

Victorious Faith

I. Faith conquers with our feet.

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

Josh 3:14-17 the priest had to step into the Jordan river before it would part.

Josh 10:24-26 Joshua has to leaders put their feet on the necks of the conquered kings.

Josh 10:24-26 When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came near and put their feet on their necks. Joshua then said to them, "Do not fear or be dismayed! Be strong and courageous, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies with whom you fight." So afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death

II. Faith is released and conquers as our mouth speaks God's Word.

2 Cor 4:13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

Mark 11:20-24 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you."

Rom 10:8-10 But what does it say? "the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" -- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

James 3:1-12 what comes out of our mouths will give direction to our entire lives.

4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

6 ... The tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

III. God made the world through His spoken word.

God had only to speak and everything that ever was, and is, and is to come, came into being. God advances His Kingdom by the power of His spoken Word.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Ps 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Heb 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the

exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

IV. God's Kingdom's Works through light and proclamation.

God's kingdom is a kingdom of light that works through His spoken word.

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9(for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

1 Peter 2:9 ... that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

V. Jesus extends the Kingdom of God by speaking to the problem and releasing miracles.

A. He calms the wind and the sea

Mark 4:39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.⁴¹ They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

B. He cursed the fig tree and it dies.

Mark 11:13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.

Mark 11:20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. 21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, " Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered."

C. He cast out devils.

Mark 1:34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons;

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."

Luke 9:42 While he was still approaching, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

Matt 8:16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill.

D. He healed people.

Mark 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

Luke 6:17 people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases;

E. He raised the dead.

Luke 7:12-15 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

John 11:43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." 44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

VI. Advancing the Kingdom of God

A. What comes out of our mouths will either advance the Kingdom of darkness or the Kingdom of God. It is up to us to agree with God and confess His truth. Listen to what Solomon says:

Prov 18:1 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

B. Jesus is the High Priest of our confession

Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;

C. We are to hold fast our confession of faith.

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

D. Speaking the life-giving blessing words of the Kingdom of light also does wonderful things in our life. Below is a partial list of these blessing:

1. Righteous talk produces life.

Prov 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,

Prov 15:4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life,

2. Righteous talk produces wisdom.

Prov 10:31 The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,

3. Our life is satisfied by the words of our mouth

Prov 12:14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words,

4. It will bring healing.

Prov 12:18 There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

5. It will establish us.

Prov 12:19 Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

6. Speaking truth brings delight to the Lord.

Prov 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.

7. We will enjoy good.

Prov 13:2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good,

8. Watching over what comes out of your mouth will preserve your life.

Prov 13:3 The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Prov 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles.

Ps 39:1 I said, "I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle

James 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless

9. Gentle words subdues anger

Prov 15:1 a gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

10. Our words can minister joy and delight to others.

Prov 15:23 A man has joy in an apt answer, and how delightful is a timely word!

11. Pleasant words bring healing.

Prov 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

12. Confessing Jesus before men gives us recognition in heaven.

Matt 10:32 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

13. The gentle words of correction can bring repentance to those in sin.

2 Tim 2:25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

14. Good confession can give us a good and long life.

1 Peter 3:10 "the one who desires life, to love and see good days, must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.

15. We overcome the devil through our words.

Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

16. We are to praise God with our words.

Ps 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

17. We are to speak about God's salvation.

Ps 40:10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

18. We are to sing the word

Ps 119:172 Let my tongue sing of Your word,

19. We are to pray for those who hate us.

Matt 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

20. We are to speak the truth in love.

Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

21. We are to speak words that help others

Eph 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.