

Theme: If You Believe... (Part I)

- **I have told you God's mind for 2010 concerning you.** Believe is the one thing you will need to make this year what God has already decided for you!
- We think we believe until you come face to face with Jesus and what it really is to believe by Scriptural definition!

Mark 9:23 & Mark 11:23...*believe & say what you believe; believe what you say, it is done!*

Two miracles in the story: **A.** Doubt or unbelief (partial belief) of the father of the boy is healed. **B.** The Sick boy is healed

But it was crucial that Doubt was healed first, because doubts cripple and stop us from receiving from God.

Definition: Believing is when your inner being receive/ accept a thing as true, so that your mouth begin to confess and your entire body and surrounding begin to respond to what you received and confess. All of a sudden, you begin to see what you say, hear what you say, feel what you confess and literally begin to go towards it. (**Heb. 11:1**)

Two kinds of belief: 1. Mechanical believing/ faith. It says I believe because it happen to so-so person and that person said so! I call this borrowed belief or faith that does not stand its own legs because it has none!. *If the one whose testimony you believed, for which you also believe, changes his mind and says, I am so sorry, I lie about what I told you, that will be the end of your belief!!*

-mechanical belief is also mental ascent that says I believe because it is fashionable to say so, or because belief was thrust on them!

2. True Belief, Believing without Precedent. (Abrahamic Belief)

Romans 4:17 - (as it is written, "*I have made you a father of many nations*" in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "*So shall your descendants be.*"¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ **He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief,** but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Abraham had no example before him, all he had was to literally trust God and take Him by His word of promise!!

TN: It is amazing how belief works and affects our life generally:

- 1. Whatever you belief, whether true or false will determine how your life turn out.**

²³ *Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."* (**Mark 9:23**). **This Jesus speaking, so it must be true!! All things include good or bad!! That's just according to your faith.**

- *Just by the way, have you ever sat to a thought about things you used to think, say about the outcome of your life at some point and they happened later in your life? They happened because you believed them even though you just thought you were saying things...*
- 2. **It is said that many retirees will die 7 years after their retirement because somehow, some chemicals are released from their brain that slow and shut down their body and the drive to live, because they believe there is no life after retirement. (My brother's late father-in-law, was sadly a victim of this thief of life).**

Well, there is a lot of spiritual truth about this as well – our beliefs are the number one catalyst and magnet that attract the things that we pray for, big or small!!

Conclusion

But without faith (belief) *it is impossible* to please *Him*, for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is, and **that He is a rewarder** of those **who diligently seek Him**. (Hebrews 11:6).

It is impossible to please God without believing, and for you to receive your reward from Him for pleasing Him through believing Him and diligently seeking Him, you must believe.

(Romans 4:3; Gal. 3:6); - For what saith the scripture? **Abraham believed God**, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. **James 2:23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God**, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was **called the Friend of God**.

Theme: If you believe... (Part 2)

- **My aim is twofold: 1. Why some find it difficult and others find it impossible to have the kind of belief that make all things possible. and 2. What it takes to have the kind of belief that make all things possible for the believer (How to believe).**

Luke 8:11-15

- **Why some find it difficult and others impossible to have the kind of belief that make things possible?**

Such people allow the Word which is the seed of belief to be **Stolen, Abandoned, or Choked**. They never kept the Word or allow the Word to blossom so as to arouse fruit bearing belief, the belief that makes things possible. **2.** they never **work or apply** the Word they receive. (**James 2:18,23**)

Romans 10:17 - So then **faith (belief) comes** by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Those Stolen- it is said that the devil stole it.
- Those abandoned, are those that fell on the rock and was allowed to wither. (Part-time believers who believe for a time).
- Those choked: to be choked means there is huge struggle, finding it difficult to breathe.
- Speaks of a person in real difficulty, and is scattered all over the place. They have too many desires than they can ever handle. They want to enjoy the world and enjoy the things of

the king as well. They want to serve God and serve money at the same time. They want a good home, wonderful wife and great children, yet they still follow little girls around acting like fools!

Those who are choked are in a really precarious and dangerous place but they don't know it because they are deceived!

The text did not say that they do not bear fruit, they do. But, their fruits never matures! They cannot eat it and no one can actually benefit from it! – It means, nothing they do ever succeeds, they start but have no good end. Too many unfinished business to attend to! I doubt if their salvation is even thorough or if they will continue in faith!

³⁴The light of the body is the eye: therefore when **thine eye is single**, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.(**Luke 11:34KJV**)

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.(**Ps. 27:4**)

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but **one thing** I do, forgetting those **things** which are behind and reaching forward to those **things** which are ahead,(**Philippians 3:13**)

Tn: The forth group of people, the noble ones actually get things done. They are the noble ones who know what to do.

- hear the word, keep it and bear fruit with patience.
- **Noble** means good, honorable; refer to discipline soldiers.

TN: What it takes to have the kind of believe that make all things possible for the believer (How to believe?).

- 1. Believing is nothing but taking God at His Word.**
- 2. God is only obligated to performing His Word and finishing what He began.**

...I am ready to perform My word (Jeremiah 1:12)."

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Numbers 23:19)

... For I am the Lord. I speak, and the word which I speak will come to pass; it will no more be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and perform it," says the Lord God' (Ezekiel 12:25)."

The Word of God could be as the Bible reveals it, or a word through a pastor or prophet of God, faithfully transmitted.

Who confirms the word of His servant, and performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,' To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,' and I will raise up her waste places (Isaiah 44:6).

TN: Three things (How to believe)

A. Receive the Word in your heart.

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also **you received** and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. (**1 Corinthians 15:1-2**)

B. Openly Confess the Word in your heart (*not how you feel. symptoms*)

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful (**Hebrews 10:23**)

¹¹ If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; (**1 Peter 4:11**)

For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”(**Mark 5:28**)

C. Be bold and Do not be afraid *doesn't matter what...*

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (**Heb. 4:16**)

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.”(**Luke 8:50**)

Conclusion

‘we have the sure word of prophecies confirmed, and we will do well if we heed to it as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts’ (**2 Peter 1:19**).