

Faith Speaks the Word of God (Romans 10:6-8)

You may ask, “*Br. Rich, how can I start my faith?*” I started with my mouth. Jesus said in Mark 11:23-26, **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever 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.**

Think about what you have been saying, and make sure what you've been saying is lined up with the Word of God. Never take sides against God's Word. ...**I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak** (2 Corinthians 4:13). God's people, the children of Israel, wouldn't shut up, but kept talking doubt and unbelief in Numbers 13 and 14. They had to make sure that everyone knew about the giants, the walls, and that they were just grasshoppers in their own sight. They were whiners and complainers. Then, they cried all night long about how bad they had it, and got upset at the pastor they had, and decided to appoint another one.

Sound like anybody you know today? They took sides against God's Word, and God's servant, Moses. This kind of Christian stirs up strife, gossip, and sows discord among the brethren. They don't even think it's wrong to talk that way. If you hang around them, you'll become like them. **Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.** 1 Corinthians 15:33 AMP

For some reason, some people never get delivered from gossip. You've got to preach the Word hard and strong before they even begin to see they have these symptoms. God will tolerate many things because He is patient, but He hates discord among the brethren (Proverbs 6:19). Very few believers think that gossip is wrong, or a sin. It's an undetected destroyer. Almost everyone does it, but that doesn't make it right, nor should you ever condone it in your presence.

Because of the children of Israel's big mouths, sympathy, emotional drama, and judgmental mouths, they all died -- (all the complainers, doubt peddlers, faith destroyers). And you can't blame God that this happened. They got what they said. What a lousy example they set for their children!

The Holy Spirit admonished us in 1Corinthians 10:1-13 and Hebrews 3:1- 4:2 that what happened to these people, whom God loved, could happen to us. God had repeatedly promised they'd have a better life in store if they would just believe and obey Him. They could have lived in the land that flowed with milk and honey. And here's the bonus: There was not one feeble person among them: **He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.** Psalm 105:37 There was not one crutch, not one cane, not one bad eye, not one deaf ear, no sugar diabetes.

Keep in mind that because of Jesus Christ, and what He did for you, my dear friend, you have a better covenant, established on better promises. So think hard and long before you permit yourself to doubt God and join the moaners and complainers who insist on magnifying the problem above the Word.

Caleb and Joshua refused to murmur, complain, or talk doubt and unbelief. They had a spirit of faith. **We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;** 2 Corinthians 4:13

Caleb and Joshua are hailed today as champions of faith because of the uncompromising stand they took with God. Caleb and Joshua were champions in faith. Those guys were just like you and I, who chose to believe God's Word above all the circumstances that surrounded them. We highly respect them today, because they stood for God and what God said. We admire the champions of faith who just refuse to let the devil have his way. You've either got a spirit of faith, or a spirit of doubt and of fear and unbelief. (2 Corinthians 4:13, 2 Timothy 1:7)

God doesn't want any of His children sick or afflicted any more than He wanted any of His people to die in the wilderness or fail to receive what He promised He would provide for them. You can never have a healthy body with a sloppy tongue. You can't afford to say just anything that pops into your mind. God's Word is real plain about this. It doesn't take a doctor's degree in theology, or a Greek or Hebrew scholar to know this. It's as plain as day in the Word of God. **Death and life are in the power of the tongue** (Proverbs 18:21).

Not only do we have verses of scripture that teach us what our tongue and words can do to us, like Mark 11:23, we also have explicit illustrations in the Old Testament and in the New

Testament of repercussions that people suffered as a result of what they said with their mouth, or believed in their heart.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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