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Dear Friends,

Nearly forty years ago I began attending a church where I learned about faith in God’s Word and confession. Since that time, a great number of Christians have come to severely criticize the teaching they refer to as “word of faith” or “word and faith” or “faith and confession.” In some cases, these critics essentially declare that there is no scriptural basis for such a doctrine, even though one of the foundations of that doctrine is in Mark 11:22-24,

²²And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. ²³For 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. ²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Further study of scripture gives us more insight as to the validity of how confession is so critical to seeing God’s will manifested in our lives. Consider what Jesus said in the following passages,

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (John 4:34)

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (John 5:30)

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (John 6:38)

⁴⁸He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. (John 12:48-49)

¹⁶Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. (John 7:16-17)

Jesus only did what God instructed. Jesus only taught what God told Him to teach. Jesus spoke according to what God wanted Him to speak. All this being true, consider the following:

***When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick
(Matthew 8:16)***

¹²And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: ¹³And 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. ¹⁴And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

²⁰And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. (Mark 11:12-14, 20-21)

⁵And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. ⁷And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. ⁸The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

¹³And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

(Matthew 8:5-8, 13)

⁹And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: ¹⁰And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. ¹¹And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? ¹²How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. ¹³Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. (Matthew 12:9-13)

⁴³And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. (John 11:43-44)

All of the above are examples of what Jesus did. Jesus spoke and demons were cast out. Jesus spoke and natural circumstances were altered. Jesus spoke and people were healed. Jesus spoke and the dead were raised. Jesus only did God's will. Therefore, confession to get results was God's will. Now consider what Jesus said concerning those who would accept Him as Savior:

¹⁸As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. ²⁰Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; (John 17:18-20)

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. (John 14:12)

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

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Everything Jesus did and taught was according to what God wanted Him to do and teach. Everything Jesus prayed was according to God's will. Jesus spoke God's will.

- God sent Jesus into the world, in part, to demonstrate the power of speaking God's will. Christians are in the world, in part, to demonstrate the same.
- Jesus confessed the Word of God and God's will manifested. He said those who believe in Him can do the same.
- Jesus said we could operate by the keys of the Kingdom. Binding and loosing are a part of operating by those keys. **Binding and loosing require confession of God's Word.**
- All of this is irrefutable confirmation that what Jesus said in Mark 11:22-24 is God's Word and will for all Christians. It is a Kingdom truth that God will never revise.

Christians who dismiss, criticize, refute or try to disprove God's truth about His Word and our confession cannot in any way say Matthew 4:4 is a standard for their lives.

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. (Matthew 4:4)

The key in this is that what we confess must be the Word and the will of God.

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (1 John 5:14-15)

Thus, Mark 11:22-24 is not about speaking and asking for whatever we want, it's exclusively about speaking and asking according to God's will. But if we don't know or believe God's will, then what we speak or ask may be opposed to His will. How can we know God's will?

The sower soweth the word. (Mark 4:14)

*Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
(Psalm 119:148)*

The more we meditate in, study and sow God's Word in our heart, the more we will know His will. The more we know His will, the better able we are to speak His will over our lives. Here are a few more examples of how seriously God takes our confession and the power of our words.

³³Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and

his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. ³⁴O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. ³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. ³⁶But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (Matthew 12:33-37)

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. (Psalm 54:2) [You might want to read again 1 John 5:14-15.]

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. (Proverbs 8:8) [This is how God speaks, and He expects no less from His children.]

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. (Proverbs 6:2)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (Proverbs 18:21)

Since we are to live by every word God has given, then what He has said about our confession should be taken to heart. If we want to see His will manifest concerning healing, why in the world would we continue to claim sickness? I have heard more Christians than I count talk about “their” affliction, “their” failing body organs, “their” physical ailments, and so on. So many constantly confess a problem instead of confessing the healing power of God’s Word. I am firmly convinced that some Christians have died because they dug their grave with their tongue.

Many Christians face much turmoil in their homes when it comes to what family members are doing. Sadly, I have heard some call their spouse or children the very things they want changed. For example, even if you have a child who has chosen to abuse drugs, why would you want to constantly confess that your child is a drug addict? Clinically speaking, that child may indeed be addicted, but you’re not helping your child get delivered by reinforcing bad behavior with the power of your words.

Do you want God’s will manifested in your life concerning your body, your mind, your finances, your job, your family, your ministry, and more? If so, it is critically important that you confess His will in every area. Why would you, His child, speak in opposition to your Father’s will? Why would you want to curse yourself when you could be standing in agreement with God by speaking the blessings He has already spoken? The way this year ends for you will be directly established by what you say throughout the year. Next December 31st, why look back on a year

and wish more of God's will had been established? In fact, your destiny for this year and beyond will be influenced by what you confess on a daily basis.

God cannot and will not stand in agreement with any confession that does not line up with His Word. On the other hand, He will most definitely stand by and allow us to bring about corruption in our lives by virtue of what we say. Why would He do such a thing? Because He has given us authority in this natural world and will not violate our will. If we choose to speak the fallenness of this world over ourselves instead of confessing His promises and blessings, why should we be shocked when nothing seems to change?

In Genesis chapter one, God created everything by what He said. Then, He created humanity to be in His image and likeness. That means our words also carry authority and power. Sow His word into your heart and mind. Establish the mindset of His will within your heart and mind. Speak His Word, speak His will, establish your destiny and see His plans for your life come to full manifestation.

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