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Mr. Webster is prolific in many of his descriptions of words, but where FAITH is concerned, he is extremely simple, but beautiful. He merely says it is “unquestioning belief in God ... complete trust, confidence, or reliance; as children usually have faith in their parents.”

Faith is “unquestioning belief” in who God is, in what He does, and what He says. How can you know what God has to say? Many ways, but probably the best way to hear what God has to say is to read what His Word says.

In the beginning of my Christian life, someone told me there were

more than 70,000 promises in the Word of God, and I remember saying to God, “Oh, God, let me live long enough to claim each and every one of those promises for myself!”

I wanted everything God had.

How was I going to know what God had for me unless I read the Bible? That was the only way, so I really sat down in earnest to read the entire Bible.

One morning God indicated to me that I should read the book of Galatians. I opened it and zipped right down through the first six verses, thinking this was the “milk” of the Word, and started getting serious along about verse seven.

In the stillness of my printing office before the daily work began, I heard the small, still voice of God, the voice that we so often miss because we’re rushing around too

much, or because we think God has to shout at us, and he said, “Go back!

I thought, “Whoops, I must have missed something there,” so I went back, and this is the way I read the first part of Galatians: *Paul an apostle – not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead!* That’s exactly the way I read it, as fast as I could, and all run together. Then I got down into the meat and once again I heard that small, still voice say, “Go back!”

I went back and thought, “Maybe I read it a little too fast.” So I read it a little slower, saying, *Paul, an apostle-not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead.* (RSV) And I said, “But God, I didn’t know Paul. He died a few years before I was born.”

Then God spoke the words that changed my life, because He said, "I'm talking to YOU." In the twinkling of an eye I realized that God had not only written the Bible for the scholars of old, but also for me right in the middle of the 20th century.

I scratched out Brother Paul's name and wrote "Frances" in there, and the Bible came alive to me, because I realized that God was speaking to ME! The minute you get the idea through your intellect that it is the almighty God who is speaking to you personally through the pages of His Word, the quicker your faith will begin to rise.

GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU!
Put your name throughout the Bible, and see what God has to say to you personally and then watch your faith thermometer begin to soar.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen. 1:1 KJV).

Mr. Webster says that the word create means, “To originate; to bring into being from nothing; to cause to exist.”

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God took nothing and from nothing he created the universe. How did he create it? From Hebrews 11:3 we get the important clue which can unlock the entire Bible to you in a totally new and different way, because it says, *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.*

By the WORD of God.

Not by the hands of God.

Not by the feet of God.
Not by the mind of God.
Not by the power of God, but
BY THE WORD OF GOD.

*And God said, Let there be light:
and there was light (Gen. 1:3).*

God said it.

It became.

It was so.

*And God said, Let there be a
firmament in the midst of the waters,
let it divide the waters from the
waters. . . . : and it was so (Gen.
1:6). God SAID it.*

It became.

It was so.

*And God said, Let the waters
under the heaven be gathered
together unto one place, and let the
dry land appear: and it was so (vs
9).*

God said it.

It became.

It was so.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: AND IT WAS SO (vs 11).

God said it.

It became.

It was so.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them (vs 26). God said it.

It became.

It was so.

Whenever God speaks, whether it is in the Old Testament, or the New Testament, it is God SPEAKING. God merely spoke, just as you and I speak, and when he spoke, the world was formed. God made man in the likeness of himself, a copy, an exact duplicate of himself. He was fashioned after God, and God gave this man, Adam, dominion over all things, dominion over all the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle, and over ALL the earth and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

This means over everything that God made... EVERYTHING. . . everything that God made, He gave man dominion over.

Notice that God did not “speak” man into existence. God created man from the dust of the ground, at which

time we appeared to God as a doll appears to us. We had shape and form, but nothing else, so God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became “a living soul.” I got the shock of my life when I started asking people how they visualized God breathing into man’s nostrils. The only way I have ever been able to visualize this is God holding Adam in his arms, cradling him like a baby, bending over him gently and breathing life into him. Notice that God could have made man hundreds of different ways, but He chose to make him inanimate. After he was formed, he made him come alive by breathing into him.

When my children were small, I “told” them many things. They heard my voice, and many times they knew what I said by the tone of my voice,

long before they understood the words that I said. But they heard me, because I “spoke” to them. I spoke to them about their manners, about the things that would hurt them, about the things which are against God’s laws. I spoke to them and told them I loved them, and for a period of time, they BELIEVED everything I said.

Then they began to grow up, and their minds began to expand and they discovered that they were a lot smarter than their mother, so, like little birds trying to fly, they tried their wings. They discovered when they went against the things that their Mother had told them not to do, they flopped to the ground, but when they took her instructions, and moved right, they could fly short distances.

The Word of God to Christians is the same as a mother or father speaking to their child. If we do what

God tells us to do, we'll have no problems which we can't overcome, because *There hath not failed one Word of all His good promises* (I Kings 8:56). God his never failed, and will never fail, and not only that, he says, *I will hasten* (or watch over) *my Word to perform it* (Jeremiah 1:12).

God can never lie, because His Word says, *God is not a man that He should lie, neither the Son of Man, that He should repent; hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and will He not make it good?* (Numbers 23:19). There is no way that God can back down from the Word that He has spoken. Every single sentence, every single word that is in the Word of God is exactly the same as if God sat down beside you, and the words came right out of his mouth into your ears, because *All*

scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (II Tim. 3:16).

I especially love the way the Amplified Version gives this verse, *Every Scripture is God-breathed – given by His inspiration – and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness (that is, in holy living in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose and action), So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well-fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.*”

Exactly the same as we speak to our children to instruct them, to correct them, for discipline, obedience and training, God speaks

to us through His Word for our own good.

The Christian life is simple because all we have to do is two things. Do what God tells us to do, and stop doing what He tells us not to do. That's all there is to it, and you've got it made!

And how do we do what God wants us to do? The Psalmist tells us in 119:11,89 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee* . . . because.. . *“For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*

Once you can establish in your own mind that every single thing that is printed on the pages of the Bible is the actual spoken Word of God, and written down for you, your faith can begin that upward climb, as you begin to memorize and hide the word in your heart.

How do you increase your faith? *Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (Romans 10:17). We need to hear the Word of God. How can we hear the Word of God? By reading the Bible. The Bible is God's personal love letters to you, and if you will read it seeking God, and believing and confessing, every promise in the Word is yours.

Faith and the promises of God work together. As you read the Word of God something in your inner man begins to stir around, quickened by the Holy Spirit, as the promises begin to speak to you. Before long, you will begin to "experiment" with the Word of God, because all the promises of God have a condition to them, and you will begin to do your part, just to see "if God does His part."

All you have to do is to believe enough for one promise from God, and then you'll be amazed at what God will do. I remember the first time I ever saw an arm grow out, I didn't know if I believed it or not. The second time I saw this supernatural phenomenon of God, I didn't doubt it, because a lady had an arm that was about three inches short, and I was sitting on the stage about two feet from where she was standing. I couldn't doubt it, because I saw it with my own eyes. My faith began to rise as I saw God's promise and his Word come together in healing.

Since God is no respecter of persons, Charles and I decided that this same miracle power of God could do the same thing for the people in our services. We had them measure their arms, and sure enough,

there were some who had arms of unequal lengths. We prayed for each one individually, because our faith had risen when we actually saw a miracle with our own eyes! God honored his Word which says that those who believe *shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover* (Mark 16:18).

God said it.

It became.

It was so.

Every arm grew out!

Our faith rose! Why? Because we had used it. James 2:17 says, *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.* Faith cannot grow unless it is exercised!

We have prayed for many little children whose stunted bodies are afflicted by the devil himself, who have not been able to run and play, and their muscles are atrophied and

useless. Any muscle in your body which is not used will get weak, and the same is true of your faith. The more you use your faith, the more it will grow. The less you use it, the weaker it will become.

The next time we called for short arms our faith was high, because we had seen God do it! Probably eight people came forward and again all their arms grew out. Hallelujah! We took almost an entire service praying for them to grow, but they did!

Then we began to wonder if God could lengthen more than one person's arm at a time. We exercised our faith, and prayed that God would heal an entire audience at one time, AND HE DID! Our faith continued to rise until we see God heal the short arms of entire audiences in every seminar, and we have TOTAL faith that God is going to do it,

because we have used this particular kind of faith over and over and God has never failed us!

Imagine Jesus sitting down in your living room, or wherever you are right now, and saying to you personally, “Frances (or whatever your name is), *again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them* (Matt. 18:19,20).

Faith will come so easily if you really believe that it is Jesus actually doing the speaking, and not just some words that someone put down on paper. The Old and New Testaments are God and Jesus speaking to you, just as if you could

reach out and touch them right now!
Hallelujah!

Your faith can never accept those scriptures until you reach out and exercise it. Ask God for something which you know is in line with His will, get someone to agree with you, pray for it, claiming this promise, and see what happens.

I remember when I first became a Christian I became a fanatic for the Word of God. I would stay up until two or three o'clock in the morning reading, and reading, and reading, and **READING** the Word of God. I was like a huge sponge that just couldn't get enough of the living water. I read the New Testament fourteen or fifteen times before I had been a Christian very long, and as I read some of those favorite passages, my spirit- man stirred inside of me and said, "I believe I'll do it. God's

Word says it will happen, so I'm going to try it!"

A verse that really spoke to me was Matthew 21:22, *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

My faith rose up.

I thought, "All I have to do is believe."

And so I believed.

It was as simple as that.

The pastor who led me to the Lord said one time, "God answers the dumbest prayers for you, because you pray the dumbest prayers in faith believing." He said this just because I had asked God to transport a whipped-cream cherry pie from Miami to Columbus, Ohio, to strengthen the bonds of Christian love. I very simply believed that God would do it. –

And He did it!*

This was the same pastor who gave me the wisest advice I've ever been given, because right after I was saved, he said to me, "Frances, at your age (I was saved at 49), you'll never make it . . . (there was a long pause). . . unless you come with the faith of a little child, just believing." And that's the way I became a Christian, with the simple faith of a little child. I've never changed, God Is Fabulous and I hope I never will, because I still believe with God, all things are possible!

You say you don't have enough faith to try anything? Oh, yes, you do.

We all have faith in something!

Let me show you some examples where you have tremendous faith.

When I need to go to the store, I go out and get in my car, put the key in the ignition, step on the starter,

and drive out of the driveway. I have absolute faith in my ability to drive a car. I've driven for around 50 years, have had one traffic ticket, and two accidents (a train ran into me but God protected me and I wasn't even hurt!) Why do I have faith in driving a car? Because I do it all the time!

I sure didn't the first time my Daddy let me steer! And I certainly didn't the first time he actually let me sit behind the wheel of a car and drive. It was a 1924 Buick touring car, and it seemed as big as a train to me. We were out on a country road, my daddy stopped, and said, "Come on, let's see if you can drive a car." I got behind the wheel at the age of 12 (there wasn't any such thing as a driver's license in those days) and for approximately one mile I went about 10 miles an hour. The rocks seemed to fly by, and everything was

whizzing by so fast it seemed to make me dizzy. I hung onto the steering wheel with all my might and wobbled the car from side to side of the road, and finally gave up at the end of the first mile.

But my faith rose up! I had driven a mile and hadn't killed anybody or run off the road, so I wanted to do it the next Sunday when we went for a ride. Because I had exercised my faith in driving the first time, I had more faith the second time. I didn't get to be an excellent driver in two lessons, or three, or even one hundred. As a matter of fact, my sister learned how to be an accomplished driver long before I did, even though we started at the same time, but that didn't lessen my faith, because I knew that someday I'd be just as good a driver as she was!

Today, it doesn't even take faith to go out to the car and drive. It's automatic because I've done it so many times. Your faith in God can become the same way. Now I can listen to tapes while driving my car, I can talk to God, memorize scripture or do a lot of other things, without even thinking about the faith it takes to drive a car.

I also have tremendous faith in my household appliances. When I put my dirty clothes into the washer, put the soap in, and turn the washer on, I don't need any faith at all, because I KNOW the washer is going to wash and rinse the clothes. I know when they're clean, that I can take them out and put them in the dryer and after the prescribed number of minutes, they'll be dry. I don't have to wonder or worry. I just

believe that my washer and dryer are going to work.

I have an automatic dishwasher which I trust implicitly. I put the dirty dishes in there, turn it on and go sit down someplace and read the Bible without worrying a single bit. I don't pray each time that the dishwasher will work, and then keep opening the door to see if it is working. I just believe that it will.

I have tremendous faith in people, too! I believe with my heart and soul that when I walk over to the wall and flip a little switch, that light is going to illuminate the room I'm in. I have faith in the man who heads up the electric company that the power is coming into my house and will turn on when I activate it by flipping a switch, and yet I've never seen the man who owns the electric company.

I haven't seen the man who runs the company that supplies our water, either, but I sure trust him to keep that water flowing in my bath tub, my kitchen sink, and wherever I need it.

Look at the examples I've given you. Did you have to exercise great faith when you turned on your first light switch? Our granddaughter, Charity, watched us from babyhood on walk over to the wall and either push or flip a little something and lights would come on. When she got big enough, that was one of the first things she wanted to do. She knew it would work, because she had seen us do it, and it did! After she did it, she knew it would work every time. Her mother and daddy bought her an extension for the bathroom switch, and she turns it off and on without even thinking about it, because after

they showed her how to use it the first time, it was no longer an “unknown” thing.

All of the things I’ve mentioned above are things we are all involved in. We have faith in the grocer to give us food that is not spoiled or tainted. We have faith in the dairies to supply us with germless milk. We have faith in hundreds and probably even thousands of things because we have done them over and over and over again.

The same thing is true of faith in God. I’ve never seen Him, but then I haven’t seen the electric plant manager either. I don’t see the employees that handle our mail and send it all over the United States and the world, but I have faith that when I put a little piece of paper called a stamp on it, those unseen people will

deliver it to the person I am writing to.

Think about all the people you have faith in, and remember how you got that faith!

God is far more dependable than any individual or company you'll ever find, so all we have to do is find out what he promises us, then act on it! Faith can never grow until you step out and use it.

You could not have driven a car, if you hadn't tried the first time.

You would still be washing clothes by beating them on a rock, if you hadn't tried a washing machine.

Try God! You may not have any more faith than you did the first time you tried to drive a car, but after a lot of practice, you learned, didn't you? You may have put a dent or two in your car before you learned, but you

learned, didn't you? You kept on trying until it worked!

The same thing is true of God. The more you try God, the more faith you will have, and the stronger your faith will become. Just because someone starts off using their faith a lot more than you, don't get discouraged! I could have gotten discouraged because my sister was a better driver than I, but it just made me more determined that I could be a good driver, too. Let someone else's faith do that to you. Just believe that you're going to keep trying God until your faith becomes as strong as theirs, and then pass them up besides! Hallelujah!

Romans 12:3 says, . . . *God hath dealt to every man THE measure of faith.* God doesn't give one of us more faith than another person. To each he gives THE measure of faith,

and it's what we do with that same-sized measure that makes the difference. Exercise your faith, and watch it grow and grow. Don't exercise it, and watch it diminish! That's God's principle. Sow a little, get a little. Sow a lot, get a lot! He wants to make faith such a simple little gift, and we try and make it difficult because we're afraid to use it.

I'd be afraid not to exercise faith, because Romans 14:23 says: *for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*" God makes it so simple when he speaks to us!

How do we possess the land which the Lord has given us; the land of faith, the land of health, the land of prosperity, the land of happiness?

Look how easy God makes it for us in Romans 10:8-10. *The word is*

nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt CONFESS with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth CONFESSION is made unto salvation.

With the mouth, confession is made UNTO salvation.

With the mouth, confession is made UNTO healing.

With the mouth, confession is made UNTO prosperity.

With the mouth, confession is made UNTO wisdom.

Develop the things that you NEED in your life into things that you HAVE in your life by confessing them. Proverbs 18:21 says, *Death*

and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. You can have spiritual death, or you can have life, depending on what you say.

We passed a broken-down farmhouse and buildings somewhere in the State of Michigan, and it had a big sign on the front, looking exactly as it proclaimed, “POVERTY ACRES!” You have what you say. And that’s exactly what they had, poverty acres! If I had a farm I would name it PROSPERITY PARADISE, or words similar to that, because I would speak it into being as a paradise, and one that was prosperous! *Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth* (Proverbs 6:2). Then go to work like an ant. See Proverbs 6:3-12.

Watch what you say!

It's life or death!

I prefer life!

If you need prosperity, start confessing prosperity. How do you confess prosperity?

Learn the “prosperity” scriptures in the Bible!

Begin confessing them daily to the walls of your house if you don't have anyone else to confess them to. Remember that *faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (Romans 10:17).

The more you hear the Word of God by confessing it with your own mouth, the more it will belong to you.

Start going around your house saying, “But God shall supply ALL my need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus!” (Phil. 4:19). *My God shall supply ALL my need*

according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus!

My God shall supply ALL my need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus!”

Glory to God, I don't have any needs because God is doing just what he said he would, He's supplying ALL my need. Hallelujah!

This morning as I was thinking about this book, thanking God for THE measure of faith, all of a sudden, there came a revelation knowledge that God had already given me ALL the faith I would ever need, because he had given me the ENTIRE measure of faith. He hadn't given me a tiny little portion, he had given me the whole big MEASURE OF FAITH!! I don't have to ask for any more, or wish for any more, or pray for any more. I HAVE IT! It was given to me when I was born

again, and all I have to do is to keep using and using it and stepping out into deeper and deeper spiritual water, and know that THE measure, the all-in-all measure of faith is already mine.

I POSSESS IT!

I CONFESS IT!

I HAVE IT!

IT IS MINE!!

Hallelujah!

III John 2 says, *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

Start confessing right now, “I am prospering and in health because my soul is prospering!” “I am prospering and in health because my soul is prospering!” “I am prospering and in health because my soul is prospering!”

Keep saying that until it becomes a reality to you.

Several years ago we built our first office building, and the day we moved in we felt it was so big we'd never be able to fill it up, but our Ministry continued to grow and grow, until suddenly we began to wonder where the room was going to come from for us to work in. A lady gave us a check for \$150.00 and said, "God told me to give this to you for your new building." I said, "You've got to be kidding, we're not going to build another building." She continued, saying, "But God said you were."

We try to be sensitive to the Spirit of God, and the next morning the telephone rang and it was the man who owned the property next door to ours. Our building is on a corner, so we could only expand one

way – north! The property owner told us that he had a buyer for 2/3 of the property to the north of ours, but he did not want the 1/3 next to us, and did we want it! After having received a check for \$1 50.00 the night before, we felt God had really gotten down to business in a hurry.

Charles asked how much they wanted for the property, and the man said \$1 .35 per foot or about \$40,000.00. Charles said, “Just a moment, please!” He looked up and said, “God, shall we buy it?” The answer didn’t take a second to come right back, “Yes!” so Charles told the man, “Yes!”

“When do you want to close?”

“Just a moment, please,” Charles said. Then he said, “God, when do we want to close,” and God said, “As soon as possible.”

Charles said, “As soon as possible.”

“How do you want to pay for it, by cash, a loan with your bank, or a loan with us?”

Charles said, “Just a moment, please,” and again he prayed. God said, “Cash!” so Charles said, “Cash!”

“How about a week from Wednesday, is that all right?”

Charles said, “Just a moment, please,” and again he prayed. God said, “Fine!” so Charles said, “Fine!”

Charles hung up the telephone and looked at me. We both knew the same facts. Never had we been so low on funds in Hunter Ministries as we were at that moment, and rarely had our own personal bank account ever been that low, but WE KNEW THAT GOD HAD SPOKEN. How did we know it? By FAITH!

We could have done one of two things. We could exercise our faith, or we could be overcome with doubts and fears wondering where the money was going to come from.

We exercised our faith. We went to church on Sunday and gave \$100.00 as a regular tithe, and then \$400.00 extra as seed faith for the \$40,000. I'll never forget how sincerely we laid hands on our Bible with the checks folded between Matthew 19:29 which says, *And anyone who gives up his home, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, or property, to follow me, shall receive a hundred times as much in return, and shall have eternal life* (TLB), and Luke 6:38 which says, *For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to*

make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give – large or small – will be used to measure what is given back to you (TLB).

We KNEW it was done,, because we were doing our part in sowing the seed, and we confessed God's Word about giving. We believed it in our hearts without a doubt, and went off on a speaking trip.

When we came back on Tuesday night before the closing on Wednesday morning, there was exactly \$40,000 in the Hunter Ministries bank account! More money had come in during that short period of time than had ever come in before during an equal period of time.

We exercised our FAITH. We didn't pray and ask God to give us more faith. We simply exercised the

measure of faith which he gave us at salvation.

If it's prosperity you need, start confessing prosperity right now instead of confessing more bills than you can pay! Confess what God's Word says, instead of what you think, because remember that God's Word is better than yours! Amen?

Memorizing scripture and quoting it aloud is the best way I know of to keep your faith increasing. Some of the easiest verses in the Bible to learn are in the very first chapter of Psalms, and it is loaded with promises.

PSALM I Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall

be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Memorize it and say it over and over again until it becomes a living part of you, and until you believe it in your heart, then you can start saying: “Thank you, Father, that I’m blessed because I don’t walk in the counsel of the ungodly.”

“Thank you, Father, that I’m blessed because I don’t stand in the way of sinners.”

“Thank you, Father, that I’m blessed because I don’t sit in the seat of the scornful.”

“Thank you, Father, that my delight is in the law of the Lord, which is your Word, Father. Thank you that I delight in it so much that I meditate in it day and night.”

“Thank you, Father, that I’m blessed because I’m just like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; thank you, thank you, thank you, Father, that I’m not a scrub oak planted out in a desert, but I’m planted right by the rivers of living water.”

“Thank you, Father, that I’m blessed because my life isn’t going to wither. Father, a leaf on a tree or plant withers when it is sick, and begins to die, so I thank you that I shall not be sick, because my life isn’t going to wither, according to your Word.”

“Thank you, Father, that your word says that ‘whatsoever’ and that means anything that I do is going to prosper.”

“Thank you, Father, that I have prosperity, because your word says

that EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING I do is going to prosper.”

You say that every day for 30 days, and you will begin to see the fruit of your words, because they will begin to come to pass, because the words that you have spoken are not your words, they are God’s words, and God cannot lie!

If healing were the thing I wanted most, I would memorize all the healing scriptures, and I would say them over and over again. I’d confess them until they became a reality in my life. When you do this you begin to line up with what God says instead of what “you” in the natural say. You are building your faith, because as you “speak” God’s Words, you begin to believe them until suddenly you can have what you speak.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth ALL thy diseases (Psalm 103:2,3).

“Thank you, Lord, that you keep reminding me not to forget ALL your benefits. Thank you, Lord, that you have healed all my diseases. Thank you, Lord, that I don’t have to have them, because you HEALED every single one of them. I thank you, Lord, that it’s done in the name of Jesus!”

Proverbs 4:20-22 gives some marvelous words to confess: *My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are LIFE unto those that find them, and HEALTH to all their flesh.*

“Thank you, Lord, that because I attend to your words, which means that I do them, and I incline my ear to hear whatever you say, and because I love your law and meditate in it day and night, so that it doesn’t depart from my eyes, and because I memorize your word so that I can keep it in the midst of my heart, that I have health to my flesh. I HAVE HEALTH TO MY FLESH. I have long life because the Word says so.,,

Psalm 107:20 says: *He sent his Word, and healed them.*

Thank you, Lord, that you sent your Word in the flesh for the healing of the nations. Thank you and praise you, Lord, because you sent your Word for my personal healing.

Exodus 15:26 says, *If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which*

is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

My confession is: “Thank you, Lord, that I listen to your voice constantly, and I do that which is right in your sight. I give my hearing to your commandments, and I keep your statutes, therefore you will put none of these diseases upon me because you are the Lord that heals me. Thank you, Lord, that I can depend on you, because you just sat down in my living room and said, “I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Thank you, Lord, that you meant me, and not just somebody who lived thousands of years before I was born. Thank you, Lord, that these promises are mine, TODAY!”

Start thanking him for Isaiah 53:5, *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

Thank you, Lord, that with your stripes I am healed. Thank you that we operate by faith, and not by sight, because the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not are eternal. Thank you, Lord, that I am not ruled by what my senses tell me, but that I am ruled by my spirit-man who believes what YOU say, and not what I say.

Your faith will develop the more you say and the more you confess, because every time you do this, it gives God an opportunity to answer, and that will increase your faith.

I had real difficulty with that scripture because I could accept the

part about transgressions and sin being forgiven by the blood, but I had real difficulty with the healing until I realized that I could not SEE my salvation, yet I KNEW it was there. I could not SEE the healing, and yet it was there, and so in the same way I believed in salvation, I would have to learn how to believe in healing that I could not see. This was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do in my Christian life, but little by little, it has become a reality.

We confess health daily, we confess prosperity daily, we confess happiness daily, we confess the Word of God daily, and the more we confess it, the more it becomes a reality and a LIVING part of our lives.

The Bible says, *Without faith it is impossible to please Him.* I want

to please God. I want to do everything that I can possibly do on this earth to please God, therefore I'm certainly not going to risk displeasing him when He says so plainly, "You just can't please me if you don't exercise faith!" It isn't a question of having faith, because that's been given to us, it's a question of exercising it!

Like a bolt of lightning it dawned on me one day that if I didn't agree with the Word of God, and speak it the way it is written, that I was just out and out disagreeing with God, and I certainly don't want to do that, because which is right, what YOU say, or what GOD says?

Luke 1:37 says, *No word of God is void of power.* Remember, whether you believe it or not, it is not void of power, so say it, until you

see its power, and it becomes a reality in your life.

A little boy named Jeffie had a tremendous influence in our lives insofar as developing faith was concerned.

... a little boy 5 years old who lived outside of Louisville, Ky.

... a little boy who was born with cerebral palsy.

... a little boy whose parents believed that Jesus could heal today!

It started when we were in Louisville. His parents were reading the book, *Since Jesus Passed By*, which we had written about miracles of today. Then they picked up the newspaper and saw that we were speaking in Louisville, so they got up at 3 o'clock in the morning to come to what they thought was going to be a miracle service.

It wasn't a miracle service – it was a teaching service. God doesn't care whether it's a teaching service, when there's healing to be done, God does it, any time, any place.

They arrived so early they got to be on a radio program with us, and we watched this little body which was all crippled because of cerebral palsy. A darling little boy, but all crippled up. It was obvious from the beginning that the Holy Spirit was going to do the whole thing because we didn't teach what we thought we were going to teach – we didn't do anything that we had planned on doing. It was exciting as we saw the Spirit of God begin to move.

All of a sudden God spoke to me and said, “Pray for Jeflie right now. RIGHT NOW!” I stepped down from the pulpit and walked over to his father who was holding him, and

I simply told him, “God told me to pray for Jeffie right now. May I have him?”

He said, “Yes,” and I walked back up to the rostrum and sat down with Jeffie on my lap in one of the pulpit chairs because I always like to relax a little child first, so I said to him, “Do you love Jesus?” He said, “Oh, yeah!” Then I said to him, “Do you believe Jesus can heal you?” If a child is relaxed, they will accept a healing easier, so that’s why I asked him the question, and I’ll never forget the darling look on his face when he said, “Oh, he’s going to.” There was no doubt in his mind at all. This five-year-old boy had just believed that Jesus was going to heal him that day.

He was a real lovable kind of child, so I just held him in my arms, and Charles laid his hands upon his

head and we simply said, “Thank you, Lord, thank you for an opportunity to show your great and mighty power.” Then we went on, “Father, as we envelop him in our arms, may your mighty power flow through him. Let the healing power flow!” Do you remember the scripture which says “send your healing power and may miracles and wonders be done by the name of your holy servant, Jesus.” We said, “Father, let your healing power flow through this child’s body in the name of Jesus!” Then we said over and over, “Thank you, Lord Jesus, thank you, Lord Jesus!”

Charles went over to Jeffie’s parents and asked them if they’d like to take Jeffie’s braces off. They said, “Yes,” so they sat Jeffie down on a chair and took the braces off, and then Charles looked at Jeffie and the

long aisle of the church. Then he said, “Jeffie in the name of Jesus, RUN!” And Jeffie got off of that chair. Jeffie had never run in his whole life, and he was five years old. Jeffie had never crawled because of a lack of motor coordination, and when Charles said, “RUN in the name of Jesus,” he took off and began to run. Down the stairs he ran, all the way to the back of a tremendously long church. Beloved, let me tell you this. There wasn’t a man in that congregation who could have caught that child. I never saw anyone run so fast in my entire life.

By the time he got to the end of the church, his mother and dad had collapsed some place or other, under the power of God!

I ran down and stood in front of the pulpit, put my arms out to Jeffie, and when he got about six feet from

me, he made a flying leap over all those six feet, and wrapped his little legs around my middle. I thought he'd squeeze me to death. Remember, he had never run in his entire life, and yet when Jesus touched him, there he went.

I said to him, "Honey, who healed you?" because I wanted him to know right from the start that it was Jesus who had healed him and that we had nothing to do with it, but bless his little heart, I didn't need to tell him anything, because he looked at me as if I didn't know, and said, "JESUS healed me!"

We had lunch with Jeffie and his parents that day and do you know what they left? His mother left the braces, and she said, "You can have them, because Jeffie will never need them again, because we're going out and buy him his first pair of regular

shoes today.” We still have those braces and shoes as a constant reminder of the power of God.

We talked to his mother and daddy a couple of weeks later, and they were telling us how they had received the baptism with the Holy Spirit just a couple of weeks before we got there and they said for the first time they had learned through this to praise God for Jeffie’s healing. When they went to the pediatrician, they took a tape recorder along, and when the pediatrician looked at Jeffie, he said, “It’s absolutely magnificent. It’s absolutely fantastic!”

How we praise God he doesn’t share His glory with anyone, because the glory all goes to God. How we praise God that when two or more are gathered together in His name, there he is right in the midst. He says

that you can ask for anything and he'll give it to you, and I thought this was such a beautiful example, because there was Charles, there was Frances, and there was Jeffie, and we were asking for what a lot of people thought was impossible, and yet, with God, all things are possible.

ALL things are possible!

To top it off, Jeffie's sister took him to school the next week as her special "Show and tell!"

For your information, we saw Jeffie one year after he had been healed. He had gained 25 pounds, had gone from a size 12 shoe to a size 2, and was doing beautifully in school!

Why did our faith grow so much because of this? Because every time you see a prayer answered, your faith ignites. If we had not stepped out in faith, nothing could have happened,

Jeffie would not have been healed, and our faith could not have increased.

If you want to increase your faith, pray more prayers, because somewhere along the line, you're going to step over into the realm of faith and action, and when you do, your faith will rise like a rocket. Your faith can never grow to possess the entire MEASURE of faith unless you exercise it.

One of the greatest helps to the growth of faith is the advice given in Hebrews 10:25, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another....* (Comforting, warning, advising, encouraging, admonishing, etc.).

It's so easy for your own faith to rise when you hear someone give their testimony of what God is doing

in their life. Whenever I hear someone tell of some great thing that God has done in their services, my spirit-man rises up in me to new heights. We can be built up in the faith if we will get together with other exciting Christians.

If you associate with people who are speaking faith, your faith will grow. If you are around people speaking unbelief, your unbelief and doubt will grow and your faith will diminish, therefore it's essential that we make contact and communication with people whose faith is at a high level. This is why conventions and conferences are helpful. We recently attended a conference on faith for three days, and in spite of the fact that we stay on a high spiritual level at all times, because we are constantly sharing Jesus, our faith zoomed up to new heights!

Steer clear of any and all who would try to destroy your faith with their negativeness!

Confess the Word of God and build your faith! Try this daily for 30 days and see what happens to you!

I AM BLESSED because I am a child of God. I have THE measure of faith. Not just a little bit, but the whole measure of faith. I confess it, I possess it, I have it, it is mine!

I have PROSPERITY, because the Word of God says that ALL my needs are going to be supplied according to the riches of God. I confess it, I possess it, I have it, it is mine!

I have PROSPERITY, because the Word of God says that EVERYTHING I do shall prosper. Hallelujah, I am prospering!

I have HEALTH, because the Word of God says that my leaf shall

not wither. I have health because you are the one who healeth ALL my diseases.

I have HEALTH because your Word says that they are LIFE and HEALTH to all who find them.

I have HEALTH because I have been redeemed from the curse and therefore I will not have any of the diseases which were put upon the Egyptians.

I have HEALTH because the Word of God says I am healed! I am walking by faith and not by sight, and my body is lining up with the Word of God.

I CONFESS IT!

I POSSESS IT!

I HAVE IT!

IT IS MINE!