

## WORD POWER

**Psalm 141:3** [NCV] – LORD, help me control my tongue; help me be careful about what I say.

**Romans 4:16-22** [NLB] – So that's why faith is the key! God's promise is given to us as a free gift. And we are certain to receive it, whether or not we follow Jewish customs, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. <sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who brings into existence what didn't exist before.

<sup>18</sup> When God promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, Abraham believed him. God had also said, "Your descendants will be as numerous as the stars," even though such a promise seemed utterly impossible!

<sup>19</sup> And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though he knew that he was too old to be a father at the age of one hundred and that Sarah, his wife, had never been able to have children.

<sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> He was absolutely convinced that God was able to do anything he promised. <sup>22</sup> And because of Abraham's faith, God declared him to be righteous.

• **Note:** Abraham wasn't perfect, but when God spoke, he believed it.

• **Note:** God changed his name, giving him something to think, believe and say. [**Abram**: exalted father; **Abraham**: father of multitudes]

**Confession** – affirming something we believe, testifying to something we know, and witnessing for a truth that we have embraced.

• A wrong confession – a confession of defeat; a confession of Satan's supremacy.

• A wrong confession destroys your faith and holds you in bondage.

• A confession on our lips that has grown out of faith in our heart will bring victory over life's challenges.

**II Corinthians 4:13** – And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

• If you don't believe what you confess it won't do much good.

**With our mouths we either give God dominion in our lives or Satan.**

• Our journey began by confessing Jesus' lordship. [Rm. 10:9]

• Satan – god of this world; he'll move right in if invited.

• How is he invited? Confessing any other lordship besides Jesus.

▫ Sin should not be given lordship.

- The flesh should not be given lordship.
- The devil should not be given lordship.

### **People aren't defeated by the challenges of life.**

•What does defeat us? Wrong thinking, wrong believing and wrong confessing.

•Right thinking, right believing and right confessing put us over in life.

**Numbers 13:26-33** – Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup>Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup>Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup>“The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”

<sup>30</sup>Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” <sup>31</sup>But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.” <sup>32</sup>And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.” <sup>33</sup>“There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

- **Q:** did Moses put some doubt in their minds? [“See if the people are weak or strong – the cities camps or strongholds.”]
- **Q:** what kind of thoughts & beliefs were in the minds of the spies?
- **Q:** was what they reported a true representation?

### **God's instruction:**

**Exodus 23:27-31** [NLT] – I will send my terror upon all the people whose lands you invade, and they will panic before you. <sup>28</sup> I will send hornets ahead of you to drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites. <sup>29</sup> But I will not do this all in one year because the land would become a wilderness, and the wild animals would become too many to control. <sup>30</sup> I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to fill the land. <sup>31</sup> And I will fix your boundaries from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the southern deserts to the Euphrates River. I will help you defeat the people now living in the land, and you will drive them out ahead of you.

### **What was really going on when the spies went in:**

**Joshua 2:8-11** [NLT] – Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. <sup>9</sup> “I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone is living in terror.” <sup>10</sup> For we have

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heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. <sup>11</sup> No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

#### **God's instruction to Joshua:**

**Joshua 6:1, 2** – Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua: “**See!** I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

#### **Confession**

I keep my confession in line with what God says in His Word. I glory God with a right confession. I speak forth what has grown out of the faith in my heart. I enforce the devil's defeat in every situation of life.

I keep the door closed to the devil. I don't allow him in any part of my life. I keep a watch on the words of my mouth, only speaking those things that bring glory and honor to God.

I don't talk sickness. I talk health and healing. I talk in line with God's Word. And I see the fruit of my words manifest in my own life.