the

anger that is in my mind (rather than being slow to speak and slow to wrath like He has said), the only thing that keeps me from having a relationship with any person, is a word or a thought. That a word spoken in anger, or even a negative thought towards any individual, will put up walls of division in the mind. He explained to me that when we choose to speak out of hatred and anger, or even to dwell on the negative thoughts and emotions within the mind, it just gives energy to what is already there in the atmosphere and strengthens it! Back then, He made it clear and gave us an understanding of how important our "words" are; but today, we are seeing an even greater understanding of how important our "words" are! The Father is teaching us; and making even clearer the fact that we are in the world, but not of the world; and that in the Kingdom of God, there is a different conversation.

In the Kingdom of God, God's speech is different from that of the world. The way God says things is different. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. In the world, it is all negative. In the world, it is all doubt. It is all fear. It is all hate. It is all anger. In the world, everything revolves around time.

But in the Kingdom (which is the Garden of Eden) there is no time, so time is running out. Time and the eternal realm are coming together, and when God is finished, He will consume the realm of time that is in the earth and that is in man's mind! When He has established the Kingdom in the earth, then the Kingdom will be nothing but an eternal

realm. Your time is running out because you are beginning to understand that you are in the world, but not of the world.

You need to understand that God is not in time, and this is the reason why when He says that His promise will come to you "soon", you have no idea of when "His soon" is, because "God's soon" is different from the kingdoms in this world. This is also the reason why when God speaks a Word to you, there is (in the natural) a space of time that passes before whatever He has promised you comes to pass, because while you are waiting He is using everything that He spoke to work His patience into you. He is also doing a work in you as you continue to believe, to establish what He has spoken, so that by Faith you will come to understand that what He has said, He will also perform, because God is, who He is! In Romans 4:21-25 it says (concerning both Abraham and us), "And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, ...; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead...".

So, whatever promise God has made to you, there is a space of patience and waiting; but God sees "IT" already done! This is the kind of Faith that He is trying to work in you and me. He is trying to get us to understand that it is already done, but far too often we still go along with the world: by what we see, by what we hear, and by what we feel.

Words are so important, and yet regrettably it still takes time for you and me to come into the place where we truly believe what the Father says to us.

It just amazes me how God just spoke and said, "Let there be cattle...", and all of the sudden there they were! In Genesis 1:24-25 it says, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good." None of these things existed until God spoke them into being. Everything He spoke came into being, "...and God saw that it was good." But when it came to man, it says in Genesis 1:31, "And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." He said, "It is very good," because He could have a relationship with man. He created man to look like Him, and He said, "It is very good." You see, first God created "IT"; then "IT" took on form. When God created "IT", He spoke "IT" and a creative Word came out of Him by His Spirit. Everything that comes out of the Spirit by the mouth of God, you can know for sure that "IT" will take on form. It also takes time for "IT" to come into that form!

In Hebrews 11:3 there is something that you have both read and heard many times; but today we want to elaborate on it some more, because you must get hold of this. This is what is going to bring God's Sons into the

manifestation of His Glory. This is what is going to bring about what God desires, because what He has spoken shall come to forth and be as He wants "IT" to be!

Hebrews 11:3 says, "*Now Faith is the substance...*" **Substance means: assurance; and Faith, is confidence.** You need to have the understanding that when you have problems or complications in your life; or if you are sick in your body and/or need deliverance; or maybe you need your finances to change (and some of you do need a healing, deliverance, and/or you need your finances to change, but); **God has already made the provision for every thing that you have need of, and He did "IT" on the cross!** That is why Jesus declared, "*It is finished.*" He did it all on the cross! There is not one thing more that you and I have to wait **for Him to do**, because He has already done everything that He is going to do! "*It is finished.*"

He is now teaching you and me how to obtain every promise that He has made to us! Really and truly, Faith is the seat and foundation of everything! The Lord told me a long time ago that the reason we were talking about "Faith" again (back then, and today), is because even in the natural you have to learn the elementary things in school before going on to college and graduating. If you don't learn the basic things in school before you go to college, it's going to be very difficult for you to graduate. If you don't learn the fundamental things that are the foundation upon which the rest of your education will be built, you will not understand what you are

being taught, and you will not know what to do when you are tested. If you do not learn the basic things first, and if you do not pass your tests, you will not endure unto the end and graduate! You must first learn the basics, and then carry them with you all the way up through college.

It's the same thing in the Kingdom of God, and the very basic thing is "Faith". You know what? God is Faith! That is who He is! Faith is Victory, and Faith is confidence; but we don't always have that confidence. Why don't we? Because there is a great sea of waves that come in and try to capsize us. These "waves" are actually "thoughts" that come into the mind from the sea of humanity (the world). We live in an ocean of thoughts. We live in an ocean of words. Jesus said that, "We are in the world, but not of the world." When we comprehend that there is an ocean of thoughts around us: thoughts of fear, darkness, unbelief, anxiety, and distress - all this is going on in the world today, but we are not to be a part of all that, because we are in the Kingdom of God. For that reason, we must learn to rest in the Lord and be not anxious for anything! We must learn to walk in the Spirit and trust Him, having the confidence that He will meet all our needs according to His riches in Glory. Jesus said in Matthew 6:25, "*Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*"

I have learned that in every situation, no matter what I needed, it was the Word that brought me through it. In every storm that you go through, it's God's Word that brings you through it. You need to understand that you have the victory already (right here and now), before you come out on the other side! You have the victory in the very beginning, even before the end happens! I want to show you and bring you to the place where God wants to bring His Sons. He wants to bring His Sons to the place where they have the same Faith that He has, and that He has already given you that Faith. It is already here; and He is going to have some Sons that grow up and mature to where they will speak only His Words. In every circumstance of their lives, they are going to speak only what He says, and not according to the evidence of the things that are seen with the natural eye. It says, "*...FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE (the assurance) OF THINGS (notice that it says "things" again) HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.*" (Hebrews 11:1). "Faith" is the "Substance" and "Evidence" of a "THING"! It is a "thing". **Every promise that God has given you is a "THING", and you are the one who brings "IT" into the natural.**

How you bring "IT" into the natural is by hearing the Word of God and getting "IT" into your heart! It takes time to get "IT" into your heart. We are going to talk about Abraham for just a little bit, because God came to Abraham and said, "Abraham, you are going to have a son." But then Sarah came along and spoke

to him as well. When God gives you a Word, the woman always comes along and starts talking to you to try and get you look at things through the five senses, and to reason things out with the carnal mind (to see, feel, etc.). Sarah basically said to Abram, "Well Abram, we have to do something about this. We are not going to have a son. We have to do something about it." Then in Genesis 16:2 Abram started listening to the woman. That's where we all get into trouble. We listen to our soul (the woman). God spoke a Word - but what did Abram do? He listened to the woman instead of believing God.

How many times do you and I do that? We either don't believe what God said; or when you try to make something happen that He has promised you, you have nothing but ups and downs because nothing works out. You get frustrated, angry, and upset; and then you go right into doubt and unbelief in your mind.

God really got mad at Abram. But do you know why God got mad at him? It was because Abram didn't believe what God had told him. Then, a number of years go by and God comes to Abram once again. Again God says to him, *"...a father of many nations have I made thee."* Now, this is what I love about the Lord. Abram is 99 years old, and here comes God once again. He had not spoken to him in years, but God had not changed His mind. What He basically said to Abram was, "Get your act together. Here I am again, and I am going to tell you this once again. I have not changed My mind, and this is

what is going to happen. This is what is going to be!"

When you read in Genesis 17:17, it says, *"Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?"* Abraham laughed in unbelief at what God was telling him, saying, "You've got to be kidding. Look at Sarah, look at her. Look at how old I am. God thinks we are going to have a son?" But right after he did this, a change took place within him. Something happened during that year when he went from being 99 to 100 years old; and the interesting thing is, that when you read about Abraham in Hebrews chapter 11, as well as in the book of Romans, it says nothing about Abraham's unbelief. It says nothing about his laughing at God and making fun of Him. Abraham laughed at God - but God doesn't mention it all in the New Testament. Why? Because right after that, something changed within Abraham! Abraham began to take God at His Word, and in Faith, Abraham acted upon God's Word in obedience. "Abram" became "Abraham". A change took place in his nature. There was a maturity that happened within him. Abraham matured and became settled in his mind with the confidence that "IT" would happen just as God had told him. We are going to go to Hebrews chapter 11 in a minute, but why didn't God say anything about what Abraham did back then? Because God forgets! He couldn't remember what Abram did.

When we ask God to forgive us, what does He do? Every time that we ask God to forgive us of our sins, what does He do? 1John1:9 says that, *"If we confess our sins, He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* In Hebrews 11:16-17 God says that, *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."* Psalm 103:12 also says that, *"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us."* When we ask God to forgive us of our sins, He forgives us, and then forgets about them. If you read a little further down in Psalm 103, in verses 17-18 it says, *"But the Mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His Righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them."* Abraham repented and believed God; he acted upon the instructions/commandments that God had given him, and God remembered Abraham's sin no more! In fact, in James 2:23 it says that, *"...Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."*

An individual that I know recently told me about a man that went to a priest to make a confession. After making his confession, the man asked the priest if Jesus would forgive him of all the things he had done, naming them all once again. In answer to the man's question, the

priest said, "Well, I just want you to do one thing. When you go home, I want you to ask Jesus about all that. I want you to earnestly seek Him to see what He says." So the man went home and did what the priest told him to do. Do you know what Jesus told him? What do you think Jesus told this individual when he asked Him about what he had done? Jesus said, "I don't remember you doing that." Isn't that wonderful? It is important that you understand how much God Loves you, and how great His Mercy is - because God's "forgiveness" is "to forget!" When you ask Him to forgive you for something, He doesn't remember those things any more. Isn't that wonderful?

Words are very important, and the Lord is showing us two things. What God does when we get in the Spirit if He wants to bring change in the world, is He has us get quiet and go within where He is, so that His mind (the mind of Christ) can operate through us to send His thoughts out into creation to perform what He wants to do. Because when God sends His decrees out of Zion, "IT" cannot come back empty. Isaiah 2:3-4 says, "...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and from Jerusalem the Word of the LORD. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people...". God also said in Isaiah 55:11 that every Word that proceeds out of His mouth will not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish that which pleases Him. **EVERY DECREE THAT HE MAKES OUT OF ZION (out of you and me) IS THE SPOKEN WORD OF GOD!** That spoken Word of

God is a "THING" when "IT" goes forth; and "IT" will manifest in the natural how, and when God wants "IT" to. When God wanted something, He spoke "IT" into being. You also speak "IT" (His Word) with your mouth.

The Lord sent us over to the 7-11 Store where He would use us to, minister to the people there for nearly 14 years. We had not been there in a very long time, but when we use to go there, God would show us the needs and changes that needed to be brought in there. They needed new counters. They needed new coffee pots and coffee makers. They also needed mats for their feet to stand on, but the managers there just didn't care about the people who worked for them. Everywhere you go, you bring change because you are God's presence. You are God's spoken Word going forth. We would go in there and say, "You need new counters. You need new coffee pots. You need mats to go underneath your feet. You need all these things." Well guess what? "IT" took a long time, but what we had spoken had manifested there. Why? Because the Word was spoken! The Father saw what the need was; the Word was spoken; and when God chose to send us back there again, here in front of us were these big new long counters. They had brand new coffee pots and coffee makers, and even mats to go underneath their feet! Then they said to us, "Guess what? Even the bathroom has been changed. We changed even their bathroom. All the walls were changed. Everything had been changed except the sink, which was filthy

dirty. I came right out and said, "You need one more thing. Why, would you do all that work to make your bathroom so beautiful, and then leave that ugly, filthy, dirty sink? You need a brand new sink!"

See what can happen when you speak the Word and allow God to speak through you (out of Zion)! When you allow those Words to go forth from within you, you must realize that those Words are literally coming out of the Spirit of God, and are not just something that is going to fall to the ground. Because "IT" is coming out of God's Spirit, "IT" is coming out of the mouth of God; and even though you might not see "IT" manifested right away, "IT" (that Word) will take on form and manifest in God's time!

Hebrews 11:3 says, "Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God...". You may be saying, "Do you mean, Sister Joyce, that we've got more than one world?" Yes! To give you an example of what this is saying: when God destroyed at the time of Noah, one age came to an end, and another age began. These different "ages" are "worlds". It says that, "...the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen are not made of things which do appear." Now we want to bring a balance here, because God wants you to have a balance: **if you can comprehend that God created everything and framed all the worlds and everything that exists and you see out there, by the Words that He spoke, and that those Words came forth out**

of His mouth; then you must also understand that your own words (the words that you speak forth) are also framing your world!

If you keep speaking negatively, saying this and that, and thinking that "it" (your words) just go out into the atmosphere and have no affect on anything - think again! Just because you don't see "it" or think anything about "it", does not mean that your words are not affecting anything. Because that negative word came out of your mouth, from your natural/carnal mind, "it" will fall to the ground. The ground is the flesh, and just as God said that His Word would not return to Him void, the words that you speak out of the carnal mind will come back to you as well. "It" will return to you, but Galatians 6:7 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP."

To bring a balance out of that, "Oh, Sister Joyce, do you mean to tell me that I have been victimized all of my life because of my words? Do you mean to tell me that I am suffering and going through the fire because of my words?" Some of the fire you are going through is because of your words. Some relationships where people don't get along are a result of the words that they speak to one another. The "words" that we speak affect the way we see one another. Jesus said in Matthew 12:36-37 (Amplified Bible), "But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak. For by your

words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced." To bring a balance here, Hebrews 12:9 says, "...our God is a consuming fire." God also turns up the heat! He turns up the fire to show you what is still in you that is not like Christ, and He is removing everything that offends the Kingdom of God. It is a process that we all must go through.

In Isaiah 46:10, God says, "Declaring the end from the beginning." Now God could have said, "Declaring the beginning from the end," but He didn't. He said, "I am declaring the end." Why? Because God was looking at the end result and speaking "IT" into being! **Everything that God spoke in the beginning was what He had predestined to be in His entire plan of reconciliation for all creation. He spoke "IT" in the beginning and finished "IT" on the cross.**

In Isaiah 46:10 God doesn't speak about the beginning, but instead is declaring the end, because God sees and is focused on the end result of everything. He doesn't see what is going on in the middle, because this is how God works. He doesn't get upset like people do. He doesn't get frustrated like people do, because He knows the end result of every individual's life. He knows the end result of all that He planned, and all He accomplished and set in His mind to do in the beginning. God knows the end result of the body of Christ. He knows the end result; that she will bear the Glory of the Lord, no matter what guck and mess we see right now. You need to read Revelations chapter 21 for

yourself. There He is declaring the end and not the beginning. That really jumped out at me.

Isaiah 46:10 God says, "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure:" "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done..." He is going back to the beginning. "...from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand." I could jump for that one! Everything that God counseled within Himself, and everything that God has spoken - nothing can stop it! Even the kingdom of darkness that tries so very hard - can not stop "IT", because everything that God spoke shall stand! "My counsel shall stand...", and continuing on in Isaiah 46:11, He says, "...Yea, I have spoken IT, I will also bring IT to pass; I have purposed IT, I will also do IT." That is powerful! Can you get a little excited with me? He said, "Yea, I have spoken it, I will bring it to pass, I have purposed it, I will also do it." In other words, everything that you need, He has already done! All that God is waiting for, is for you to believe "IT", and for you to start to speak "IT", just like I spoke to you last week when I declared to you that God's Word is a sperm, and "IT" is a "HOLY THING". "IT" is an incorruptible seed that goes into your mind and into your heart!

"IT" goes into your mind, and "IT" goes deep into your heart as you meditate on "IT" - as you think about "IT", as you talk about "IT", and as you say what

needs to be said! God said that He would do "IT", and every thing that He purposed within Himself, He will do "IT"! He is just waiting for us to believe and to quit wavering back and forth! He is also waiting for us to understand that our "words" are very important! Far too often we still speak words that devour and corrupt that incorruptible seed. When we do this, our words cause it to fall to the ground, and we then have to ask God to forgive us and start all over again.

Let's go to Romans chapter 4 and look at Abraham for a minute. I want you to see that God had both forgiven Abraham, and forgotten about what he had done, because when you read here, there is no mention of Abraham's doubt and unbelief whatsoever. There is no mention of his laughing at God when God spoke His promises to him. Why? Because God forgave him and forgot about that! All God spoke of was Abraham's Faithfulness. Romans 4:17-22 says, "(AS IT IS WRITTEN, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before Him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in Faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb; He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving Glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what He had

promised, He was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness."

All God spoke of in Romans chapter 4, was of Abraham's state of being after he had repented and made the choice to by Faith, act upon the promises that God had spoken to him. God said that Abraham staggered not in unbelief, but was strong in Faith, and that he was "...fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform." This is how Abraham became and overcame; and this is what God wrote about him Romans chapter 4. The good news as well is the fact that the Book of Acts is still not finished!

What is the Book of "Acts"? The Book of "Acts" is a representation of the works of God. The Book of "Acts" is a representation of God; His creative Word; and His Miracles that are continuing on in your life, as well as in the lives of others around the world today. You are His witnesses in the earth! "Acts" are actions, and you need to realize that all of your actions and all of your words are being seen by others, because you are His living epistles in the world.

It is very interesting because in Hebrews chapter 11 there is a hall of fame (some call this the Faith Chapter), and within it is written about some of those in God's Word who believed God, but have not yet receive the promise. In Hebrews 11:39-40 it actually says, "And these all, having obtained a good report through Faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that

they without us should not be made perfect."

Now I need to say this, because some of you get impatient when God doesn't do what you want Him to do, in the way, and time frame that you think He should. But as I said earlier, God is trying to get you out of the "realm of time" and "thinking about time," because His Kingdom is the Eternal realm, and in that Eternal realm there is no time! Just think about what all those written about in Hebrews chapter 11 went through. Some were cut to pieces; some were burned; some were shipwrecked; some were stoned, you name it - and still they had not received the promise. They are still waiting for the promise. Now just think about that for just a minute. They died believing in that promise, and the reason they had no fear of death was because of the promise that God had given them. They had no fear of going out there, because they were willing to die for their Savior. They got rid of that fear, and instead walked in Faith. They subdued mountains, and did all kinds of things through Faith; but they cannot receive the promise without you. God is trying to tell you not to be impatient.

When a trial comes along, that trial is doing nothing but one thing. It is perfecting you! Unless if God brings another trial into your life, you will not become perfect! That trial is the only way that He can work His patience into you. But if you hold fast in confidence, by Faith, everything that God has said, and promised to you with assurance - will happen. God is telling us to do it even to the very end. If God has

promised you something, don't let "IT" go, because in James 1:12 He says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."

I want to take you back to Romans 4:17 again, because there are some things I want to bring out quickly. "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before Him whom he believed, even God who quickened the dead (on both sides) and He calleth those things which be not as though they were." You know, that is why a lot of people think you are crazy. It says, "He calleth those things even though they are not as though they are." Every time that I have needed a healing in my body, the only way I got healed was by His Word! Not by people laying hands on me; but by His Word! Why? Because God wants us to meditate on His Word!

In Joshua 1:8 God says, "THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART OUT OF THY MOUTH; but THOU SHALT MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, THAT THOU MAYEST OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN THEREIN: FOR THEN THOU SHALT MAKE THY WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN THOU SHALT HAVE GOOD SUCCESS." God also said in Isaiah 59:21, "As for Me, THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, saith the Lord; MY SPIRIT IS UPON THEE, AND MY WORDS WHICH I HAVE PUT IN THY MOUTH, SHALL NOT DEPART OUT OF THY MOUTH, NOR OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THY SEED, NOR OUT OF THE

MOUTH OF THY SEED'S SEED, SAITH THE LORD, FROM HENCEFORTH AND FOR EVER." Why is He saying this? Even in Psalms 63:5-6 David wrote, "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: WHEN I REMEMBER THEE upon my bed, and MEDITATE ON THEE in the night watches." Even in the night watches David meditated on the Word, and that's what you have to do when you have a nighttime. When you have problems and things aren't working the way you think, you need to start asking God, "God, what do you have to say about this? What does your Word say about this?" Then what ever God speaks to you - you need to meditate on that Word!

Then if someone comes up to you and asks how you're doing, you can speak the Word. To give you an example: some people are aware of some of the things I've been going through in my body, and when I'm talking to them I could tell them about my pain, and about my feelings and all that I go through; but when they ask, "How are you doing?" I say, "I'm good." You may be saying, "But, Sister Joyce, you're lying when you say that." No, I'm not, because the Word says in Romans 8:28 that, "...ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Therefore whatever is going on in my body, and whatever is going on in your circumstances - **if you love Him, all things are working together for your good!** It doesn't mean that you are not telling the truth.

The Lord is saying that we need to, "Look at Paul, and all that he went through." If you go to 2Corinthians 4:8-10, Paul says, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." He talks about the fact that he was troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair. He is describing every thing that he was going through; he was talking about it (and there are times when you can talk about it), but for each thing that he described, he also quickly had a Word that covered the bases of what he was saying. He said, "Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed...". He always had a positive word that followed. He was looking for the good in his circumstances, and he declared them knowing that all those things were working for the good. Do you understand what I am saying?

It's like if I have a real bad flu or a cold, and am up here coughing and blowing my nose with a high fever, and then someone comes up and asks, "How are you doing? Looks like you've got a cold." I would say, "No, I don't have a cold." Looking on with only their five senses, they would say, "That's a lie." But in Christ I know that it's not true. Yes, it might look like I have the flu or a cold; and the symptoms might be there; but I'm sending it to another port." Do you understand what I am saying? Paul described his

situations as looking one way in the natural, but then in Christ he only saw the good and declared that to be the case.

Then in verse 18 Paul goes on to say, "While WE LOOK NOT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN, BUT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN: for THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL." In the verse before this, Paul said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment...". You see, everything that you are going through is just for a moment. Now I know that you are going to argue with God over that one, because it certainly doesn't look, or feel like a moment. Sometimes that moment seems like a very long time. One time I said to God, "It took 25 years! You've got to be kidding! 25 years, God! That's not a moment." But then He spoke to me and said, "Joyce, My time is not your time; and what I was doing all that time, was working long suffering in you. I was working patience in you. I was teaching you how to bless your enemies. I was teaching you how to forgive and forget."

You need to understand that if you want something from God, you cannot be like an elephant and remember everything that he, or she, or they did to you! I have learned that if I keep on talking about whatever happened in the past, I am recreating that same kind of thing that happened to me back there. Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth

unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He's saying, "I do one thing. I forget those things that are behind me." Every day that you get up, you are to get up with the attitude of, "I forget what happened yesterday, and I'm pressing on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Do you understand what we are saying here? You need to forget and let go of what happened yesterday, or weeks ago, or months ago, or years ago - unless if "IT" is something that came out of Spirit of God and "IT" brought Life and victory to you, in God's Love. That's what you hold on to. Anything else that happened to you, you need to forgive, forget, and put it into the sea of forgetfulness. Then when you least expect it, the Lord will bring that person (or persons) right up to your face. He does this a test to show you where you are at, and to see what you will do.

To share with you an example of something that took place in my own life, (and this is ancient history now), but I remember an incident where I had loved a person for many years, and I forgave them, and forgave them, time after time. Then one day I said to God, "Can I just tell him off? Can I just tell him? God, please let me tell him?" Well right then that person came up to me. I wanted to say something; and was going to say something to them, but could not. Every time I tried to get a word out, I got stuck and couldn't say a word. Finally, I could not believe what came out of my mouth. I said, "Thank you! Thank you for

everything that you did to me. I thank you; because what you meant for evil against me, God meant it and used it for good. You were an instrument in my life."

You see, "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Right now God is pressing His people. He is pressing His Sons. God is putting pressure on you to make you stronger, so "...that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand..." (Ephesians 6:13), no matter what comes in your life!

In Romans 4:19 it says this about Abraham: "And being not weak in Faith...". Are there times in your life when you are weak in Faith? Sometimes things come your way in the form of infirmities, or pains, or other things that hit you really hard, and when they do, sometimes it is really hard to even believe at that moment? The reason why is because what ever you focus on and give your attention to, whether it be a thing, a person, or situation in your life (what ever it is) becomes a god to you, and it separates you from the Lord. It's true! But in the case of Abraham it says, "...And being not weak in Faith, he considered not his own body." Abraham had finally come to the place where he wasn't wavering back and forth, because you see, the Word says in James 1:6-8, "...let him ask in Faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the

Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." In other words, as long as you walk in unbelief and are double minded, no individual can receive from God. This is a profound statement, because Abraham had wavered in unbelief and double-mindedness. He even laughed at what God had spoken to him, but God did not remember this where Abraham was concerned. Why didn't He? Because of the great change that took place within Abraham during that year when he went from being 99 years of age to 100. He repented and chose to act upon the Word that God had spoken to him. ***"And being not weak in Faith, he considered not his own body."***

In other words, Abraham quit going by his feelings and natural sight. He quit thinking, "Well, you know - I'm going to be 100 years old." He quit thinking about what seemed to be impossible to the carnal mind and his five senses, and he started thinking about the fact that all things are possible in God - that, "What God has promised, He is able to do." Abraham got his eyes off of himself, and back on the Word that God had spoken to him. When he did this, Abraham had a son!

It said, ***"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead when he was about an hundred years old..."***. So when Abraham was laughing at God in unbelief, he was in his 99th year, ***"...about an hundred years old...neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb."*** Abraham forgot about those things and put them behind him, saying to himself: "I'm not going

to think about her problem any more. I'm not going to think about how she looks. I'm not even going to think about how old she is. I'm not going to consider the condition of my body, and I'm not going to consider hers. God is who He is!" ***"He staggered not at the promise of God."*** An individual that goes with the waves is still staggering. One day they are rejoicing because they believe God! But then the next they're in doubt and unbelief again.

Have you ever noticed that when God makes a promise to you and you start pressing in - all hell breaks loose around you? God will tell you that something will either be, or go a certain way; but then everything that comes your way is the opposite of what He said? Every single time, we'll believe at first, and say, "I know that you are going to do it, Lord. I thank you Lord for your promise. I thank you Lord that you are healing me right now. I thank you God." Then the next day - WHAM! BOOM! What ever it is you need, you get hit with something else. Then you stumble and stagger because you are not strong in Faith. You get weaker, and you're not confident. People can hear it in your voice when you're talking. Then they hear you start talking about all your symptoms and everything that's going on in your situation or circumstances. Now you are not to deny it, but you need to get to the point where you are not feeding it. Do you understand what I am saying?

Some sicknesses come from our generations. Some sickness comes from negativity. No matter what our need or circumstance is

- everything in our life that we have need of, has already been provided for by Christ, in God! There are also a lot of things that we have been exposed to and subjected to; pressures and stresses from some of the things we have gone through in our life, and some of these things can cause diseases in our bodies as well.

If you aren't receiving anything from the Lord, then possibly you haven't forgiven someone that you need to forgive. You see, you are not going to receive whatever it is that you need until you have forgiven them. That's what the Word says. If you read in Mark 11:24-26, Jesus says, ***"Therefore I say unto you, WHAT SOEVER THINGS YE DESIRE, WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, and ye shall have them. AND WHEN YE STAND PRAYING, FORGIVE, IF YE HAVE OUGHT AGAINST ANY: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."***

You see, God doesn't go by how great you are, or how many times you praise Him, or even by how much you love Him; no, God goes by His Word and the Spiritual laws that He created within IT. He goes by what He has said in the Word. He is watching and looking and waiting to perform "IT". Philippians 1:6 says, ***"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform IT until the day of Jesus Christ."*** He wants to perform "IT", but sometimes we hold "IT" up. He

still has to work some more things into us, and He has a timing to bring you out. He has His own way of releasing you in His time. We are trying to bring a balance here. Okay?

Roman 4:20-21 says that, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in Faith, giving Glory to God...". Abraham was praising God. "...And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform." He had to totally get out of himself (his ego and pride), and say, "Hey, there is absolutely nothing I can do about this. God has promised this. Okay God, you perform "IT", and I am not going to beg you any more. I am not going to cry out to you any more for "IT", because you have already given "IT" to me."

Do you see that we are the ones who have to bring "IT" in, by Faith? To show you the importance of Faith, do you remember the man who had a son that was possessed by a spirit that was constantly throwing him into fire and water, and tormenting him in his mind? (That's in Mark chapter 9.) Sometimes there are things that you have asked God to do, but they have not been fulfilled yet. But what you have to realize is that you play a very important part in what God wants as well; and the most important thing is, He wants to be number one in your life. He wants to be your First Love and to have a Love affair with you! He wants a deep relationship with us. And it says that this man is explaining to Jesus in Mark 9:22 that, "And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to

destroy him: BUT IF THOU CANST DO ANY THING, HAVE COMPASSION ON US, AND HELP US." The man was saying, "Lord, Lord, have compassion on us." There are also times that we talk to Jesus and say, "Lord, how long? How much longer, Lord? I thought that you were a Jesus of compassion. Why aren't you having compassion on us and answering our prayers? When are you going to do something, Lord?" Did Jesus move on what that man said? No! Do you know what He did? You see, the man was trying to put it all on Jesus and trying to get Jesus to do something; but what Jesus did, was He put the responsibility of it back on that man. In verse 23, "Jesus said unto him, IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH." In other words, "Whatever you believe shall be done." But then the man began to cry, and in verse 24 it says, "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." He was saying, "Lord, I believe; but help me with my unbelief. I believe in you, Lord, but help me in those areas where my faith is not what it should be; in those areas where I still waver and doubt." That is the prayer for all of us!

When you are having trouble believing, you need to ask God to help you. You also need to go back and get that Word like He commanded Joshua to do. In Joshua 1:7-8 He said, "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou

mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." He said, "Joshua, whatever you put your hands to, you will prosper; but in order for this to happen there is something that you must do. You must never let My Word depart out of your mouth; and you must meditate on "IT" day and night, because through that meditation you will become "IT"." God told Joshua that he would prosper if he meditated on His Word both day and night, but when Joshua sent 3,000 men of Israel from Jericho to attack Ai, the men of Ai slaughter 36 men of Israel and chased the rest away. It wasn't because of anything that Joshua did - but because of one man.

Now there have been times in my life and in your life with our own families, and we have suffered because of something that someone else in our family is doing in disobedience to God, and that something can also hinder what He wants to do. In the case of Israel, they went to do battle and lost. So Joshua asked God, "What's happened? Why didn't You perform and give us the victory?" God told him, "Sin is in the camp. One individual has brought this on you." Do you see how important the body is? Do you see how important the entire body of Christ is? You see, the kingdom of darkness doesn't want you to see or to understand this. The kingdom of darkness wants you to keep on going with

the flow of negativity, because it knows that when you do, it keeps strengthening the kingdom's of this world.

Jesus had this understanding, and I want to talk about Him for a minute. What I get so excited about is the fact that it was God's good pleasure to give Jesus the fullness. He is the first Son among many brethren, and God was in Him. He was called "Immanuel": God with us. "... the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...", and He is in you. God is in you! Jesus said, "**I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE.**" He was saying, "I am the example! I am the pattern. Follow Me. Follow the way I do things." And guess what Jesus did? He spoke to the "fever". He spoke to "spirits". He spoke to the "unclean spirits". He spoke to the "diseases". Why? Because He knew that they were "things", and He knew that what He had within Himself, was greater than the things that were in the bodies of the people. Can you hear what I am saying? What Jesus had/has, was and is greater than what man has in the world; and because He lives in you, what you have is greater than any bomb that man is trying to create today. What you have is greater!

In the beginning God created something out of nothing but Himself. Why? Because nothing existed outside of Himself, and He did so by speaking "IT" into being! He is still creating through you and me today by speaking His "Word" through us; but what He is trying to get you and me to do, is to come into a place of discipline. Why? Because we are in the Kingdom of God! What God wants is for His Word to

govern your life; not your emotions, feelings, and five senses like rest of the world. He wants His Word to govern your life, and He wants you to have that understanding.

Jesus had many disciples following Him, but when He really got to the nitty-gritty, pretty much all but the 12 whom He had chosen left Him. John 6:53-66 says, "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no Life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal Life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the Living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before? It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **THE WORDS that I speak unto you, THEY ARE SPIRIT, and THEY ARE LIFE. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should**

betray Him. And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father. From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." What He was saying is, "if you eat of My flesh" (He was not talking about eating a cracker), the Spiritual meaning of what Jesus was saying is, "My flesh is the Word." "...the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...".

What Jesus was telling them (and us) was, "I don't want you to eat the traditions. I don't want you to eat of Babylon. I want you to come out of the systems and traditions of man and the world, and for you to follow Me!" That's what He is telling the disciples, "I want you to eat My Word, because My Word is the bread of Life. "IT" is substance. "IT" is literally the substance of God. "IT" is the sperm - that incorruptible seed that comes out of the Father that no man has ever contaminated." Jesus said, "If you eat "IT" (notice that He said "eat" and not hear) - Faith does come by hearing ("...Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God"), but after you hear it, you also have to eat "IT", digest "IT", and let "IT" become a part of you! "IT" has to go deep into your heart, and from there "IT" goes out and brings Life to the whole body!

He said, "...Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood...". To drink of His blood, means to drink from the same cup of sufferings as Christ. This was also what Jesus was saying to the two sons of thunder (James and John) in Matthew 20:22,

when He asked, "...Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

As well, in Genesis 44:2 Joseph did not give the cup to just anybody. He spoke to his steward and said, "And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken." Why? Because he understood what "the cup" meant! "The cup" represented Joseph's own sufferings - all that he had to endure and experience in his life before coming to the throne. People (including Joseph's own brothers) hated him because he not only wanted to, but because he did obey God. God set Joseph upon the throne, and gave him a Word and an incorruptible seed to feed the people in their darkest hour back then. He gave that cup to Benjamin, and in doing so, he was saying just as Christ is saying, "Are you willing to follow Me? Are you willing to walk in My footsteps? Are you willing to be persecuted for My Name's Sake? Are you willing to be hated like Me because of My Truth and what I stand for?"

In Matthew 19:28 Jesus goes on to explain to the twelve disciples who left all to follow Him. "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His Glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." He is very clearly saying, "If you do this, you will sit with Me and My

Father at the throne and reign with Me."

Do you understand that if the Words that came out of your mouth were God's Words all of the time, that "IT" would have an affect on the body? Immortality! As you are eating "IT" and speaking "IT", you are also becoming "IT"! This means that a change or transformation must also begin to take place within the body. As you do these things, "IT" has to have an affect on your body. That is why God is not doing certain things in your life right now, because He is trying to get you to grow up and take hold of this "THING" and walk "IT" out. He wants you to walk "IT", to talk "IT", to think "IT", and speak "IT", because His Words are not after the flesh - "THEY" are Spirit and "THEY" are Life!

In John 6:63 (Amplified Bible) Jesus said, "It is the Spirit Who gives Life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The Words (Truths) that I have been speaking to you are Spirit and Life." He was telling His disciples, "You know boys, the Words that I speak are not flesh and they do not come out of the carnal mind. The flesh cannot accomplish or produce anything. Right now, every word that comes out of your mouth profits nothing and falls to the ground; but My Words come out of the Spirit and produce Life. And except you eat my flesh and drink my blood; unless if eat My Word and let "IT" become a part of you; unless if you follow after Me and partake of My sufferings as well, you will have no Life in you, and what you are doing will never produce any Life either."

Many said, "This is a hard thing. This is a hard thing. Who can hear it?" Why? Because "IT" meant "discipline"; "IT" meant God governing their lives. "IT" meant following Jesus Christ and the pattern that He had revealed to them. They said, "This is a hard thing." But it also says that, "Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him."

Jesus never said that "IT" was easy; He said that there are two paths set before us. He said in Matthew 7:13-14. "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it." One way is the broad way of the world, which leads to destruction and death; and the other is the narrow path of the Spirit of God, and this path leads to Life! "IT" is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Eternal Life!

We have to come to the realization of where we are truthfully living. Are you living in the Kingdom, and is your conversation of the Kingdom of God? Or, are you living in the ways of the world, and is your conversation of the world? We are not saying for you to deny or be ignorant of what is going on in the world around you. That is not what we are saying here, because the fact of the matter is, God is telling us to continue to pray for our country and for our government. In 1Timothy 1:1-4 it says, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth." It is vitally important! Our country needs intercessory prayer from all the body of Christ in this hour, because prayer changes things! When our nation repents; and if all the Christians would turn from their wicked ways and obey the Lord, God would move once again, just like He did in Nineveh. This is the reason why He has put such urgency within our hearts to get in Spirit when ever He tells us and to intercede for our country.

You know, you can sit there and say, "Well, I have heard these things before! Sister Joyce has told us these things before." But you know what? You are going to hear "IT" again, and again, until you get a hold of "IT" and walk "IT" out; because the Lord let me know that our getting hold of this is what will take us up in the next level/realm in Him, and that this is what He is trying to bring us into.

I want you to look at something very closely in John 12:49-50. I want you to read this and really meditate on it, because none of us have come to this place yet; where like Jesus, every Word that we speak is Spirit! If you had come to that place, then ALL that God is in your life would be made manifest openly. Jesus said in John 12:49-50, "For I HAVE NOT SPOKEN OF MYSELF; but THE FATHER WHICH SENT ME, HE GAVE ME

A COMMANDMENT, WHAT I SHOULD SAY, AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK. And I KNOW THAT HIS COMMANDMENT IS LIFE EVERLASTING: whatsoever I SPEAK THEREFORE, EVEN AS THE FATHER SAID UNTO ME, SO I SPEAK." The reason why Jesus was given so much power and authority in that hour: was so that the Father could accomplish all that He wanted to do through Him. It says in Hebrews 5:5 that, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him...". Jesus learned obedience through the things which He suffered, but God didn't mention any of the little mistakes that He might have made while growing up. Then, sometime after He had come to maturity and perfection at the age of 30, Jesus declare that, "...I have not spoken of Myself...". That really jumped out at me. Do you know what He is saying here? "I never spoke My own mind. I never spoke what I thought about anything. I never spoke any word that was about My opinions or how I felt about anything." He said this: "For I have not spoken of Myself...". So if He didn't speak from His own mind, then what exactly did He speak? He said, "...but the Father which sent Me, HE GAVE ME A COMMANDMENT, WHAT I SHOULD SAY, AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK."

Some of us have got a lot of work to do in this area of our life - including me! Maybe you don't see it the way I do, but when I was reading "IT", "IT" really jumped out at me. The reason

why Jesus had the Power He did, and the reason why He was able to perform all that He did, was because once He had come to that place of Maturity, Perfection, Obedience, and Oneness with the Father (at age 30 for Him) - every Word that came out of His mouth from that point on was God speaking through Him! In other words, Jesus understood that "IT" wasn't about His life; "IT" wasn't about His own will; "IT" wasn't about what He thought, or wanted to say, or do - the only thing that was important was the will of the Father and doing what pleased Him! The reason why the Father gave Jesus such Power also was not done out because Jesus had to obey the Father, but because Jesus Loved the Father so much that that was all He wanted to do! It was about God's "WORD" going forth and accomplishing that which pleases Him, and prospering in the "THING" where He sent "IT"!

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." That was His whole purpose in Life. It was about expressing and speaking and doing what the Father wanted. It was about all about expressing the Father. Jesus never said or thought to Himself, "Well, I've got to say something to this person; and this is what I think I need to say to them." No! He waited on the Father, and obeyed His commandment by only speaking what He heard the Father say, and by only doing what He saw the Father do.

I have wondered many times about where it talks about "a perfect man" in James 3:2. It says, "For in many things we offend

all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." A man that is perfect is one who is able to bridle his own tongue, and does not offend anyone by the words that he speaks. Well I started to think about this for a while, because when you look in the scriptures, it would appear that Jesus actually offended a lot of people. But what Jesus did is not the offence that God is talking about here in James 3:2. The offense that He is speaking of: is when your words do not come from the mind of Christ, they offend the Kingdom of God! Can you hear what the Spirit is saying? So, "...If any man OFFEND NOT IN WORD (the Kingdom of God), THE SAME IS PERFECT MAN, and able to bridle the whole body."

You see, if you keep looking at the things that you see with your natural eyes and understanding; and keep talking about those things that you see; you are actually holding up what is unseen! Therefore, if you really want something in your life, you need to start speaking what the Word says about the situation, from the Father's perspective. If you want something, then you need to speak out and say what "IT" is that you want. Do you understand? Everything that God wanted, He spoke "IT". That "WORD" then became a "THING" that took on the form of whatever God wanted "IT" to be.

When God began creating, He did not look at this or that for an idea; or for what He could take from and use to make this or that. Why didn't He? Because

nothing existed outside of Himself! There was nothing to look at, so He spoke "IT" forth knowing that His Word would not return to Him void, and that in His timing "IT" would take on the form of whatever He wanted! There will be things in your life that do not exist to the natural eye yet, but as long as you only look at the things in your life that do exist; and as long as you keep talking about those things that are seen; then those things that God has spoken to you in His Word that are yet unseen, will not take on form in your life. You must speak the same Word that the Father has spoken to you - in Faith, *"For Faith is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the EVIDENCE of things not seen."*

To use myself as an example: some of you keep asking me, "How are you doing, Sister Joyce?" I thank you for your concern, but I have told people to please stop asking me that, because I don't want to talk about it. Why? Because I am working on something! What am I working on? Walking out - that I can not, and am not to look at the condition of my body (through my five senses and/or carnal mind); but instead, look at my body the way God has spoken about it in His Word! Why? Because if I did look at it through my five senses and carnal mind; and if I did go by what the doctors have told me, rather than listen to what the Father has spoken to me personally, and through His Word - I would lose my hope and confidence; doubt and unbelief would quickly take their place, and I would not believe God. You

see, we have to look at the things which are not seen, because the things which are not seen, are the eternal and do exist! Your healing exists! The finances you are in need of, and that He has promised you, exists! Everything that you have need of, already exists, and is already yours - you just don't see it yet! If you could see it with your natural eyes, then there would be no need for Faith! Do understand what we are saying here? You need to start speaking "THE THINGS" that you know God has promised you! God said this to me - so this is what I am going to walk in!

This is how I got healed the first time. I was 30 years old, and the doctors told me that I had cancer and only two months to live. But then God spoke to me and showed me these things in His Word. In Faith, I gave him the cancer; and when I did this, He said that He had healed me. Well guess what happened next? All hell broke loose the next week. All of a sudden I was hurting all over in my body. I couldn't breathe, and I said, "God, what's happening? I thought that you told me that you were going to heal me." In the natural, we are always waiting to feel "IT", and if we don't feel "IT", then we don't believe "IT"! Do you hear what we are saying? In the natural, we have to feel "IT" and see "IT" just like doubting Thomas in John 20:25, where he said, "...Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." I won't believe "IT" until I see "IT". I have to touch

that "THING" before I believe." That's how we are sometimes.

However, what God is saying to us (and His Word has not changed), "If you want something, then you have to start thinking about, meditating on, digesting, and let become a part of you - what Jesus has already done on the cross! Jesus declared on the cross, **"IT IS FINISHED."** You have also got to speak "IT", and speak "IT", and speak "IT" out of the Spirit! You cannot just go around saying the words, "I am healed by Jesus Christ. I am healed by Jesus Christ. I am healed by Jesus Christ..." when it's not coming out of the Spirit. You're just working up a bunch of sweat when you do that, because, **"...the flesh profits nothing."**

When God says for you to confess "IT", that's what you need to do! Why? Because that's how it works! Do you know what's wrong with Christians today? They're lazy! They don't want the responsibility that God has called them to in Him! As we continue, you are going to see why it is so important for you, and all of us to take our responsibility. In Deuteronomy 30:14 God says, **"...the Word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."** The Word is in your mouth; and in if you read Romans chapter 10 ("ten" means: testimony and responsibility), in verses 9-10 it says, **"That if thou shalt CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the**

mouth confession is made unto salvation." "IT" says that, **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior...you shall be saved."** So another thing you need to understand about salvation is that, if you do not confess "IT", "IT" is not confirmed! "IT" must be established, and without the confession, "IT" has not been established or confirmed. A confession needs to take place.

It's just like when Mary when she was impregnated with the Word (that sperm). At first she did not believe, saying, **"...How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"** But as soon as Mary began to mix that Word with Faith and allow "IT" to become a part of her, she really got a hold of "IT" in her Spirit, and said, **"Be "IT" unto me according to your Word."** The next thing Mary did was, she arose and went to Elizabeth's house. Why? Because she had to make an announcement! She believed in her hear and confessed with her mouth the Word of God. Have you noticed that when anyone gets pregnant, they make an announcement that they are going to have a baby! It works that way with God's Word, too! Whatever He has spoken to your heart; whatever He has spoken to you in His Word, you need to speak "IT" - even if all hell breaks loose.

The Lord told me back when I was 30, "I let all those feelings come your way. I let that sickness get even worse, because I am waiting for you to confess what I spoke to you - that I healed you when you gave Me the cancer on the cross." It was when I began telling people about what God

did for me, that "IT" (His Word and healing) was established and manifest within me. When I went to see the doctors two months later, I had no more cancer.

I want to bring a balance here. A lot of people think you just name it and claim it; but that is not what I am saying. Everything has to be done by the Spirit of the Lord, and that balance is the Word that God gives you in every season of your life (in whatever you are going through), and when you speak that "WORD/THING", "IT" comes to pass! Isn't God good?

Do you know what salvation is? When God says that **"confession is made unto salvation"**, He is talking about the redemption of the whole man - not just your soul! When Christ died, He died for your Spirit, your soul, and your body! Salvation is deliverance! Instead of you and me saying, "I need deliverance," we need to walk in the understanding that ALL the deliverance that we need and are asking for, God has already completed "IT" for you and me in the heavenly realm! We need to start thanking Him for that deliverance!

Do you want to know what both Isaac and Jacob did (and this is something that you can do for your children as well)? They spoke a Word over their sons. They gave a Word to them, and blessed them with a Word for their future. If God gives you a Word over your children, you are to speak it. One of my children is here today and walking with the Lord, because God gave me a Word. God said, "He shall say that I Am his Lord." He said, "Do not look at anything he does in

between, and stop talking them. Stop talking about what he is doing. Speak what I have said to you about your son, and "IT" will come to pass."

You know, we are all proud of our children, and many of them are not kids any more. Many are adults now, and we are very proud of what God has done in their lives. No matter what age they are, God wants us to speak His Word over them. You may have a child or children that are in, or will come to the teenage stage of life. Many rebel during this time in their life because they don't know who they are yet. No matter what they doing, instead of you focusing on their negative behavior and choices, you are to speak forth the Word(s) that God has given you for their lives.

Even in your relationships with other people - if you have a husband or wife, you must remember what God is saying in Proverbs 18:21. "Death and Life are in the power of the tongue...". He is saying that you have the power of "Death and Life" in your tongue. So if that word that comes out of your mouth is not coming out of the Spirit, then it is coming out of whatever you think (the carnal mind), which is negative. It is death that you are speaking. That word is also a "thing", and when it goes out into the atmosphere it has power. It hurts other people, and it hurts you too. In relationships, what you need to do is, speak about the positive things about each other, and not the negative. Quit focusing on the negative things about that person, and focus instead on what God has said about them. Those are the "THINGS/WORDS" that you

should be speaking, because as long as you keep thinking and speaking about the negative that is in that individual, you are not only feeding and giving strength it, but you are prolonging it as well. Speak the Word only out of the Spirit and mind of Christ!

However, if you are changing and going deeper in God, but the other person isn't; and if you are able to look at that individual through God's eyes and what He has said about them, and speak forth whatever God has said about them - and still they do not, or will not change - then one way or another God will just remove them. Why? Because if you're changing and going on in God, and they're not - they can't handle it! God puts and leaves people in our lives to act like sandpaper. Why? Because He is trying to change us; and He uses these relationships to do it!

Once again, Jesus said, "For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, HE GAVE ME A COMMANDMENT, what I should say, and what I should speak." The Father told Jesus what to say, and what to speak. I said, "Lord! Sometimes, that's a little hard." But do you know what I have learned: to fellowship with Him in the morning; I've learned to spend time with Him; and what you need to do is, ask God to watch over your words - and when you say the wrong thing; or you go overboard and say too much - you can feel it within. Do you know what I mean? You feel His grief because in that moment you broke His commandment, "not speak of myself, but even as the Father has said unto me." You know the moment you do, and as

soon as we know, you need to recognize it, and ask the Lord for forgiveness. Sometimes we need to say, "Lord, forgive me for saying to much."

I can really see why Jesus was a man of few Words. He understood the importance of Words and the power of the tongue, and this is why He said, "...I know that His commandment is Life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak." He knew that Words were important, and that the Words that God wanted Him to speak were Words that had come out of the Spirit which could only bring Life everlasting.

Some of you, when people come and ask you questions, because you don't want to offend them you just start agreeing with them. But all God wants you to do is, just listen and wait; to "...be swift to hear, slow to speak...", then when God says what He wants you to speak, say those Words.

Years ago I went to the hospital, and while there I saw a woman who was so depressed, fearful, and concerned. And when I looked at her the Lord said for me to, "Go over there and speak these things to her." Well she was so mad that she yelled at me. But the next day I saw her again, and she ran over to me and asked for my forgiveness. She said that she knew "IT" was the Lord, but just didn't want to hear it at that time. She said that she was so thankful that we obeyed the Lord and spoke the Words that He gave us to speak to her.

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