

HOW DESPERATE ARE YOU?

LESSON 1 – OUTLINE

- I. The Lord has already blessed us, healed us, delivered us, and prospered us.
 - A. The only reason to be hopeless, helpless, and in despair is if we don't know who we are and what we have in Christ.
 - B. We need a full revelation of what Jesus has done for us!
 - C. That doesn't mean we won't ever have problems, but in the midst of them, we can say, "Father, You've already supplied this before I ever had the need. I know it's there, so I'm drawing near to You. Thank You for revealing it to me."
 - D. Christians should never be hopeless or full of despair.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

JOHN 6:35

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

JOHN 4:14

- E. The Lord doesn't come to those who just passively seek Him—we must pursue Him wholeheartedly.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end...[13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:11 AND 13

- II. God has already given us everything.
 - A. There's a well of living water on the inside of every born-again believer.
 - B. It's not time to ask Him to come and touch us.
 - C. It's time for us to start taking, eating, and drinking of what He's already given.

- III. Through the revelation contained in this study, I've learned that God loves me infinitely more than I can ever comprehend or need.
- A. There were times when depressing and discouraging feelings tempted me.
 - B. Although I've had these thoughts, I don't give in to them, because I also have this revelation that God loves me and has already provided everything I need.
 - C. So, instead of giving in to hunger, discouragement, and despair, I remind myself of God's Word.
 - D. I'll just separate myself and spend a day or so fasting, praying, and seeking God.
 - E. What I'm doing is mining what the Lord has already placed within me. Instead of asking Him to give me something new, I draw out the life that He's already given.
- IV. God has given me such joy inside that I can choose to rejoice at all times (Phil. 4:4).

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PSALM 34:1

- A. As I've drawn on the joy that God has already placed within my born-again spirit, I've lived a consistently victorious life.
 - B. In the midst of great adversity, I've experienced continual joy and peace.
 - C. It's not because I'm never tempted with the other, but because I know in my heart that God has already done His part.
 - D. I start focusing on the Lord and His Word and draw out His abundant life from within me.
- V. The Lord has already done everything.
- A. However, if you're not seeing it manifest, it's not God who hasn't given—but you who haven't received!
 - B. Come with me as I take you on a journey that will teach you how to receive what God has already done for you.

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LESSON 1 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Who was speaking in John 6:35?
2. What did He say He is?
3. Those who come to Him shall never what?
4. Who shall never thirst?
5. Who was speaking in John 4:14?
6. Whosoever drinks of the water He gives shall never what?
7. Who gives this water?
8. What shall this water be in them?
9. Springing up into what?
10. According to Jeremiah 29:11 and 13, who is thinking toward us?
11. What is He thinking?
12. To give us what?
13. When shall we seek Him and find Him?
14. According to Galatians 5:22-23, what is the fruit of the Spirit?
15. Against such fruit, there is no what?
16. Philippians 4:4 commands us to what?
17. When?
18. According to Psalm 34:1, whom shall we bless?
19. When?
20. Where shall His praise be continually?

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JEREMIAH 29:11

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JEREMIAH 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

PSALM 34:1

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CHECK YOUR RECEIVER

LESSON 2 – OUTLINE

- I. Ephesians was written from the perspective of what has already taken place.

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: [2] Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. [3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:1-3, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. Notice the terminology here: “Blessed be God who *has*—past tense, it’s already . been done—blessed us with all spiritual blessings.”
- B. Really, “*all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*” is just an old English way of expressing the truth that God has already blessed you with everything—and it’s in the spiritual realm.
- C. Everything that God has done for you has already been deposited into your born-again spirit.
- D. Although it’s already there, you must draw it out of the spirit and into the physical realm.
- II. If we asked someone for something they knew we already had, how would they respond to us?
- A. There’d probably be an awkward silence, which sounds a lot like how God often responds to us!

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

HEBREWS 13:5

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

- B. When we ask God for what He has already given us, we’re letting our senses dominate us.

- III. Wherever you are right now, there are television signals all around you.
- A. Just because you can't perceive them with your five natural senses doesn't mean they're not present.
 - B. When you turned on and tuned in your television set is when you started receiving, but it's not when the station began broadcasting.
 - C. God is the Giver of all earthly and spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3), and He's already transmitted them to you.
 - D. If you aren't seeing them manifest in your life, the problem isn't with God's transmitter.
 - E. You need to fix your receiver.

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

MATTHEW 28:20

- IV. You need to believe that you're already blessed (Eph. 1:3).
- A. God has already given you healing, wisdom, revelation, prosperity, joy, peace everything you'll ever need.
 - B. All you have to do is renew your mind and let these things manifest themselves through you.
- V. There was an actual transformation that took place in your spirit the very moment you were born again.
- A. Now you have love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal. 5:22-23).
 - B. You are—right now in your spirit—identical to Jesus (1 John 4:17 and 1 Cor. 6:17).
 - C. The same power that raised Christ from the dead now lives inside of you (Eph. 1:19-20).
- VI. It's infinitely easier to release something you know and believe you already have than it is to try and go get something you don't.
- A. If you're not absolutely convinced that you've already got it, you'll either submit to or have to battle thoughts that you won't get it.
 - B. However, once you know it's yours, how could you doubt you'd get it?
 - C. This is simple, but so profound.

- VII. It's like that television signal.
- A. If you aren't seeing the picture, it's not God who isn't transmitting; it's your receiver that isn't working right.
 - B. You need to get into the owner's manual—God's Word—and start studying.
 - C. Find out how to turn that thing on, tune it in, eliminate the static, and deal with things to get the best reception.
 - D. God is waiting on you to believe and receive.
- VIII. Once Andrew understood this, things turned around.

By whose stripes ye were healed.

1 PETER 2:24, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. Don't fight to *get* healed; fight because you've *been* healed.
- B. Don't fight in an attempt to obtain healing; fight to defend the healing that's already been provided for you in Christ.
- C. Allow this revelation to sink in and change your attitude toward everything you receive from the Lord!

LESSON 2 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My *Spirit, Soul & Body* teaching goes into much more depth on these truths. It reveals from God's Word how your born-again spirit is already as perfect, complete, and full of God's blessing and power as it ever will be throughout all eternity.

Spirit, Soul & Body was one of the first revelations I received through studying the Bible. It has served as a foundation for almost everything the Lord has shown me since. These important truths freed me from the bondage of much wrong thinking and enabled me to consistently experience God's supernatural power. Personally, I cannot comprehend how anyone can truly prosper in their relationship with God apart from understanding this basic revelation. I've seen the Lord set more people free through *Spirit, Soul & Body* than almost anything else I've ever ministered. Check it out!

CHECK YOUR RECEIVER

LESSON 2 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:1-3, we have (past tense) been blessed with what?
2. According to 1 Peter 2:24, we were (past tense) healed by what?
3. Read Ephesians 1:19-21. The power that raised Christ from the dead and set Him at the right hand of the Father is to _____.
4. Hebrews 13:5 tells us two things God will never do. What are they?
5. According to Matthew 18:20, Jesus promised to be there in the midst of whom?
6. As an Old Testament saint, David asked God in Psalm 51:10-12 to create in him a what?
7. And to renew what?
8. David asked God not to cast him away from His presence nor take His _____ from him.
9. What did David ask Him to restore unto him?
10. Read Hebrews 9:12 and 14. How many times did Jesus enter in the holy place?
11. What did Jesus obtain for us?
12. What purges our consciences from dead works?
13. Matthew 28:20 tells us that Jesus is with us for how long?
14. Even to what?
15. According to James 5:15, what shall save the sick?
16. Who shall raise them up?
17. What will happen if they have committed sins?
18. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Is there any law against the fruit of the Spirit?
19. First John 4:17 says that as Jesus is, so are _____ in this world.
20. According to 1 Corinthians 6:17, those who are joined to the Lord are what?

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LESSON 2 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:1-3

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1 PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

EPHESIANS 1:19-21

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, [21] Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

HEBREWS 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

MATTHEW 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

PSALM 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. [11] Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. [12] Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

HEBREWS 9:12

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

HEBREWS 9:14

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

MATTHEW 28:20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

JAMES 5:15

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1 JOHN 4:17

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:17

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

ACCEPTED AND ENLIGHTENED

LESSON 3 – OUTLINE

- I. Atonement is already an accomplished work.

According as he hath [past tense] chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.

EPHESIANS 1:4, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Salvation was just waiting for you to reach out in faith and appropriate it.
- B. Although you had to choose to believe and receive, God had already made the provision before you ever had the need, before you were even born, and before you had ever sinned.

That we should be holy and without blame before him in love: [5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6] To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath [past tense] made us accepted in the beloved.

EPHESIANS 1:4-6, EMPHASIS & BRACKETS MINE

- II. Most Christians are trying to do things (live holy, read the Word, tithe, fast, etc.) to make themselves acceptable to God.
- A. They're blinded to the truth that He has already made them "accepted in the beloved" (Eph. 1:6).

And the angel [Gabriel] came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee [Mary]: blessed art thou among women.

LUKE 1:28, BRACKETS MINE

- B. Being "accepted" means you are "highly favoured" of God!
- C. You're accepted because of what Jesus did.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

EPHESIANS 1:7

- D. At the cross, Jesus paid for all of your past-, present-, and even future-tense sins.

E. This is the “*eternal redemption*” that Hebrews 9:12 reveals.

- III. There’s a huge difference between what we pray: “O God, go and touch this person” and what Paul prayed: “Lord, please help them to see and understand what You’ve already done.”

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.

EPHESIANS 1:17-19

- A. When we know what God has already done, we’ll pray with confidence.
 - B. Revival doesn’t come by begging the Lord to pour out His Spirit.
 - C. Revival comes when we seek the Lord wholeheartedly and begin to believe, draw out, and flow in what He’s already done.
- IV. Paul didn’t pray for God to do something new.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

EPHESIANS 1:15-17

- A. Paul wasn’t asking for something new but that the revelation of what God has already done and is now resident within us would begin to come out.

Wherein he hath [already] abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; [9] Having made known unto us the mystery of his will.

EPHESIANS 1:8-9, BRACKETS MINE

- B. In other words, this wisdom and revelation Paul was praying for have already been given to every believer.
- C. It’s just that not every Christian is receiving it—they don’t have their sets plugged in, turned on, and tuned in to it.

That the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

EPHESIANS 1:18

- D. We just need a revelation of what we already have.
- V. Ephesians 1:18 reveals that the riches of the glory of God’s inheritance are in the saints.
 - A. What’s in heaven pales in comparison to what’s already inside of you.
 - B. Your five natural senses cannot perceive your spirit. Neither can you “feel” it with your soul (your personality—mind, will, emotions, and conscience).
 - C. You must see who you are and what you have in the spirit realm through God’s Word and then believe it by faith.
 - D. If you focus your attention on who you are and what you have in Christ—recognizing that it’s a done deal and that the glory you’ll experience throughout all eternity is already inside you—depression would leave, and you’d start enjoying victory.

LESSON 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You have already been forgiven—completely! Jesus didn’t only deal with your past sins at the cross, which you’ve confessed, He paid for all of your past-, present-, and even future-tense sins. This is the “*eternal redemption*” that Hebrews 9:12 reveals.

My message entitled “Eternal Redemption” deals with Hebrews 9 in depth. It’s the second part of *Spirit, Soul & Body*. Also, “Complete Forgiveness,” *Redemption*, and *The War Is Over* all expand upon these truths.

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LESSON 3 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:4-6, the Father chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be what?
2. What has (past tense) God made us in His grace?
3. Ephesians 1:7 reveals that we have what?
4. According to Hebrews 9:12, Jesus obtained eternal redemption for _____.
5. Ephesians 1:8-9 says that God has abounded toward us in all what?
6. Read Ephesians 1:15-20. What spirit did Paul pray that the Lord would give us?
7. What being enlightened?
8. That we may know what?
9. According to Romans 8:37, we are more than _____ through Him who loved us.
10. Second Corinthians 5:17 reveals that anyone in Christ is a what?
11. What has passed away?
12. All things have become what?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus was made sin that we might be made _____ in Him.
14. Ephesians 4:24 exhorts us to put on the new man, which after God is created in _____.
15. According to Colossians 1:13, the Father delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into _____.
16. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30. What has Christ Jesus been made unto us?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Righteousness
 - C. Sanctification
 - D. Redemption
 - E. All of the above
 - F. None of the above
17. According to 1 Corinthians 15:57, what has God given us through our Lord Jesus Christ?
18. What does 1 John 2:20 reveal that we have from the Holy One?

19. According to Galatians 2:20, who now lives in us?
20. The life we now live in the flesh, we live by the faith of whom?

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LESSON 3 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:4-9

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ROMANS 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

EPHESIANS 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

COLOSSIANS 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

GALATIANS 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 JOHN 2:20

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

HIS POWER IN YOU

LESSON 4 – OUTLINE

- I. God wants you to see the exceeding greatness of His power toward those who believe.

What is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, [21] Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22] And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, [23] Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

EPHESIANS 1:19-23

- A. It's the very same power He used to raise Jesus Christ from the dead.
- B. That's the greatest manifestation of God's power ever!
- II. You have that same raising-from-the-dead power on the inside of you (Eph. 1:19-20).
- A. It's not out there in heaven somewhere.
- B. It's within you—in your born-again spirit (Rom. 8:11).
- C. You just need to believe that you already have it and begin to discover how it operates.
- D. Find out the laws that govern how the power of God works, and then put them into practice.
- E. If you receive this revelation, it'll ruin you for most of the religious tradition floating around and masquerading as Christianity today.
- III. Having a revelation of God's power within you will definitely change the way you pray!

Such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

ACTS 3:6

- A. When Peter said “*Such as I have,*” he wasn't referring to his own human strength but God's raising-from-the-dead power within his born-again spirit (Acts 3:6-8).
- B. This understanding will transform you into a commander.
- C. Find out what Jesus has already done, and learn how to release it.

- D. Then confidence will replace fear, as you begin acting like the commander you were born again to be.
- IV. You're made up of three distinct parts—spirit, soul, and body (1 Thess. 5:23).
- A. Your born-again spirit is exactly like God and is always for Him (Eph. 4:24, 1 Cor. 6:17, and 1 John 4:17).
 - B. If your soul—your mental, emotional part—becomes renewed and believes what God's Word says is in your spirit, you'll experience the life and power of God within (spirit + soul = 2 against 1).
 - C. On the other hand, if your soul agrees with your physical body, the life and power of God within you won't be able to manifest in the natural realm (soul + body = 2 against 1).
 - D. The simple majority always rules.
- V. When we arrive in heaven, we'll no longer think carnally, but we'll be able to completely see what was already in us.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

ROMANS 8:18, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. That's why God will have to wipe the tears away from our eyes.
- B. Since we didn't believe that He had already done it, we lived far below our privileges in Christ and let the devil beat up on us for no good reason.
- C. It's only the truth we know that will set us free (John 8:32).
- D. Our ignorance of God's Word is what Satan uses to keep us in bondage.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

HOSEA 4:6

- VI. Understanding this reality has set me free and enabled me to walk in a higher level of victory than ever before.
- A. If you receive this revelation, it'll work for you too.
 - B. Take the prayer in Ephesians 1:17-23, combine it with the prayer in Ephesians 3:16-21, and make them your own.

- C. Pray them and pray them and pray them—not to make God do something but to open up the eyes of your understanding so that you might see the fullness of what He has already done.
- D. This is the kind of understanding that must become part of your everyday Christian life.
- E. It needs to go beyond mere intellectual knowledge and become revelation knowledge—directly from God to you.

HIS POWER IN YOU

LESSON 4 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:17-23, the riches of the glory of His inheritance are where?
2. What is to us-ward who believe?
3. According to Romans 8:11, what does the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead do?
 - A. Grows in us
 - B. Gives us strength
 - C. Will quicken our mortal bodies
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
4. Read Acts 3:6-8. Did Peter give something he didn't have to the lame man?
5. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, what does the very God of peace do?
6. What does Paul want our spirits, souls, and bodies to be?
7. What does Ephesians 4:24 tell us to do with the new man?
8. Who was this new man created after in righteousness and true holiness?
9. According to 1 Corinthians 6:17, who is one spirit?
10. According to 1 John 4:17, what is made perfect?
11. How are we in this world?
12. Romans 8:18 says that *"the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared"* with what?
13. Read John 8:32. What does the truth we know make us?
14. According to Hosea 4:6, God's people are destroyed for what?
15. In Ephesians 3:16-21, Paul prayed that we'd be strengthened with might by His Spirit where?
16. That Christ may dwell where by faith?
17. What are we to be filled with?
18. How is He able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think?

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LESSON 4 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:17-23

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, [21] Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22] And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, [23] Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

ROMANS 8:11

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

ACTS 3:6-8

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. [7] And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. [8] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:17

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1 JOHN 4:17

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

ROMANS 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

JOHN 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

HOSEA 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

EPHESIANS 3:16-21

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; [17] That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19] And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. [20] Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [21] Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

LESSON 5 – OUTLINE

- I. If you have received Christ, you've been made alive.

And you hath he quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins.

EPHESIANS 2:1, BRACKETS MINE

- A. You may not have manifested the life of God in you, but your spirit is as alive as it will ever be.
 - B. You have God's resurrection power inside you.
 - C. Through faith, you can draw that life out of your spirit and into your soul and body.
- II. When you truly understand that you have been made alive, it breaks the power of sin, and you live in victory.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

EPHESIANS 2:2

- A. When you understand and acknowledge that Christ has already done it—that you already have resurrection life and you are as Jesus is in the spirit—victory is an inevitable byproduct.

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual [begin to work] by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

PHILEMON 6, BRACKETS MINE

- B. Your faith works and you'll see victory manifest—physically, financially, emotionally, etc.—as you acknowledge every good thing in you in Christ.
- III. The truth is, your nature has been changed.

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

EPHESIANS 2:3

- A. Your new nature—your born-again spirit—was created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24).
- B. As God’s Word transforms your mind, you’ll experience those old desires less, and you’ll experience more of your new nature.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath [past tense] raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-6, BRACKETS MINE

- C. You are already in relationship with God, raised from the dead spiritually, and you are now seated with Christ in heavenly places.
- IV. You were saved by grace through faith.

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:7-9

- A. Grace alone (apart from faith) won’t save you.
 - B. Faith alone (apart from grace) won’t save you either.
 - C. Biblical faith always believes on Jesus and appropriates what God’s grace has already provided.
 - D. When understood properly, grace and faith complement each other.
 - E. It takes both grace and faith, not just one or the other.
- V. Grace is multifaceted (1 Pet. 4:10).
- A. Grace is unearned, undeserved, unmerited favor.
 - B. Grace is something God did for you, independent of you.
 - C. Grace is also consistent—it is the same toward everyone.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

TITUS 2:11

- D. Grace includes everything Jesus did in the atonement.
- VI. You must respond to God's grace with faith in order to receive it.
- A. When you receive God's grace and mix it with faith, His power is released to make salvation a reality in your life.
 - B. Faith is not something you do to make God do something.
 - C. God will not be coerced into anything.
 - D. Everything from God must come by grace through faith.
 - E. Faith is simply your positive response to what God has already provided by grace.
 - F. Faith only appropriates what God has already provided by grace.
 - G. True faith only receives—reaches out and takes—what God has already done.

LESSON 5 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your un-renewed mind is the only reason you still struggle with those old desires toward sin. As God's Word transforms your mind, you will experience fewer of those old desires and more of your new nature. Again, this is covered in much greater detail in my teaching *Spirit, Soul & Body*.

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

LESSON 5 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:17-18, what did Paul pray for us?
 - A. That we may have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
 - B. The eyes of our understanding being enlightened
 - C. That we may know what is the hope of His calling
 - D. That we may know what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
 - E. All of the above
2. Ephesians 2:1-2 reveals that God has quickened—made alive—us who were what?
3. According to Philemon 6, how does the communication of our faith become effectual?
4. Ephesians 2:3 reveals that we were fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the what?
5. What were we by nature?
6. What does Ephesians 4:24 reveal our new man to be created in?
7. Ephesians 2:4-9 shows that God is rich in what?
8. God loved us even when we were what?
9. How are we saved?
10. According to 1 Peter 4:10, what are we to minister to one another?
11. If we do so, we'll be good stewards of what?
12. Read Titus 2:11. To whom has this grace appeared?
13. According to Matthew 7:13, where does Jesus tell us to enter in?
14. Those who go to destruction are what?

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

LESSON 5 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:17-18

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EPHESIANS 2:1-9

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: [3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. [4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: [7] That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

PHILEMON 6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

1 PETER 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

TITUS 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

MATTHEW 7:13

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.

"SUCH AS I HAVE"

LESSON 6 – OUTLINE

- I. The early days of the charismatic movement were wild!
 - A. Several outstanding scriptures became very popular in those days.

Have faith in God. [23] 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. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

MARK 11:22-24

All things are possible to him that believeth.

MARK 9:23

- B. According to these verses, whosoever can ask God for whatsoever they desire—and anything's possible!
 - C. Can you see how easy it would be to slip into error if you didn't know that faith only appropriates what God has already provided by grace?
 - D. God—by grace—didn't provide murder, adultery, or thievery in Christ's atonement.
 - E. Therefore, since Jesus didn't provide it, your "faith" can't make it happen!
- II. True faith is simply a response to what God has already done by grace.
 - A. The Lord provided healing 2,000 years ago in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

By whose stripes ye were [past tense] healed.

1 PETER 2:24, EMPHASIS & BRACKETS MINE

- B. People are drawing on that healing by faith and receiving the manifestation of it today—but God already did the necessary work to provide it a long time ago.
- C. The Lord has already accomplished healing and placed it inside your born-again spirit.
- D. In order for healing to manifest, you must receive it.

- E. Appropriate—by faith—what God has already provided by grace.
- III. When you understand what I’m sharing, it will totally revolutionize the way you receive from God.
- A. “Waiting on the Lord” means being like a waiter or a waitress in a restaurant.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 27:14

- B. You aren’t waiting for God to do something new—He’s waiting on you to respond positively to what He’s already done.
 - C. The only question today is, “Are you ready to believe and receive?”
- IV. When you understand grace—that God has already done everything—you’ll become bold and authoritative (Acts 3:4-6 and 14:8-10).
- A. You can literally command the power of God to come into manifestation because you aren’t commanding God Himself to go and do something.
 - B. Instead, you’re commanding what He has already done to manifest in the physical realm.
 - C. When you understand how grace and faith work together, you’ll become a commander instead of a beggar.
- V. Concerning the work of His hands, God says to His children, “You command Me!”

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

ISAIAH 45:11, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. God (Father & Son Power Company) has already done His part.
- B. Through Christ’s atonement (the power station), everything you’ll ever need has already been generated.
- C. In fact, the power has already been delivered to your house (born-again spirit).
- D. When you believe what He has done and reach out in faith to appropriate it, you’re commanding what God has already provided to come into manifestation.
- E. You didn’t produce the power, but it has been placed at your command.

- VI. Faith reaches over into the spiritual realm and draws out into the physical realm what God has already supplied.
- A. Most people are asking God to do for them what He has already done.
 - B. When you understand that God has already done it, condemnation is defused.
 - C. God provided everything you would ever need before you were born again, before you did anything good or bad, before you were even born.
 - D. Every salvation benefit—including forgiveness of sins, healing, etc.—has already been provided.
 - E. It's just a matter of whether you can reach out by faith and receive.

LESSON 6 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional light on these important issues, I'd like to recommend to you some teaching materials. *Spiritual Authority* will really help you sort these things out. Also, “The Book of Job,” “God's Not Guilty,” and “The Sovereignty of God” all soundly debunk the false idea that the Lord puts suffering in your life to teach you things. It's simply not true!

"SUCH AS I HAVE"

LESSON 6 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Who was speaking in Mark 11:22-24?
2. Who should we have faith in?
3. What shall we say to the mountain?
4. Where should we not doubt?
5. What should we believe shall come to pass?
6. What shall we have?
7. When should we believe that we receive what things soever we desire?
8. According to Mark 9:23, to whom are all things possible?
9. According to 1 Peter 2:24, by Jesus' stripes, we _____ healed.
 - A. Are
 - B. Were
 - C. Will be
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
10. Who does Psalm 27:14 instruct us to wait on?
11. Read Acts 3:4 and 6. What did Peter give the lame man?
12. What did Peter command him in the name of Jesus?
13. In Acts 14:8-10, had this man Paul ministered to ever walked before?
14. What did Paul perceive that the crippled man had?
15. What did Paul say to him with a loud voice?
16. Then what happened?
17. What does the Lord tell us to ask of Him in Isaiah 45:11?
18. What does He instruct us concerning the work of His hands?

"SUCH AS I HAVE"

LESSON 6 – SCRIPTURES

MARK 11:22-24

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [23] 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. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

MARK 9:23

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

1 PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

PSALM 27:14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

ACTS 3:4

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

ACTS 3:6

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

ACTS 14:8-10

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: [9] The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, [10] Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

ISAIAH 45:11

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

GOD'S BEST

LESSON 7 – OUTLINE

- I. Concerning healing, God's best for everyone is always an instantaneous miracle.
 - A. The only reason progressive miracles come is because of the way people believe.
 - B. Their theology—the way they think—only lets it manifest a little at a time.
 - C. Grace and faith work together to bring into manifestation what God has already provided.
 - D. "I'm no longer asking God to heal me; I am receiving my healing, which He has already provided. When I pray for people, I'm no longer asking God to heal them. Instead, I'm ministering healing. I'm giving them healing—the same healing virtue that God has placed in me."
- II. All of this applies to your financial prosperity too.
 - A. God has already commanded upon you blessing and the power to get wealth—you just have to learn how to reach out in faith and receive it.

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant.

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

- B. Many things are involved in the process of putting this power to work and seeing wealth manifest (i.e., Matt. 6:33).
- C. There are many, many practical things you can do to actively cooperate with God's laws of faith concerning prosperity.
- D. Once you believe that God—by grace—has already provided prosperity, you'll begin to reach out in faith and take it; you'll start cooperating with the power and anointing to get wealth that is already in your born-again spirit.
- E. When you start doing things—believing for that anointing to manifest and prosperity to come—then you'll start seeing it (Deut. 28:8 and 12).
- F. You're working because you believe that God has already given you this anointing to get wealth, and you're acting in faith to release that power to manifest the prosperity the Lord has already provided.

- III. God—by grace—has already moved as much as He’s going to. He’s already provided everything.
 - A. Confession moves you into faith and the devil out of the way so your manifestation can come (Rom. 10:17 and Rev. 12:11).
 - B. God has put things in His Word that draw out His love and everything else He has already placed in your life.
 - C. Attending church, reading the Word, and listening to good Bible teaching don’t cause God to move in your life; they help your faith.
 - D. Although you need to do those things, don’t ever think that your actions make God react.
 - E. God has already done everything by grace, and faith is your reaction to Him.
 - F. Don’t confuse trying to “make” God do something, with your faith causing to manifest what He has already done.
 - G. Faith is simply your positive response to what God has already done.
- IV. Faith or grace taken alone—either one apart from the other—will kill you.
 - A. They must complement each other in order for you to experience the abundant life God intended for you to enjoy.
 - B. Grace and faith must work together.
- V. Paul understood and lived by this truth.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

- A. Paul cooperated with God’s grace.
- B. He didn’t labor in order to get it, but once grace came, he labored in faith to reach out and receive what God had already done.
- C. I pray that God gives you understanding and wisdom as you begin to harmonize this revelation of grace and faith and apply it to your daily life.

LESSON 7 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the early part of 2000, I ministered on grace and faith at a church in Lewisville, Texas. It was the same truth I've taught thousands of times (*Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith*). I emphasized how faith works and countered some common misconceptions (i.e., "faith" is believing that God will do something in the future). While sharing that true Bible faith is to believe what God has already done by grace, I used healing as my main example.

Since Niki's healing was so dramatic in illustrating this truth, we made a DVD out of it, called *Niki Ochenski: The Story of a Miracle!* This powerful story has already impacted tens of thousands of lives!

Several teachings that will help you better understand and receive the manifestation of prosperity include "Grace and Faith in Giving," *Financial Stewardship*, and *How to Receive God's Best*. Prosperity is simply having enough of God's supply to fully accomplish His will for your life. I pray that you get a hold of this revelation and fully accomplish your destiny in Him.

GOD'S BEST

LESSON 7 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Matthew 11:12, the violent take _____ by force.
2. Deuteronomy 8:18 says that God has given us what power?
3. That He may establish what?
4. Read Matthew 6:33. All these things will be added to us when we seek first _____.
5. Deuteronomy 28:8 and 12 reveal that God has commanded the blessing on us where?
 - A. In our storehouses
 - B. In all that we set our hands to do
 - C. In the land which He has given us
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
6. God said He would bless the work of _____.
7. We shall lend to many nations, but we shall not what?
8. According to Romans 10:17, what comes by hearing the Word of God?
9. Revelation 12:11 reveals that we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and by what?
10. Hebrews 3:13 tells us to exhort one another how often, lest we become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin?
11. What does Hebrews 10:23-25 tell us to hold fast to?
12. Let us consider one another to provoke unto what?
13. As we see the day approaching, we should _____.
 - A. Not forsake the assembling of ourselves
 - B. Exhort one another
 - C. Break bread
 - D. A. and C.
 - E. A. and B.
14. According to 1 Corinthians 15:10, _____ toward Paul was not in vain.
15. Even though Paul labored more abundantly, what was it because of?

GOD'S BEST

LESSON 7 – SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

MATTHEW 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

DEUTERONOMY 28:8

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

DEUTERONOMY 28:12

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

ROMANS 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

REVELATION 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

HEBREWS 3:13

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

HEBREWS 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) [24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: [25] Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

SEEING IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 8 – OUTLINE

- I. The Bible clearly teaches that God has already blessed you (Eph. 1:3).
 - A. You have the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Eph. 1:19-20).
 - B. Everything we will ever need—joy, peace, wisdom, revelation knowledge, etc.—has already been provided.
 - C. But it's all in the spirit realm.
 - D. The physical realm does not exactly reflect what's true in the spirit realm.
 - E. Faith acts like a bridge to bring what is true and real in the spiritual world into the physical world.
- II. Through a revelation of spirit, soul, and body, I realized that when the Bible calls me righteous, it's talking about my born-again spirit—not my thoughts, feelings, actions, and physical body (2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Cor. 1:30, and Eph. 4:24).
 - A. I started to recognize that in my spirit, I had become a totally brand-new person.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

- B. When I stopped going by what I saw in the mirror, thought in my mind, and observed in my actions, I began to experience victory in my Christian life.
 - C. As I changed my identity to who the Word said I was in the spirit, I started enjoying the promised abundant life in manifestation (John 10:10).
- III. God's Word is the only reliable, accurate representation of the spirit world.

It is the spirit that quickeneth [makes alive]; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

JOHN 6:63, BRACKETS MINE

- A. The reason some people struggle so much to understand God's Word is because they're trying to perceive in the natural realm what the Bible is speaking of their spirits.

As he [Jesus Christ] is, so are we in this world.

1 JOHN 4:17, BRACKETS MINE

- B. As Jesus is—right at this moment—so are you in this world.
 - C. The real you—who you will be throughout eternity—is who you are in Christ.
 - D. Living from who you are in Christ is what the Word calls “walking by the spirit” (Gal. 5:16).
- IV. God’s Word is a spiritual mirror.
- A. When you look into it, you see who you are in the spirit (2 Cor. 3:18).
 - B. It always reflects “*Christ in you, the hope of glory*” (Col. 1:27).

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. [23] For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass [mirror]: [24] For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. [25] But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty [the Word, especially the New Testament], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

JAMES 1:22-25, BRACKETS MINE

- C. As you look in the mirror (God’s Word), discover your identity in Christ (who you are in the spirit), and act on that knowledge in faith, you will see the life of God within you manifest.
- V. If you want to experience life and peace, then you need to be spiritually minded.

For to be carnally [not necessarily sinfully, but naturally] minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

ROMANS 8:6, BRACKETS MINE

- A. You will never move into the supernatural things of God while being dominated by the natural realm—what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
- B. If you can’t believe anything beyond what your five senses can tell you or confirm, then you are carnally minded.
- C. God is a Spirit, and He moves in the spirit realm (John 4:24).
- D. In order to flow with God in the supernatural and enjoy life and peace, you need to become spiritually minded.

LESSON 8 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further study, refer to my teaching *Spirit, Soul & Body*.

SEEING IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 8 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:3, what have we been blessed with?
2. According to Ephesians 1:19-20, is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead toward us?
3. Second Corinthians 5:21 reveals that Jesus—who knew no sin—was made _____ that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
4. According to 1 Corinthians 1:30, what has God made unto us?
5. According to Ephesians 4:24, in my new man—born-again spirit—I am what?
6. Second Corinthians 5:17 reveals that anyone in Christ is a new what?
7. According to John 10:10, Jesus came that we might have _____ more abundantly.
8. According to John 6:63, what are spirit and life?
9. First John 4:17 declares that as _____ is, so are we—right now—in this world.
10. Read 1 Corinthians 13:9-12. How do we see now?
11. How will we see then?
12. According to 1 Corinthians 15:50-54, this corruptible shall put on what?
13. This mortal shall put on what?
14. How does Galatians 5:16 tell us to walk?
15. According to 2 Corinthians 3:18, we all, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are _____.
16. According to Colossians 1:27, Christ in us is our hope of what?
17. Read James 1:22-25. Those who hear the Word but don't do it deceive _____.
18. These people are like someone beholding their own face in a glass (mirror), going their way, and straightway forgetting what?
19. According to Romans 8:6, to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is _____.
20. How must we worship God, according to John 4:24?

SEEING IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 8 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:19-20

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

EPHESIANS 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

JOHN 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

JOHN 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

1 JOHN 4:17

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:9-12

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. [10] But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. [11] When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. [12] For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-54

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. [51] Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54] So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

GALATIANS 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

JAMES 1:22-25

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. [23] For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: [24] For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. [25] But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

ROMANS 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

JOHN 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

THE SPIRIT REALM IS REAL

LESSON 9 – OUTLINE

I. There are two different worlds.

A. In 2 Kings 6, the king of Syria was warring against the king of Israel.

B. It was as if the king of Israel knew the king of Syria's battle plans beforehand.

Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? [12] And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

2 KINGS 6:11-12

C. So the king of Syria decided to pursue Elisha.

Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about [where Elisha was]. [15] And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

2 KINGS 6:14-15, BRACKETS MINE

D. Elisha's servant saw the armies, discerned why they were there, and panicked.

Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

2 KINGS 6:16

II. The faith person is simply describing what's true in the spirit but hasn't yet manifested in the physical realm.

A. You need to realize that spiritual truth and physical truth don't always agree.

B. However, if you'll believe, speak, and act on spiritual truth, it will overcome the physical truth.

C. Your unwavering faith in God's eternal Word causes the contrary temporal realm to change.

D. That's how what's already true in the spirit becomes true in the physical.

- E. As you continue to believe, what's true in the spirit will eventually manifest itself in the physical realm.

III. You have the ability to see the unseen.

LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2 KINGS 6:17

- A. Through God's Word, look beyond the mere physical world.
- B. With the eyes of your heart, you can see in the spirit.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

MATTHEW 11:15

- C. Jesus was referring to those who would hear Him with their hearts and receive His words into their innermost being.
 - D. In order to walk with God and do exploits, you need to be able to perceive things in your heart that you cannot perceive with your five natural senses.
- IV. As believers, we have many spiritual truths and realities in and around us that most of us have never perceived.
- A. Before we see these things on the outside (physically manifest), we must see them on the inside (with the eyes of our hearts).
 - B. Everything we can see and touch—the visible—was created by the invisible.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

HEBREWS 11:3

- C. God took spiritual substance—things that were real in the spiritual realm—and made everything in the physical realm.
- D. The spiritual realm is the parent force, and the parent force is always greater.
- E. From God's eternal point of view, the spiritual realm is more real than the natural.
- F. The spirit realm is real.

THE SPIRIT REALM IS REAL

LESSON 9 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to 2 Kings 6:11-12, whose heart was sore troubled?
2. Who was telling the king of Israel the king of Syria's words?
3. According to 2 Kings 6:14-15, what did the king of Syria do?
4. According to 2 Kings 6:16-17, what was Elisha's answer?
5. What did Elisha pray?
6. What then did the young man see?
7. According to Matthew 11:15, what did Jesus say to those who have ears to hear?
8. According to Psalm 91:11-12, God gives His angels charge over us to keep us how?
9. They bear us up in their hands lest we what?
10. According to 2 Kings 2:11-12, what separated Elijah and Elisha?
11. What did Elijah go up by into heaven?
12. According to Hebrews 11:3, "*through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that*" what?
13. According to 2 Kings 6:18-20, what did Elisha pray?
14. Who did he say he would bring them to if they followed him?
15. When they got to Samaria, what did Elisha pray?

THE SPIRIT REALM IS REAL

LESSON 9 – SCRIPTURES

2 KINGS 6:11-12

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2 KINGS 6:14-20

Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. [15] And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? [16] And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. [17] And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. [18] And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. [19] And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. [20] And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

MATTHEW 11:15

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

PSALM 91:11-12

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. [12] They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

2 KINGS 2:11-12

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

HEBREWS 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

WHERE GOD MOVES

LESSON 10 – OUTLINE

- I. Daniel clearly exemplifies the reality of the spiritual realm.

And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

JEREMIAH 25:11

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: [4] And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said... [19] O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

DANIEL 9:3-4 AND 19

And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; [21] Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel [the same angel who appeared to Zacharias and Mary in Luke 1:19 and 26-28], whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. [22] And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

DANIEL 9:20-22, BRACKETS MINE

- A. It took Daniel about three minutes to pray this prayer (Dan. 9:4-19).
- B. God moved in the spiritual world and gave the commandment at the very beginning of Daniel's prayer, yet it took approximately three minutes for Gabriel to show up.

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

DANIEL 9:23, EMPHASIS MINE

- C. That's not a long period of time, but it plainly reveals that God moved in the spiritual realm before there was any physical evidence of it.
- D. God commanded it in the spirit realm before there was physical manifestation.

II. Daniel prayed again in Daniel 10.

- A. This time, it took three weeks—not three minutes—before Daniel saw the manifestation of what he prayed for.

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. [3] I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

DANIEL 10:2-3

And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. [11] And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

DANIEL 10:10-11

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

DANIEL 10:12, EMPHASIS MINE

- B. God gave the command and answered on the very first day, but it didn't manifest until three weeks later because of demonic opposition.

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia [a demonic power] withstood me one and twenty days [three weeks]: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes [another angel, see Jude 9 and Rev. 12:7], came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

DANIEL 10:13, BRACKETS MINE

- C. God answered Daniel's prayer immediately on both occasions.
- III. Today, as New Testament believers, we look back to what God has already done through Christ.
- A. The provision was made before we ever had the need.
- B. It's not God moving differently for different people; it's people who receive differently.
- C. God has already done His part, but there are things that hinder what He's done in the spiritual realm from coming into the physical world.

- IV. God does things according to the power that is at work in us (Eph. 3:20).
 - A. Faith is the bridge that God's provision uses to cross out of the spirit realm into the physical.
 - B. Whether what's spiritually true ever manifests itself in the natural realm isn't dependent upon God answering our prayers, but upon whether we can—by faith—reach over into the spiritual realm and bring into physical manifestation what He's already done.
 - C. God is the one who must provide something in the first place in the spirit, but then He flows through us to get it into the natural realm.
- V. As a New Testament believer, God has given you authority and power—with that comes responsibility.
 - A. If you don't resist the devil, he won't flee.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

JAMES 4:7

- B. It's God's power standing behind you making it work, but nonetheless, the devil flees from *you*.
 - C. You can't ask God to rebuke the devil for you—He has given that authority to you.
- VI. Many Christians today pray and then passively stand and stand and stand in “faith,” patiently waiting until finally—maybe—they receive their answers.
 - A. These believers simply fail (1) to recognize that the devil is hindering their answers from manifesting and (2) to exercise the power and authority they've been given to do something about it.
 - B. As a born-again believer, you don't have to pray the way Old Testament people did.
 - C. God has already commanded your answer, but it must come from the spiritual world into the physical world.
 - D. There are a number of things that can happen to hinder that.

WHERE GOD MOVES

LESSON 10 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Daniel 9:2, how did Daniel understand Jeremiah's prophecy?
2. According to Jeremiah 25:11, "*this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon*" for how long?
3. According to Daniel 9:24, what are determined upon the people and the holy city?
4. What for?
 - A. To finish the transgression
 - B. To make an end of sins
 - C. To make reconciliation for iniquity
 - D. To bring in everlasting righteousness
 - E. To seal up the vision and prophecy
 - F. To anoint the most Holy
 - G. All of the above
 - H. None of the above
5. According to Daniel 9:3-4, Daniel set his face to do what?
6. According to Daniel 9:19-23, who immediately came to Daniel with God's answer?
7. When did Gabriel say that the commandment came forth?
8. What angel was sent to deliver God's messages in Luke 1:19 and 26-28?
9. According to Daniel 10:2-3, how long did Daniel fast and pray the second time?
10. According to Daniel 10:10-13, when was this angelic messenger sent?
11. What took so long?
12. Who came to help this messenger?
13. Who does Jude 9 reveal Michael as?
14. In Revelation 12:7, Michael and his angels fought against whom?
15. Ephesians 3:20 says that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above _____ according to the power that works in us.
16. John 4:24 reveals that God is a _____ and those who worship Him must worship Him in _____ and in truth.

17. James 4:7 tells us to submit to God and _____ the devil.
18. According to Hebrews 13:8, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever?

WHERE GOD MOVES

LESSON 10 – SCRIPTURES

DANIEL 9:2-24

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. [3] And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: [4] And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; [5] We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: [6] Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. [7] O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. [8] O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. [9] To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; [10] Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. [11] Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. [12] And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. [13] As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. [14] Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. [15] And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. [16] O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. [17] Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. [18] O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. [19] O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord,

hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. [20] And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; [21] Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. [22] And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. [23] At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. [24] Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

JEREMIAH 25:11

And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

LUKE 1:19

And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.

LUKE 1:26-28

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, [27] To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. [28] And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

DANIEL 10:2-3

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. [3] I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

DANIEL 10:10-13

And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. [11] And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. [12] Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. [13] But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

JUDE 9

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

REVELATION 12:7

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

EPHESIANS 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

JOHN 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

JAMES 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

THE ANSWER IS IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 11 – OUTLINE

- I. God has already given every Christian power, anointing, and the ability to prosper (Deut. 8:18).

Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

PSALM 35:27

- A. In the spirit, there's abundant supply for every born-again believer (2 Cor. 8:9).
- B. You can hinder what God has already commanded and done in the spirit from manifesting in the physical realm.
- C. God sends His financial provision to you through people.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

LUKE 6:38, EMPHASIS MINE

- D. You need to cooperate in faith.
- II. If you can understand this, it'll make a difference in the way you receive from God.
- A. You must believe you receive the very instant you pray, not when you see it.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

MARK 11:24

- B. Your answer is a reality in the spiritual world.
 - C. If it doesn't manifest, don't doubt that God has done what His Word said He did.
 - D. Continue to pray, not asking for it again, but taking your authority and using it against any demonic powers hindering your answer from coming to pass.
 - E. Ask God for revelation if there's something you're supposed to do.
- III. God has already provided everything you need.
- A. It's already in the spiritual world.
 - B. You just need to believe it's done.

- IV. Understanding this principle has revolutionized the way I pray.
- A. “He doesn’t need a healing; he needs a miracle!”
 - B. “When I was a baby, I had an eye infection. They operated on me and surgically removed my lens and retina. I don’t even have the necessary parts to be able to see.”
 - C. So, I cupped my hands over his face and declared, “Lens and retina, I command you to come into this eye in Jesus’ name!”
 - D. Through Jesus, the power had already been provided and was available in the spirit realm.
 - E. At the very moment we prayed, God’s power was in motion to bring this miracle into physical manifestation—but there were some hindrances.
- V. The Word says to speak to the mountain (Mark 11:23).

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

PROVERBS 18:21

- A. We do others a disservice when we pray for their healing but let them go before it manifests.
- B. Most people’s faith—without manifestation over time—becomes weaker, not stronger.

LESSON 11 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more on how these truths apply to prayer specifically, I recommend my teaching entitled *A Better Way to Pray*.

THE ANSWER IS IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 11 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Deuteronomy 8:18 tells us to remember whom?
2. It is the Lord our God who gives us power to get what?
3. For what purpose?
4. Read Psalm 35:27. We are to shout for joy and be glad that the Lord has _____.
5. According to 2 Corinthians 8:9, though Jesus was rich, yet for our sakes, He became poor so that we, through His poverty, might be what?
6. According to Luke 6:38, when we give, how will it be given back to us?
 - A. Good measure
 - B. Pressed down
 - C. Shaken together
 - D. Running over
 - E. All of the above
 - F. None of the above
7. In Mark 11:23-24, who is able to say unto this mountain?
8. In our hearts, we shall not what?
9. But in our hearts, we shall what?
10. What shall we believe?
11. What shall we have?
12. What should we believe about the things we desire when we pray?
13. And we shall what?
14. According to Jude 20, when we pray in the Holy Ghost, we are building ourselves up on _____.
15. According to Proverbs 18:21, both death and life are in the power of the what?
16. What shall they that love it eat?

THE ANSWER IS IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 11 – SCRIPTURES

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

PSALM 35:27

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

LUKE 6:38

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

MARK 11:23-24

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. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

JUDE 20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

PROVERBS 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED

LESSON 12 – OUTLINE

- I. God has already done it—everything we will ever need is already a done deal.
 - A. As soon as we believe and begin learning how His power works, we can make things manifest.
 - B. If you don't immediately see the physical manifestation of what you prayed for, then you need to get in and start battling your own unbelief.
 - C. Receive wisdom if there's something you need to do.
 - D. If a demonic power is involved, break it.
 - E. But the Scripture clearly establishes the principle that God has already done it.
- II. Jesus operated in this same understanding.

And he [Jesus] cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. [23] And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. [24] And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. [25] After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. [26] And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

MARK 8:22-26, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Jesus led this man out of the town because Bethsaida was one of the worst places He had ever been!

Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

LUKE 10:13

And he could there [His own hometown of Nazareth] do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. [6] And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

MARK 6:5-6, BRACKETS MINE

- B. Jesus' purpose was to get this man away from the unbelief in Bethsaida, knowing that it could hinder God's power from manifesting his healing.
- C. So, after Jesus prayed for him, He asked, "What do you see?"
- D. Jesus was aware that the unbelief of that town and the effect it had on that man was hindering an instantaneous, full manifestation of what God had already done.

I see men as trees, walking.

MARK 8:24

- E. It's not unbelief to continue to pray, taking your authority and making what He's already provided manifest.
- III. Jesus confronted hindrances head-on.
- A. Jesus knew that God had healed this man completely.
 - B. But Jesus recognized that there was a hindrance to getting it from the spiritual into the physical, so the Lord prayed with him a second time in order to get this man over that hindrance.
 - C. Then Jesus told him how to keep the healing he'd received.
- IV. Everything you could ever need is already there—in the spirit.
- A. For what God's done—what's already true in the spirit—to manifest in the physical realm, it requires the cooperation of some physical human being.
 - B. Sometimes it takes a period of time to build yourself up in faith to the point where you can receive, but it doesn't take God any time to be ready to give, because He's already provided.
 - C. You must receive wisdom about how Satan is hindering so that you can speak to the mountain and command it to be removed.
 - D. You need to learn and cooperate with the laws of God.
 - E. As soon as you can get yourself into faith and learn how to do this, you can manifest what God has already done.
 - F. Renew your mind to God's Word, and allow yourself to become a bridge that He can flow through from the spiritual realm into this physical world.

GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED

LESSON 12 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. When Jesus came to Bethsaida in Mark 8:22-26, what kind of man did they bring unto Him?
2. Jesus took him by the hand and led him where?
3. When Jesus had spit on his eyes and put His hands upon him, what did He ask him?
4. What was the man's reply?
5. Then Jesus put His hands again upon his eyes and made him do what?
6. He was restored and saw every man how?
7. Jesus sent him away where?
8. With what instructions?
9. According to Luke 10:13, how would Tyre and Sidon have responded if those same things had been done in them?
10. In Mark 6:5-6, Jesus could there do no what?
11. Jesus laid His hands upon whom and healed them?
12. Why did Jesus marvel?
13. In John 5:14, what did Jesus tell the man?
14. According to John 10:10, who comes only to steal, kill, and destroy?
15. Who came to give us abundant life?
16. How long does Mark 4:17 reveal that those who have no root in themselves endure?
17. What will arise for the Word's sake?
18. When are they offended?
19. According to John 4:24, who is a Spirit?

GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED

LESSON 12 – SCRIPTURES

MARK 8:22-26

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LUKE 10:13

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

MARK 6:5-6

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. [6] And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

JOHN 5:14

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

JOHN 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

MARK 4:17

And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

JOHN 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

THE BATTLEFIELD

LESSON 13 – OUTLINE

- I. Dealing with the devil and overcoming his hindrances to the manifestation of what God has already provided is popularly called “spiritual warfare.”

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

ACTS 10:38

- A. Overall, it has been good for Christians to recognize the fact that Satan exists and that his demonic powers are active today.
- B. However, Satan is a defeated foe.
- C. The only reason he is able to do anything is because of our own ignorance, unbelief, and fear.
- D. Although the body of Christ today has come to an awareness of the devil’s existence, it has remained, for the most part, functionally ignorant of Satan’s true devices (2 Cor. 2:11).

- II. The battle is between our ears.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

EPHESIANS 6:10-12, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. We are in a battle, but it’s not out there in heavenly places.
- B. We are fighting demonic powers—and they do exist in heavenly places—but the battlefield (place of engagement) is our minds.
- C. All Satan can do is try to deceive us through wiles, cunningness, craftiness, and lies and then use against us the very power we surrender to him.
- D. The devil’s goal is to keep us ignorant of the truth and believing his lies.

I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3, EMPHASIS MINE

- E. Satan comes against us by trying to corrupt our minds from the simplicity that's in Christ.
- III. Satan chose the serpent—the craftiest animal on the face of the earth—to come against Eve because he knew he had absolutely no power to force or intimidate Adam or Eve into anything.
 - A. He had to deceive them instead (Gen. 3:1).
 - B. If Satan hadn't challenged the Word and gotten them to question and second-guess it, his temptation would've gone nowhere.
 - C. Satan tempted Adam and Eve with something they already had.
- IV. Satan loves to hinder people from coming to the Lord, but his only "power" is deception and lies.
 - A. If Satan were really as powerful as he claims to be, then he would have kept you from receiving salvation.
 - B. Satan can't stop you from doing anything.
 - C. Satan can't do anything to you without your consent and cooperation.
 - D. The devil will condemn you over what you don't have and try to keep you focused on just the physical realm.
 - E. But the truth is, in the spirit, you already have everything.
- V. The key to seeing what you have in the spirit manifest in your life is believing and acknowledging it.

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

PHILEMON 6

- A. The way you get your faith to work is by starting to acknowledge the good things in you in Christ.

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.

ROMANS 7:18, EMPHASIS MINE

- B. To live in victory, you need to be focused on who you are in Christ.
 - C. Satan specifically targets your understanding and acknowledging of who you are and what you have in Christ.
 - D. Adam and Eve threw it all away because a talking snake convinced them that they didn't have enough.
 - E. If you have been born again, you do have everything—you are complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).
- VI. The battle against the devil is waged in your thoughts.
- A. That's why God's Word is so essential.
 - B. Satan's only power is deception—but the truth is the antidote to deception.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 8:32

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: [4] (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5, EMPHASIS MINE

- C. Notice how your warfare is against thoughts, imaginations, strongholds, and knowledge that come against the Word of God—these are all processes of your mind.
- D. Although he has been beaten, the devil walks about “*as a roaring lion...seeking whom he may devour*” (1 Pet. 5:8).
- E. Apart from the power you give him through believing his lies, Satan can't steal anything from you.
- F. He uses your ignorance, your fear, and your unbelief to try to oppress and destroy you.

LESSON 13 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My teachings entitled *Christian Philosophy* and *The Believer's Authority* both amplify and expand on the concepts presented in this Lesson.

THE BATTLEFIELD

LESSON 13 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to John 4:24, how must we worship God?
2. According to Acts 10:38, God anointed Jesus who went about doing what?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 2:11, who do we not want to get an advantage over us?
4. According to Ephesians 6:10-12, what are we to put on?
5. That we may stand against what?
6. Who do we wrestle against?
 - A. Principalities
 - B. Powers
 - C. Rulers of the darkness of this world
 - D. Spiritual wickedness in high places
 - E. All of the above
 - F. None of the above
7. According to 2 Corinthians 11:3, what does the serpent try to corrupt from the simplicity in Christ?
8. According to Genesis 3:1, what was more subtle than any other beast of the field?
9. According to Philemon 6, where is every good thing?
10. According to Romans 7:18, to will is present with us, but what do we not find?
11. According to Colossians 2:10, we are what in Christ?
12. According to John 8:32, knowing the truth shall what?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, are the weapons of our warfare carnal?
14. What are they?
15. Casting down what?
16. Bringing into captivity what?
17. According to 1 Peter 5:8, our adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion seeking _____.

THE BATTLEFIELD

LESSON 13 – SCRIPTURES

JOHN 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

ACTS 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

EPHESIANS 6:10-12

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

GENESIS 3:1

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

PHILEMON 6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

COLOSSIANS 2:10

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

JOHN 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: [4] (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

1 PETER 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

DELIVERED!

LESSON 14 – OUTLINE

- I. The devil is a factor, but not because he is superior in power and authority.
 - A. He deceives people, and they yield to him through fear.
 - B. Satan takes a person's own fear and uses it against them to "eat their lunch and pop the bag!"
- II. My awareness of the spiritual realm increased dramatically in 1968 when I first became really turned on to the Lord.
 - A. The Holy Spirit showed me that many problems—especially sickness, disease, and emotional problems—were demonic in origin.
 - B. Although we experienced some great successes, we were still quite ignorant of Satan's devices.
 - C. We knew there was warfare, but we didn't know exactly how it worked.
- III. A certain woman had come to Andrew's little Baptist church and received the Lord.
 - A. Although soundly converted, she still had some problems she was working through as a former lesbian.
 - B. They found her at home and totally spaced out.
 - C. They just locked her in a room and took shifts with her, refusing to give up (Luke 8:29-30).
 - D. Even though they didn't know exactly how to minister deliverance to her, over seven days, they saw all kinds of demons come out through their persistence and faith.
 - E. Because of that, fame spread and people came.
- IV. One Wednesday evening, a homosexual man they had been dealing with for several weeks in preparation for deliverance came to the mid-week service.
 - A. He told Andrew, "I'm ready to be delivered tonight!"
 - B. Andrew didn't know what to do, so he started asking the demons their names.
 - C. The Lord simply reminded Andrew of when He had commanded the evil spirits to shut up and come out (Mark 1:25).

- D. So Andrew declared “In the name of Jesus, I command all of you to shut up and come out of this man!” and—BOOM—the man instantly stopped.
 - E. Andrew studied the Word, and his boldness grew as he discovered that this was how Jesus did it.
- V. During that period of time, Andrew inadvertently put too much of his focus on the devil.
- A. Since there were so many people coming to them for deliverance and so much demonic stuff happening, they were constantly talking about Satan.
 - B. Demons physically attacked him.
 - C. He was giving Satan too much importance in his life with all the time he spent binding and rebuking, learning about, and focusing his attention on him.
 - D. The Lord showed him that he had glorified the devil and given him more power than he actually had.
 - E. So he started being constant and bold in praising and worshiping God, believing that if he kept his focus on the Lord, it would totally destroy Satan’s inroad into his life.
- VI. We’ve given Satan too much credit.
- A. He is a factor, going around seeking whom he may devour, but the only reason the devil can actually do something to someone is because they empower him through their fear.
 - B. Much of what is being taught as “spiritual warfare” today is ascribing to the devil more power and authority than he really has.
 - C. Satan has zero power and zero authority—all he has is deception.
 - D. But these false concepts are actually causing many Christians to yield to and empower the devil.

DELIVERED!

LESSON 14 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Who was speaking in Luke 8:29-30?
2. What did Jesus command to come out of the man?
3. When had it caught the man?
4. With and in what was this man kept bound?
5. What did he do with these bands?
6. Who drove him into the wilderness?
7. What did Jesus ask him?
8. What did he answer?
9. Because many devils were what?
10. In Mark 1:25, who rebuked the unclean spirit?
11. What did Jesus say?
12. What did He tell the devil to do?

DELIVERED!

LESSON 14 – SCRIPTURES

LUKE 8:29-30

(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) [30] And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

MARK 1:25

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

THE TRIUMPHANT PROCESSION

LESSON 15 – OUTLINE

- I. Through the cross and resurrection, Jesus Christ stripped the devil of all power and authority.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; [14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. *Spoil* means to take everything of value from a conquered foe.
 - B. Satan, principalities, and all other demonic powers have been spoiled.
 - C. Jesus Christ has made a show—an exhibition—of Satan.
- II. The phrase translated “*triumphing over them*” literally refers to the triumphant procession (Col. 2:15).
 - A. The Romans had a custom of parading the spoils of war and the conquered foe in front of the people after coming home from a conquest.
 - B. The Roman citizens knew that if they didn’t have this parade, the enemy who had been terrorizing them wasn’t defeated yet.
 - C. This triumphant procession showed all the Roman citizens that their enemy had been vanquished.
 - D. The purpose of the parade was to completely remove their fear.
 - III. The Scripture plainly declares that this is what Jesus did to the devil.
 - A. Christ destroyed “*him that had the power of death, that is, the devil*” so that He could “*deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*” (Heb. 2:14-15).
 - B. Notice that it’s the fear of death that opens the door to bondage.
 - C. The devil has been paraded, according to the Scriptures, and shown to be an absolute zero with the rim knocked off—he’s a nothing!

- D. The problem is that most of the body of Christ has missed the parade—especially among the “spiritual warfare” people.
- IV. Many “spiritual warfare” people think that you must do spiritual warfare before you can go into an area and effectively preach the Gospel.
- A. Neither Jesus, Peter, nor Paul ever sent believers ahead of them just to pray and do these other things.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

- B. To pray “O God, turn from Your fierce wrath. O God, pour out Your power. Please move” is to deny the atonement and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - C. There’s a huge difference between the way intercession was done in the Old Testament and the way it’s done in the New.
 - D. Much of what is being taught as “intercession” and “spiritual warfare” today is absolutely an Old Testament mentality.
- V. True spiritual warfare is fought on a personal level.
- A. You resist the lies and deception of the devil.
 - B. This is primarily done through knowing the truth.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 8:32

- C. Understanding the truth is the antidote for deception.
 - D. Deception’s power and strength come from the fact that you don’t know you are deceived.
 - E. But once you realize the proper standard—the truth—deception immediately loses its power.
 - F. God’s Word is truth (John 17:17).
- VI. I wage spiritual warfare over a city or a country by sending in the truth.
- A. I do that by sharing God’s Word through television, radio, CDs, books, videos, and the internet.
 - B. As people hear the truth, their hearts open and become more receptive to the Gospel.

- C. Then I also go in—or send others who have been trained—to preach and teach the Word in person.
- D. True spiritual warfare is bringing the truth of God’s Word to people!

LESSON 15 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Again, these truths are developed more in depth in *A Better Way to Pray*, *Spiritual Authority*, and *The Believer’s Authority*.

THE TRIUMPHANT PROCESSION

LESSON 15 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Colossians 2:13-15, who has been quickened—made alive—who were dead in sins?
2. This that was contrary to us was taken out of the way and nailed to what?
3. According to Hebrews 2:14-15, through death, who destroyed the devil?
4. How were they subject to bondage?
5. According to Genesis 18:31-32, if there were twenty righteous inside the city, would the Lord destroy it?
6. If there were ten righteous inside the city, would the Lord destroy it?
7. According to Numbers 12:1, why did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses?
8. According to Numbers 12:9-10, what was kindled against Miriam and Aaron?
9. According to Numbers 12:13-14, who cried unto the Lord for Miriam's healing?
10. According to Numbers 14:2, who murmured against whom?
11. According to Numbers 14:5 and 19, what did Moses and Aaron do?
12. According to Hebrews 7:25, why does Jesus ever live?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 5:19, God was _____ the world unto Himself.
14. What has God committed unto us?
15. According to Exodus 32:12, what did Moses ask the Lord to do?
16. According to John 8:32, what makes us free?
17. According to John 17:17, how are we sanctified?
18. What is truth?
19. According to Matthew 12:43-45, if the unclean spirit finds his previous home empty, swept, and garnished, whom does he get to enter in and dwell there?
20. Even so shall it be unto whom?

THE TRIUMPHANT PROCESSION

LESSON 15 – SCRIPTURES

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; [14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

HEBREWS 2:14-15

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

GENESIS 18:31-32

And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. [32] And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

NUMBERS 12:1

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

NUMBERS 12:9-10

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. [10] And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

NUMBERS 12:13-14

And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. [14] And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

NUMBERS 14:2

And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness.

NUMBERS 14:5

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

NUMBERS 14:19

Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

HEBREWS 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

EXODUS 32:12

Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

JOHN 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

MATTHEW 12:43-45

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. [44] Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. [45] Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

PROCLAIM THE WORD!

LESSON 16 – OUTLINE

- I. Paul is a great example of true spiritual warfare.
 - A. In Acts 19, the apostle ministered in the city of Ephesus.
 - B. Scripture never records Paul ever leading the believers to gather together to intercede, do spiritual warfare, and rebuke the demonic principalities over the city.
 - C. Through boldly preaching the Gospel, Paul broke the power of Diana and saw multitudes in the city receive the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - D. That's the scriptural method: Preach God's Word.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. [4:1] I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; [2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-4:2, EMPHASIS MINE

- E. Paul told people the truth, got them saved and set free, and disciplined them to go out and do the same.
- II. As individuals, families, and communities come out of deception, demonic powers are weakened and broken.
 - A. You don't get rid of demonic powers by going into the heavenlies and doing battle directly with them.
 - B. Preach the truth instead.
 - C. As these people understand and believe that God loves them, they will be set free.
 - D. Then they will resist those devils with the truth, and the entire climate over the city or country will change.
- III. Ezekiel prophesied that every individual would answer for their own sin—and no one else's—under the New Covenant.

What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? [i.e., "generational curse"] [3] As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this

proverb in Israel. [4] *Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

EZEKIEL 18:2-4, BRACKETS AND EMPHASIS MINE

- A. God doesn't judge children for the sins of their parents today (Ezek. 18:20).
 - B. A man stands before God on his own.
 - C. If he can understand and believe the truth that Jesus Christ dealt with all sin once and for all at the cross, forgiveness would set him free.
 - D. Deception is what keeps us in bondage, and the truth is what sets us free.
 - E. You can't solve the problem just by doing "spiritual warfare" and binding demons; you must get God's Word into the people.
- IV. Andrew is doing everything he can to get the Word out.
- A. He is teaching God's Word on television and radio in America, Europe, and around the world.
 - B. His ministry distributes thousands of teaching materials (i.e., audio messages, articles, and Bible commentary) each year.
 - C. Many are available free online.
 - D. He also supports many international Christian workers who are boldly preaching the Gospel.
 - E. This should be the approach of the entire church.

PROCLAIM THE WORD!

LESSON 16 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to 2 Timothy 3:16–4:2, what is given by inspiration of God?
2. What is it profitable for?
 - A. Doctrine
 - B. Reproof
 - C. Correction
 - D. Instruction in righteousness
 - E. All of the above
 - F. None of the above
3. That who may be perfect?
4. “*Thoroughly furnished*” unto what?
5. Who shall judge the quick—i.e., the living—and the dead?
6. When shall Jesus do this?
7. What should we preach?
8. When should we be ready to do this?
9. What should we do with all long-suffering and doctrine?
 - A. Reprove
 - B. Condemn
 - C. Exhort
 - D. Both A. and B.
 - E. Both A. and C.
10. According to Ezekiel 18:2-4, who was this proverb used concerning?
11. What have the fathers eaten?
12. Whose teeth are set on edge?
13. Who said they would not have occasion to use this proverb any more in Israel?
14. All souls are whose?
15. What shall happen to the soul that sins?
16. According to Ezekiel 18:20, who shall die?
17. What shall the son not bear?

18. What shall the father not bear?
19. What shall be upon the righteous?
20. What shall be upon the wicked?

PROCLAIM THE WORD!

LESSON 16 – SCRIPTURES

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 – 4:2

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. [4:1] I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; [2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

EZEKIEL 18:2-4

What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? [3] As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. [4] Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

EZEKIEL 18:20

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

A PLOY OF THE DEVIL

LESSON 17 – OUTLINE

- I. “Spiritual warfare,” as it’s popularly presented today, is actually a ploy of the devil.
 - A. Consider the fruit: Christians are encouraging Christians not to preach the Gospel but just to pray instead.
 - B. The devil delights when we give ourselves to praying fruitless, religious prayers.
 - C. Church history abounds with example after example of the Enemy luring Christians into doing all kinds of impressive-looking—but powerless—spiritual calisthenics.
 - D. As believers, our focus should be on preaching the Gospel and proclaiming the truth of God’s Word to all people everywhere.
- II. It’s not a matter of either preaching or praying; they should be done together.
 - A. People are born again by the incorruptible seed of God’s Word (1 Pet. 1:23).
 - B. Therefore, before you water, you must plant the seed!

That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

EPHESIANS 6:19

- C. Paul asked people to pray that he would speak with revelation, authority, and power and that miracles would be done in Jesus’ mighty name.
- D. Prayer is an important part of the Gospel, but it can never be substituted for the preaching of God’s Word.

Not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

ACTS 19:27

- E. The New Testament emphasizes the proclaiming of God’s Word!

- III. Through His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus released all the power it takes for massive worldwide revival.
- A. We just haven't been receiving it.
 - B. Revival is going to come as people yield themselves to God, not as they twist His arm more through "intercession" and "spiritual warfare."
 - C. Study the atonement of Jesus, and follow the example of the book of Acts.
 - D. Once you've been to the victory parade, you will never fear Satan again.
 - E. You will be set free and able to boldly minister God's freedom to others!

A PLOY OF THE DEVIL

LESSON 17 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to 1 Peter 1:23, are we born again of a corruptible seed?
2. What is the incorruptible seed?
3. What lives and abides forever?
4. Who was speaking in Ephesians 6:19?
5. Paul asked that utterance be what?
6. That he may open his mouth how?
7. To make what known?
8. Who was speaking in Acts 19:27?
9. What did Demetrius say about his craft?
10. What was in danger of being despised?
11. Diana's magnificence was about to be what?
12. Who worshiped her?

A PLOY OF THE DEVIL

LESSON 17 – SCRIPTURES

1 PETER 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

EPHESIANS 6:19

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

ACTS 19:27

So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK

LESSON 18 – OUTLINE

- I. If you're born again, you've already been given all the faith you'll ever need.

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. [4] And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. [5] And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

LUKE 17:3-5

- A. Faith certainly applies to your crises, but you need faith for the people you live and work with day in and day out all week long.
- B. It takes faith to always unconditionally love and forgive your coworkers, your spouse, your children, your parents, and your neighbors.

If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

LUKE 17:6

- C. What the Lord was telling them was, "Guys, you don't need more faith. You don't have a faith problem. You just aren't using the faith you've already got!"
 - D. You already possess the same amount and quality of faith Jesus had when He physically walked on the earth.
 - E. You just need to use it!
- II. Then in verses 7-10, Jesus immediately launched into a parable to illustrate His meaning.

But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? [8] And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? [9] Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not [old English for "I don't think so!" or "That's not how it works!"]. [10] So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

LUKE 17:7-10, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Jesus was saying, “You need to use the faith you’ve already got. Even if it’s only as big as a mustard seed, it’s enough to cast a tree into the sea. You would put your servant to work if you owned one, wouldn’t you? You already have faith. Now, put it to work!”
- B. Faith should be put to work, not pampered.
- C. Start putting your faith to work the way a master uses a slave.
- D. It’s not a matter of not having the servant; it’s a matter of not using what you’ve got.

III. Most believers are ignorant of the faith they already have.

- A. You don’t doubt that faith works; you just don’t believe you have the quantity or quality of faith you need.
- B. You don’t have a faith problem; you have a knowledge problem.
- C. You don’t know what you’ve got, nor the laws that govern how it works.

IV. The faith it takes to receive salvation comes by hearing God’s Word.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] not of works, lest any man should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. *That faith* is also not of yourself, but it is “*the gift of God.*”

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? [15] And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! [16] But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? [17] So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 10:14-17

- B. God Himself is faith-full, and the words He has spoken are faith-filled.
- C. You can’t believe God for salvation without first having God’s Word bring you His faith.
- D. Therefore, you do have God’s supernatural faith in you, and it doesn’t come and go (Rom. 11:29).
- E. We just aren’t using what we have, primarily because we don’t know we have it.

PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK

LESSON 18 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Luke 17:3-6 advises us to take heed unto whom?
2. What should we do if a brother trespasses against us?
3. What should we do if he repents?
4. What if he trespasses and repents seven times in a day?
5. To what kind of seed is faith likened?
6. What kind of tree is referred to?
7. Read Luke 17:7-10. Even though the servant just came in from working hard out in the field, what will the master tell them to do?
 - A. Go and sit down to meat
 - B. Come and sit down with me to meat
 - C. Serve me my food, then—afterward—you can eat
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
8. Will the master thank that servant for doing what was commanded?
9. When we've done all we have been commanded, what should we say?
10. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, for by _____ are we saved.
11. Through what?
12. According to Romans 10:14-17, is it possible to call on someone in whom we have not believed?
13. In order to believe in God, what must we do first?
14. How shall they hear without a what?
15. How shall they preach, except they be what?

16. What are beautiful?
17. Have they all obeyed the Gospel?
18. Who has believed our what?
19. How does faith come?
20. According to Romans 11:29, the gifts and calling of God are without what?

PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK

LESSON 18 – SCRIPTURES

LUKE 17:3-10

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. [4] And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. [5] And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. [6] And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. [7] But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? [8] And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? [9] Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. [10] So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] not of works, lest any man should boast.

ROMANS 10:14-17

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? [15] and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! [16] But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? [17] So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

SUPERNATURAL FAITH

LESSON 19 – OUTLINE

- I. God is a faith being, and human beings were created in His image.
 - A. Therefore, every person—saved or not—has faith within them because it was a part of God and is now a part of us.
 - B. However, this type of faith—to sit in a chair, drive through an intersection, or fly on an airplane—is human faith.
 - C. It's based completely on what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
 - D. However, in order to receive salvation, you had to believe in things your natural senses couldn't perceive.
 - E. The only way you can do this is with a supernatural, God kind of faith.
- II. God's type of faith isn't limited to some kind of physical proof.

(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.

ROMANS 4:17

- A. You believed God—whom you can't physically see or feel—for forgiveness of sin—which you can't physically see or feel.
- B. Both salvation and the faith to receive it are gifts from God (Eph. 2:8-9).
- C. God's Word contains His faith.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 PETER 1:23

- D. You used God's supernatural faith—not just human faith—to receive salvation.
 - E. It was a gift that came when you received His Word.
- III. You didn't just put your faith *in* God—you were born again by *the* faith *of* God!
 - A. You put faith in what Jesus did, but you used *the* faith *of* Christ to be justified.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

GALATIANS 2:16, EMPHASIS MINE

B. Once you are born again, you also live by *the* faith of the Son of God.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20, EMPHASIS MINE

C. You were both born again and now live by the supernatural faith of God Himself.

D. Since the faith we were born again by and now live by is the supernatural faith of God's own Son, it has the potential to do anything Jesus did.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.

JOHN 14:12

IV. God gave every born-again believer *the* measure of faith.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

ROMANS 12:3, EMPHASIS MINE

A. God gives every believer the same measure of faith—a ladle full—because it's *the* measure of faith.

B. Faith is a fruit of the Spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

GALATIANS 5:22

C. Many people only use a small portion of the faith God has given them.

D. In order to see your faith work, you need to understand and acknowledge what you have.

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

PHILEMON 6

E. Believe God's Word and begin to acknowledge that when you were born again, you were given the supernatural faith of God.

SUPERNATURAL FAITH

LESSON 19 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 4:17, how does God call those things which be not?
2. In Genesis 1:3, God said, “*Let there be _____.*”
3. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, how are we saved?
4. Did we work for it?
5. According to 1 Peter 1:23, what is the incorruptible seed?
6. Read Galatians 2:16. Is a man justified by the works of the Law?
7. According to Galatians 2:20, we as believers are crucified with whom?
8. Who lives in us?
9. Read Luke 17:6-10. What kind of seed is faith likened to?
 - A. A peach seed
 - B. A sycamine tree
 - C. A mustard seed
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
10. According to John 14:12, what shall believers do?
11. Read Romans 12:3. We are not to think of ourselves _____ than we ought.
12. Why did Jesus marvel in Matthew 8:10?
13. What kind of fruit is listed in Galatians 5:22?
14. Philemon 6 admonishes us to acknowledge what?

SUPERNATURAL FAITH

LESSON 19 – SCRIPTURES

ROMANS 4:17

(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.

GENESIS 1:3

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1 PETER 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

GALATIANS 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

GALATIANS 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

LUKE 17:6-10

And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. [7] But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? [8] And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? [9] Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. [10] So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

JOHN 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

ROMANS 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

MATTHEW 8:10

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

GALATIANS 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

PHILEMON 6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

THE LAW OF FAITH

LESSON 20 – OUTLINE

- I. Peter had this measure of God’s supernatural faith (Acts 3:6-8, 5:15, and 9:39-40).

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 1:1, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. Peter didn’t earn this faith through good works, but received it when he was born again *“through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”*
 - B. Along with Peter, you obtained this *“like precious faith”* when you were born again.
 - C. It is *the* measure of faith (Rom. 12:3).
 - D. However, in order to see the supernatural results Peter did, you need to learn how to exercise it.
- II. Faith for salvation comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
- A. Then, after you are born again, you have God’s supernatural faith in you (Rom. 12:3; Gal. 2:16, and 20).
 - B. Therefore, when you study the Bible and hear God’s Word preached as a Christian, faith is already present.
 - C. You are just discovering what you’ve been given and how to use it!
 - D. You can honestly say, “I have the same precious faith that Peter had. He had the measure of faith; I have the measure of faith. Paul had the faith of the Son of God, and so do I. Anything Peter did, I can do. Anything Paul did, I can do. Anything Jesus did, I can do. Glory to God!”

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord, [3] According as his divine power hath given unto us all things [faith is certainly one of these] that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: [4] Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.

2 PETER 1:2-4, BRACKETS MINE

- E. The Word teaches you how faith works so you can cooperate and receive the manifestation of your salvation benefits more completely.
- III. The only way this supernatural faith will produce results is if you use it in the manner God wants you to.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

ROMANS 3:27

- A. Faith works according to the laws God created to govern its use.
- B. Faith works for everyone, everywhere, in the same way, much like the law of gravity.
- C. God cannot—because He will not—violate His own laws.
- D. When God says something, that's the way it is.
- E. Some people—whom God loves with all of His heart—die, not because it's His will, but because they violate His laws of faith.

THE LAW OF FAITH

LESSON 20 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Did Peter ask God to heal the man in Acts 3:6-8?
2. Did Peter give, command, and minister the healing power of God that he already had?
3. According to Acts 5:15, why did people bring the sick forth in the streets?
4. Read Acts 9:39-40. After kneeling down and praying, Peter turned to the body and said what to Tabitha?
5. According to 2 Peter 1:1, like precious faith came _____ the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.
6. According to Romans 12:3, God has _____ to each one the measure of faith.
7. Romans 10:17 reveals that faith comes how?
8. According to Galatians 2:16, how are we justified?
9. According to Galatians 2:20, how do we live the life we now live?
10. According to 2 Peter 1:2-4, what is multiplied unto us through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord?
11. According as His divine power has given us what?
12. God has given us exceeding great and precious promises that by these we might what?
13. Ephesians 4:5 reveals one what?
 - A. Lord
 - B. Faith
 - C. Baptism (into Christ)
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
14. According to Romans 3:27, is boasting excluded?
15. By the law of works?

THE LAW OF FAITH

LESSON 20 – SCRIPTURES

ACTS 3:6-8

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. [7] And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. [8] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

ACTS 5:15

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

ACTS 9:39-40

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. [40] But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

2 PETER 1:1-4

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: [2] Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, [3] According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: [4] Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

ROMANS 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

ROMANS 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

GALATIANS 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

GALATIANS 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

EPHESIANS 4:5

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

ROMANS 3:27

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

FAITH SPEAKS

LESSON 21 – OUTLINE

- I. One of the laws of faith is this: You will have what you say.

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. [21] Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

PROVERBS 18:20-21

- A. Death and life are in the power of your tongue.
 - B. God's faith-filled words are what framed this universe and continue to hold it together (Heb. 1:3 and 11:3).
 - C. If He were to violate His own words—the laws He created—the whole universe would self-destruct because creation is held together by the power of God's living Word.
 - D. The ability to speak reflects God's image in us.
 - E. In a sense, it's God-like because words have the ability to create.
- II. Jesus confirmed this law (Matt. 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, and 20-24).

Have faith in God. [23] 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 those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

MARK 11:22-23, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. Faith is released by words.
- B. This truth—you will have what you say—has been abused in many ways.
- C. It's only when the heart and mouth work together in faith that the confession is brought to pass.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

ROMANS 10:10

- D. Many Christians are missing out on what God has provided for them in the spirit, because they aren't using their words properly.
- III. Just speaking your faith isn't enough—you must also speak directly to the mountain.

Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed.

MARK 11:23

- A. The mountain is your problem, or whatever you want to see changed.
 - B. Speak to it!
 - C. Tell it that God has already set you free.
 - D. Then command it to leave you alone.
- IV. Words are important!
- A. You can't speak death, discouragement, defeat, and depression and then expect to receive blessings.
 - B. Not only must you believe God's Word in your heart and speak in agreement with it from your mouth; you must also speak directly to your problem and command it to get in line.
 - C. Thank God for what He's already done, and then command your body to quit hurting, your finances to work, the devil to get off your case, etc.
 - D. Take your authority and use it.
- V. People hurt themselves and die today, not because they are bad people, but because they violate the law of faith.
- A. God isn't against them; it's just that He has established laws regarding how His power flows—and they are not cooperating.
 - B. Learn what those laws are, and put them into practice for your benefit.
 - C. Discover the laws that govern faith and cooperate.
- VI. God's Word brings you the original faith when you're born again.
- A. Then, after you are saved, it teaches you how that faith works.
 - B. If you can believe that you have already dwelling on the inside of you the same faith that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, then the rest is just learning how to cooperate with the laws governing how it works.

LESSON 21 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You must understand the authority God has given you and how it works. My teachings “The Laws of Faith” and *The Believer’s Authority* thoroughly address these issues.

Niki Ochenski: The Story of a Miracle! is a testimony DVD of how the revelation of grace and faith helped a teenage girl on the brink of death receive her healing. You will be greatly encouraged!

FAITH SPEAKS

LESSON 21 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Proverbs 18:20-21, a man's belly shall be satisfied with the words of his mouth and be filled with _____.
2. Death and life are in _____ of the tongue.
3. According to Hebrews 1:3, what does God uphold by the word of His power?
4. According to Hebrews 11:3, what were the worlds framed by?
5. According to Mathew 21:18-22, when Jesus came to the fig tree and didn't see figs, what did He do?
6. When did the fig tree wither away?
7. All things we shall ask in prayer, believing, we shall what?
8. According to Mark 11:12-14, where were they coming from?
9. Why was there nothing but leaves?
10. Who heard Jesus answer the fig tree?
11. According to Mark 11:20-24, what did they see as they passed by?
12. *"Whosoever shall say unto this _____."*
13. *"And shall not doubt in his _____."*
14. *"But shall _____ that those things he says shall come to pass."*
15. What shall he have?
16. According to Romans 10:10, with what do we believe unto righteousness?
17. With the mouth, confession is made unto what?
18. According to James 2:26, just as the body is dead without the spirit, so faith without _____ is dead also.
19. According to Mark 11:25-26, when we stand praying, we should what?
20. Why?

FAITH SPEAKS

LESSON 21 – SCRIPTURES

PROVERBS 18:20-21

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. [21] Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

HEBREWS 1:3

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

HEBREWS 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

MATTHEW 21:18-22

Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. [19] And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. [20] And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! [21] Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. [22] And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

MARK 11:12-14

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: [13] And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. [14] And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

MARK 11:20-26

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. [21] And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. [22] And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [23] 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. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. [25] And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. [26] But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

ROMANS 10:10

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

JAMES 2:26

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

AGGRESSIVE RECEIVING

LESSON 22 – OUTLINE

- I. Mark's Gospel records an awesome example of the laws of faith in operation (Mark 5:25-34).
- A. The Lord felt virtue flow out of Him and turned around, asking, "*Who touched my clothes?*" (Mark 5:30).

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

LUKE 2:52

- B. Most people think God sizes us up when we come to Him with a request.
- C. But that's not what happened here.
- D. She put the laws of faith into action, and the power of God automatically flowed.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

MARK 5:28, EMPHASIS MINE

- II. This woman acted on her faith.

Faith without works is dead.

JAMES 2:20

- A. The only logical explanation for her touching the hem of Jesus' garment is that this woman was probably on her hands and knees, crawling through the mass of people.
- B. This illustrates another law of faith—earnestness.
- C. You can't receive the things of God by just passively seeking them.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:13

- D. When you get aggressive, like this woman, where you are willing to risk even your own life in order to receive, you will receive.

- E. It takes this type of aggressive attitude to effectively receive from God.
- III. This woman put a number of the laws of faith into operation, and the healing virtue of God flowed to her automatically.
- A. The Lord isn't healing one and refusing another.
 - B. There are laws that govern how God's power works.
 - C. We can violate those laws and miss out on the blessings God's has already given us, or we can learn what the laws are, cooperate with them, and experience the abundant life He has provided.
 - D. It's up to us.
- IV. Receiving from God isn't about how He feels toward you.
- A. If that were the only issue, then we would all be perfect in every way.
 - B. It's what God wants for each and every one of us!
 - C. But there are laws that must be put into effect in order to receive the things God has for us.
 - D. It's our misuse of these laws that is literally killing us.

AGGRESSIVE RECEIVING

LESSON 22 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Mark 5:30, what did Jesus immediately know in Himself?
2. What did He then do?
3. What did He say?
4. Luke 2:52 reveals that Jesus increased in what?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Stature
 - C. Favor with God
 - D. Favor with man
 - E. All of the above
 - F. None of the above
5. According to Mark 5:28, what did the woman do?
6. *“If I may touch but His _____.”*
7. *“I shall be _____.”*
8. Mark 11:23 instructs us to do what unto this mountain?
9. We should believe that what things shall come to pass?
10. We shall have whatsoever we what?
11. According James 2:20, what is dead?
12. Jeremiah 29:13 reveals that we’ll find God when?
13. According to Mark 5:25-26, what did a certain woman have?
14. How long?
15. What had she suffered?
16. Of whom?
17. What had she spent?
18. Was she bettered?

AGGRESSIVE RECEIVING

LESSON 22 – SCRIPTURES

MARK 5:30

And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

LUKE 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

MARK 5:28

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

MARK 11:23

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.

JAMES 2:20

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

JEREMIAH 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

MARK 5:25-26

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, [26] And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.

UNBELIEF COUNTERACTS FAITH

LESSON 23 – OUTLINE

- I. Just because you understand that you already have the faith of God doesn't mean it will automatically produce victory in your life.
 - A. Your unbelief will counterbalance and short-circuit that faith until you get rid of it.
 - B. Your problem isn't a lack of faith but rather too much unbelief.
- II. The father had brought his boy to the disciples first, but they weren't able to cast the demon out (Mark 9:17-22).

There came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. [16] And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. [17] Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

MATTHEW 17:14-17

- A. Jesus was not pleased!

O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

MATTHEW 17:17

- B. This is important because there aren't very many people operating in the supernatural power of God in the body of Christ today.
 - C. Jesus' response to the disciples is the same for us today.
 - D. God's answers are in the Word and the church.
- III. Not only did they already have all the power they needed to see that demonized boy set free; they had prior success in using it.

And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. [19] Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

MATTHEW 17:18-19

And when he [Jesus] had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

MATTHEW 10:1, BRACKETS AND EMPHASIS MINE

And they [the disciples previously] cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

MARK 6:13, BRACKETS MINE

- A. These were believers who had seen God's power flow through them before to heal the sick and cast out devils.
 - B. They knew it was God's will and that He had already given them the power.
 - C. Yet they exercised their faith, acted on it, and spoke to the mountain but still didn't see the desired results.
- IV. Many people mistakenly think that they can't have both unbelief and faith at the same time.

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief...I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

MATTHEW 17:20, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. It's possible to be in faith and have doubt in your heart at the same time!

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.

MARK 11:23, EMPHASIS MINE

- B. The reason Jesus told Jairus to only believe is because you can believe and disbelieve at the same time!

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

MARK 5:36

- C. Jesus told the father of the lunatic boy who needed deliverance, "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*" (Mark 9:23).

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

MARK 9:24

- D. According to God’s Word, you can have a true faith—that under normal circumstances would bring about the desired deliverance—but still not see it produce the right results.
- E. The problem isn’t an absence of faith, but the presence of unbelief.
- V. Faith and unbelief are opposing forces.
 - A. Unbelief counteracts your faith.
 - B. Instead of trying to get more and more faith, you need to deal with the unbelief that is counterbalancing it.
 - C. That’s how you get your faith to work!
- VI. Your faith is sufficient.
 - A. The problem is unbelief countering your faith and causing a net effect of zero.
 - B. Unbelief is subtle—many people don’t recognize it.
 - C. As a born-again Christian, your God-given supernatural faith is more than enough to accomplish anything you need—as long as there isn’t any unbelief counteracting it.

LESSON 23 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The religious doctrine commonly referred to as “the sovereignty of God” is a real faith killer. It misrepresents the Lord and renders people passive. My message “The Sovereignty of God” soundly debunks it.

UNBELIEF COUNTERACTS FAITH

LESSON 23 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Matthew 17:14-17, who had the man brought his son to before?
2. Could the disciples cure him?
3. How did Jesus then describe that generation?
4. According to Mark 9:17-22, how did the man address Jesus?
5. What had that dumb spirit been doing to the boy?
 - A. Takes him
 - B. Tears him
 - C. Causes him to foam at the mouth
 - D. Causes him to gnash his teeth
 - E. Causes him to pine away
 - F. All of the above
 - G. None of the above
6. What did the man ask the disciples to do?
7. What did the man ask Jesus?
8. According to Matthew 17:18-19, whom did Jesus rebuke?
9. What did the devil (demon) then do?
10. What happened to the child?
11. According to Matthew 10:1, what had Jesus already given the disciples?
 - A. Power to cast out unclean spirits
 - B. Fear and loathing
 - C. Power to heal all manner of sickness and disease
 - D. All of the above
 - E. Both A. and C.
12. According to Mark 6:13, what did the disciples cast out?
13. According to John 5:14, what did Jesus tell the man who had been made whole?
14. According to Matthew 17:20, why could the disciples not cast the demon out?
15. According to Luke 17:5-6, what did the apostles ask Jesus to increase?
16. What could faith as a mustard seed command to be plucked up by the root and be planted in the sea?

17. Mark 11:23 reveals that we should not doubt in our what?
18. According to Mark 5:36, when did Jesus speak to the ruler of the synagogue?
19. According to Mark 9:23-24, all things are possible to whom?
20. The father said, "*Lord, I believe; help thou mine _____.*"

UNBELIEF COUNTERACTS FAITH

LESSON 23 – SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 17:14-20

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. [16] And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. [17] Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. [18] And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. [19] Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? [20] And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

MARK 9:17-24

And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; [18] And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. [19] He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. [20] And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. [21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. [22] 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. [23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

MATTHEW 10:1

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

MARK 6:13

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

JOHN 5:14

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

LUKE 17:5-6

And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. [6] And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

MARK 11:23

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.

MARK 5:36

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

WIGGLESWORTH HAD LESS

LESSON 24 – OUTLINE

- I. I went to Omaha, Nebraska, to minister not long after seeing someone raised from the dead.
 - A. I knew my faith was working, and things were going good.
 - B. So, I walked over, grabbed this fellow by the hand, and lifted him up out of his wheelchair.
 - C. Even though faith was present, I didn't see the desired result.
 - D. This brought me much confusion.
 - E. Then, finally, I recognized my problem while reading a book about Smith Wigglesworth.
- II. Smith and I both had *“the measure of faith”* (Rom. 12:3).
 - A. But I was too easily swayed by what other people thought, as well as by fear, embarrassment, and pity for this guy.

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

JOHN 5:44

- B. Wigglesworth didn't have more than I did; he had less—less unbelief.
 - C. Wigglesworth understood the difference between godly compassion and human pity.
 - D. So, he was hard, insensitive, and unfeeling toward unbelief.
- III. Like Jesus' disciples in Matthew 17, I had both faith and unbelief working at the same time when I was in Omaha.
 - A. The Lord said, “It's your unbelief that's the problem. Without unbelief working against it, your faith doesn't need to be any bigger than a mustard seed to get the job done” (Matt. 17:20, paraphrase mine).
 - B. Instead of trying to shoot your faith through the roof, pull the plug on your unbelief, drain it to zero, and you'll find that your faith is strong enough to accomplish anything you need.

That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart.

MARK 11:23, EMPHASIS MINE

- IV. To get the results you're after, you must be single-minded and focused (James 1:7-8)!
 - A. Abraham didn't allow himself to think on anything contrary to what God had told him.

Who against hope believed in hope, that he [Abraham] might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. [19] 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 Sarah's womb.

ROMANS 4:18-19, BRACKETS MINE

- B. You can't be tempted with anything you don't think.
 - C. If your thoughts are only on God, then all you will be tempted with is to believe and trust Him.
 - D. But if your thoughts are on things other than God, then you could be tempted with those things.
 - E. A fleeting thought doesn't mean you're in unbelief, but when you consider, entertain, study, deliberate, examine, and ponder it, you'll be tempted.
- V. Unbelief comes through your thought process.
 - A. It doesn't take a lot of faith to receive from God; it takes a pure, simple, childlike faith.
 - B. However, most of us as Christians are baptized in unbelief.
 - C. We're still so plugged in to the world's negativity that it's a miracle our faith has accomplished what it has.
 - D. We know God wants to bless us.
 - E. We're asking for it and heading in that direction, but we're loaded down with all of this unbelief.
- VI. Now that God has shown me this, I've started living a more separated life.
 - A. I don't watch or listen to things I used to.
 - B. Because of this, my faith is purer—it's not as diluted now.
 - C. I don't have as many thoughts of unbelief as before, because I quit opening myself up to things that give me opportunity for it.

LESSON 24 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My teaching *Hardness of Heart* will answer many of your questions about this Lesson. It's one of the greatest things the Lord has ever shown me!

WIGGLESWORTH HAD LESS

LESSON 24 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to James 2:16, does wishing someone well but not giving them what they need profit?
2. Paul said what he said in Romans 12:3 through what?
3. Who did he say it to?
4. Should we think more highly of ourselves than we ought?
5. According to John 5:44, does seeking one another's honor hinder our believing?
6. From whom should we seek honor only?
7. According to Matthew 17:20, the disciples couldn't cast the demon out of the boy because of what?
8. According to James 1:7-8, who is unstable in all their ways?
9. Will they receive anything from the Lord?
10. Double-mindedness hinders our ability to what from the Lord?
11. According to Mark 11:23, what are we to speak to?
12. According to Romans 4:18-19, who believed in hope?
13. God had spoken that Abraham would become the father of what?
14. Was he weak in faith?
15. What did Abraham consider not?
 - A. His own body now dead
 - B. He was about a hundred years old
 - C. The deadness of Sarah's womb
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
16. According to Mark 9:14-18, what did this boy have?
17. According to Mark 9:19-24, all things are possible to whom?
18. According to Mark 9:25-29, whom did Jesus rebuke?

19. What did the boy appear like once the deaf and dumb spirit came out of him?
20. What happened when Jesus took the boy by the hand and lifted him up?

WIGGLESWORTH HAD LESS

LESSON 24 – SCRIPTURES

JAMES 2:16

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

ROMANS 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

JOHN 5:44

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

MATTHEW 17:20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

JAMES 1:7-8

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. [8] A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

MARK 11:23

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.

ROMANS 4:18-19

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. [19] 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 Sarah's womb.

MARK 9:14-29

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. [15] And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. [16] And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? [17] And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; [18] And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. [19] He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. [20] And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. [21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. [22] 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. [23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. [25] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. [26] And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. [27] But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. [28] And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? [29] And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

DEAL WITH YOUR UNBELIEF

LESSON 25 – OUTLINE

- I. Unbelief comes in three different types: ignorance, disbelief, and natural.
 - A. Ignorance is when someone just doesn't know the truth.
 - i. Due to their lack of knowledge, they have unbelief.
 - ii. This type of unbelief is relatively easy to deal with.
 - iii. Just tell them the truth!
 - B. Disbelief comes from being taught wrong.
 - i. Disbelief is more difficult to overcome than ignorance.
 - ii. Although it is a little harder to overcome, the antidote for this second type of unbelief is the same as the first.
 - iii. I had to receive the truth of God's Word above man's traditions in order to overcome this unbelief that came through wrong teaching.
- II. Natural unbelief isn't ignorance or wrong teaching but simply natural input that's contrary to the truth (Mark 9:14-29, parallel to Matt. 17:14-21).
 - A. You go through life receiving input from your eyes, ears, and feelings and making your decisions based on that. It's not wrong, or evil; it's just natural.
 - B. However, there are things you can't perceive with just your five physical senses, and there are times when the Lord will ask you to take a step of faith.
 - C. That's when you must be able to get beyond the kind of unbelief that comes from natural things.
 - D. Most people are dominated by their physical senses.
 - E. It was this kind of unbelief—natural unbelief—that hindered the disciples in Matthew 17.
 - F. They had ministered to the boy, believing, but when he began going into convulsions, they were moved more by what they saw than by what they believed.
- III. How do you overcome this kind of unbelief?

Howbeit this kind [of unbelief] goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

MATTHEW 17:21, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Many people have misinterpreted this verse.
 - B. Unbelief is the consistent subject of both verses (Matt. 17:20-21)—“*this kind*” in verse 21 refers to “*unbelief*” in verse 20, not to the demon in verse 19.
 - C. Therefore, Jesus was saying that this type of unbelief—natural unbelief—can only come out by much prayer and fasting.
- IV. Just a tiny bit of faith is sufficient if there isn’t anything to counterbalance it.
- A. However, natural unbelief normally kicks in through your senses whenever you pray and something contrary happens.
 - B. This is because you’ve been trained to go by your five natural senses—what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
 - C. Jesus said that the only way you can overcome this kind of unbelief is through prayer and fasting (Matt. 17:21).
 - D. There are times in your life when responding to what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel will not get the job done.
 - E. You must be able to move beyond your natural senses and into the spirit realm. How? Through prayer and fasting.

DEAL WITH YOUR UNBELIEF

LESSON 25 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Mark 9:14-18, who couldn't cast the demon out?
2. According to Mark 9:19-24, what would this evil spirit do to the boy attempting to destroy him?
3. What did the father cry out with tears?
4. According to Mark 9:25-29, what did Jesus charge the dumb and deaf spirit to do?
5. Did the spirit obey?
6. Where was Jesus when the disciples asked Him about this privately?
7. According to Matthew 17:14-18, who brought the boy to the disciples?
8. What two questions did Jesus ask when He found out that the disciples had failed to cast the demon out?
9. Jesus told them to bring the boy to whom?
10. According to Matthew 17:19-21, unbelief hindered the disciples' faith when they tried to do what?
11. If our faith is pure—without any unbelief counteracting it—what shall be impossible for us?
12. How do we get rid of this kind of natural unbelief?

DEAL WITH YOUR UNBELIEF

LESSON 25 – SCRIPTURES

MARK 9:14-18

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MATTHEW 17:14-21

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. [16] And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. [17] Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. [18] And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. [19] Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? [20] And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. [21] Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

RESPONSIVE TO GOD

LESSON 26 – OUTLINE

- I. Fasting retrains your body to respond to God’s Word and your born-again spirit.
 - A. When you fast, you’re telling your body what to do.
 - B. You’re breaking the natural domination and control your body has been exerting over you.
 - C. You’ve been responding primarily to what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
 - D. That’s okay most of the time, but you need to learn—experientially—that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4).
- II. When you fast, your body will try to maintain its control.
 - A. Your body will exert itself, and your sense knowledge—what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel—will try to dominate you.
 - B. That’s when you’ll have a choice: Either let your physical realm rule, or rule your physical realm.
 - C. You can bring your body into subjection to where God is literally ministering to you in a supernatural way.
 - D. Once that happens and you get off the fast, your body has learned something.
 - E. Fasting breaks the dominance of your natural realm over your spirit.
- III. Prayer does too!
 - A. When you pray, you’re speaking and listening to Someone you can’t physically see or feel.
 - B. Your natural mind and sense knowledge just go bonkers.
 - C. But if you continue in prayer and make it a practice, you’ll start seeing miracles and other things happen.
 - D. There will be so much evidence that your prayer time is valid and that God, whom you cannot see, is real that it will help retrain your physical senses.
 - E. Your body will begin to recognize that there’s more than what it can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.

- IV. Your body isn't evil; it's just natural and has to be trained.
 - A. Just as your natural senses can be trained in the physical realm, they can also be educated in spiritual things.
 - B. This is what fasting and prayer does!

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

HEBREWS 5:14

- C. Our senses must be exercised in order to operate in faith.
 - D. Fasting and prayer don't make God respond to you better—they make you respond to Him better.
 - E. You can train yourself that way!
- V. God has already done everything to heal everyone.
 - A. It's not a matter of asking the Lord to heal, but rather our receiving the healing He has already given.
 - B. That's the basic principle, but there are laws that govern how it works.
 - C. We don't do all of these things to manipulate God, but to help people move into a position to receive.
 - D. As we understand and apply these powerful truths, we will see much better results than ever before.

RESPONSIVE TO GOD

LESSON 26 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Who was speaking in Matthew 4:4?
2. Who was being spoken to?
3. Shall man live by bread alone?
4. What does man live by?
5. What three words indicate to us that Jesus was quoting Scripture?
6. According to Hebrews 5:14, who does strong meat belong to?
7. How do we exercise our senses?
8. What do we learn to discern between?

RESPONSIVE TO GOD

LESSON 26 – SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

HEBREWS 5:14

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.