

**Introduction:**

- I am who God says I am! Is an expression of working the Word of God.
- *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."* (Hebrews 10:23, ESV) *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."* (Proverbs 18:21, ESV) We have been talking about Zoe, life, for many weeks now. Notice that life is found in the power of the tongue... and so is death. The fruit will be what ever you choose.
- Years ago I started saying this little expression, not realizing how big it actual is and would become to me. *"The Word works for those who work the Word!"*
- God works through words.
  - It was how He created. Look at all the times Genesis 1 records, *"God said..."* Each new day began with, "God said," There was nothing... and, "God said." God was working with words! Abraham worked with words: Ro 4:17 Abraham called those things that do not exist as though they did.
  - Listen to Jesus, "I only do what I see the Father doing and I only speak what the Father is speaking." Jesus was working the Word.
  - If we are imitators of God we will be speaking the Word of God as well! You want to see if people are working the Word, just listen to their words. You want to see if people are working the Word, check out their instagram, FB or twitter feed. You will know immediately what they believe and what is in their heart. Let's begin...

**I. Working The Word Involves Three Things****A. Knowing what God has said.**

1. Knowing what God 'has said' comes from the Bible. This is the first step in working the Word: Know what God has said! We must honor the Word of God in our lives. *"OUR attitude toward the Word determines the place that God holds in our daily life."* E.W. Kenyon
2. FF. Bosworth in Christ the Healer says, "Faith begins where the will of God is known." And, "Its God's Word that lets us know what to trust Him for." This is why we must know the Word.
3. When we know what the will of God is then we can by faith lay hold of the power (Zoe) of God.

**B. Believing what God has said.**

1. Faith must rest on the will/Word of God alone. It can't rest on our desires or upon our wishes, opinions and hopes. Faith must move beyond the point of 'God can' and rest upon the fact that 'He will.'
2. When we know what God's will is we will be sure of what God wants to do.
3. When we know God and know what God wants to do then it is easy to trust Him for what He has said. Check out Romans 10:17...
  - a) *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* (Romans 10:17, NKJV)

b) *"The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to."* (Romans 10:17, The Message)

C. Speaking what God has said.

1. Faith is vocal! It reveals what is actually believed in the heart.
2. *"Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.'"* (Mark 11:22-23, NLT)
3. Have faith in God and you can say.
4. When you have faith in what God has said, then you can say what God has said. When you say what God has said this is your confession of faith.

D. The purpose of working the Word is to access the Zoe (life) of God. Let's look at what it means to speak the Word.

## II. The Confession Of Our Faith

A. Words are the way that God works. *"Faith empowers us to see that the universe was created and beautifully coordinated by the power of God's words! He spoke and the invisible realm gave birth to all that is seen."* (Hebrews 11:3, TPT)

1. Words are spiritual; they carry power. *"Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards."* (Proverbs 12:14, NLT) This scripture tells us that we shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of our mouths.
2. This process begins with salvation. This is what the lost man does when he declares Jesus to be Lord of his life: *"In fact, it says, 'The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.' And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.'"* (Romans 10:8-10, NLT)

B. Faith and Confession are the activators. IE. Like epoxy glue. You have to mix both parts to get a glue that works.

1. Confession Defined: ὁμολογία; The literal meaning of *homologeín* is "to say the same thing." So, in order to confess the Word I have to say the same thing God has said. It also means...
  - a) "to agree to something" (an affirmation, a charge, etc.), I agree with what God has said, "Amen!"
  - b) "to confirm receipt," Confirms, I receive that.
  - c) "to agree or submit to a proposal," and
  - d) "to agree, to a wish," "to promise."
  - e) *"The noun *homología* indicates consent to what is found to be valid followed by the appropriate resolve and action; theoretical assent is not enough. The word takes on the sense of a "compact" or "agreement" of a legal character."* Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). TDNT (p. 687). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.
2. Look at its use in the NT: Confession is far bigger than we assume.

- a) It occurs in *“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.”* (Luke 12:8, NKJV) Mt 10:32 confess us before the Father.
  - b) *“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”* (Revelation 3:5, NKJV)
  - c) If we do not bring ourselves into agreement with God... *“But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’”* (Matthew 7:23, NLT)
  - d) We have already referenced (Romans 10:9-10, NLT).
  - e) Note Paul’s words in 2 Cor. *“But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, ‘I believed in God, so I spoke.’”* (2 Corinthians 4:13, NLT)
  - f) *“But confession means taking sides, and confession of Christ means confession of the risen and exalted Lord (set side by side with the one God.”* (1 Cor. 8:6). Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). TDNT (p. 689). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.
3. Faith and confession (speaking/declaring) are the activators of the Word of God.
- C. “Confession is not denying physical facts and temporary circumstances. It is declaring what God, who never changes, has said about the outcome and standing in faith until all temporary conditions line up with His eternal declaration.”
1. David knew this principle: *“Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;”* (Psalm 103:1-3, NKJV)
  2. We are not trying to get God to do something. We already have the benefits as supplied by God’s word. They are ours and Satan is just trying to steal them.
  3. The process of believing and speaking is what brings every benefit of our salvation promised in God’s Word from heaven into our lives. Words reveal what we truly believe....Mt 12:34 ...Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. *“The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”* (Matthew 12:37, NLT) This is why it is so important to say what God has said!
    - a) Do this not so others can hear you, but so your soul will receive instruction as to what to believe and agree with instead of the symptoms in your body, situations in your life and fear-based thinking and talking you hear from others around you.
    - b) We bring glory to God by honoring His Word and demonstrating our trust in Him. Therefore our first act of faith is to agree with and to speak/confess/declare what He has said.
    - c) We are saying the same things He has said! And Hebrew 10:23 says we are to hang on tightly to our confession of faith.

### III. Living Life Abundantly Jn 10:10

- A. Most Christians who are defeated in life are defeated because they believe, and they confess the wrong things. Because they believe the wrong thing they confess the wrong thing. They have believe a lie(s) and confess the lies.

1. They do not believe that there is authority in speaking the Word of God.
  2. So they keep speaking the wrong things and that just leads to more problems.
- B. Mt 17:20 The disciples could not cast out a demon because of their unbelief.
1. Unbelief was the problem.
  2. But he went on to say, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...you shall say! If you have faith you should say!
  3. We are called to imitate God. *"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children."* (Ephesians 5:1, NLT) Jesus was imitating his Father, and getting the same results that his Father got. That is what I believe should happen to every born-again Christian. We should be imitating our Father and getting the same results that Jesus got.
- C. Three things we should be learning this morning:
1. We have authority to execute spiritual laws—the laws faith and speaking.
  2. These laws work for whosoever will apply them.
  3. We set them in motion by the Words of our mouth!
  4. When I preach, I am declaring what is available to you through Christ Jesus! You are to hear the message. Believe the message. Let faith arise and then speak the message!
    - a) Don't be like those in Heb 4:1-3! They heard the message but did not mix faith with the Word. So it did not profit them anything!
- D. Things that confessing God's Word will do:
1. Confessing God's Word is sowing God's Word.
    - a) Sometimes I have to confess the Word so I believe it.
    - b) My confession is the process of working it from my head into my heart as faith.
  2. Confessing Gods Word causes faith to come.
    - a) Faith comes by hearing the message. Ro 10:17
  3. Confessing God's Word renews the mind.
    - a) As I confess the Word I wash myself with it. Eph 5:26
    - b) My mind is renewed now to think like God thinks. Ro 12:1-2 *Be transformed by renewing...*
  4. Confessing the Word keeps the answer in front of me. Phil 4:6-8.
    - a) If I continually look at the problem and talk about the problem then I get burdened by the problem.
    - b) If I look at the answer, speak the answer and dwell on positive things, I agree with God and with His word.

**Conclusion:**

- Jesus said, I have come that you would have LIFE and have it abundantly.
- Don't sell yourself short. Don't live below the Kingdom standard purchased by Jesus.
- Work the Word and the Word will work for you!

**200611 Merton Clark:** Tim, the Lord told me to tell you, the way you stretch out in Him, He is watching you, and He has found you faithful. He is going to release another level of the gifts in your life. You will see this when you travel after this pandemic gets over. The Holy Ghost would say to you, "Start operating in it." As the Spirit speaks to you, start pointing it out. And it is so, it's going to start happening right before your eyes. Hallelujah, thank you Jesus.

**190310 Apostle Andreas:** I've been hearing a cry all morning, since I woke up this morning. I hear a cry and it's a deep cry coming from the nations. From all of the nations that these flags represent. And the cry is, "Come over and help us!" That is primarily for you Tim and Kelly. God deposited a treasure within you that the nations are crying out for. And it is your responsibility House of Freedom to make sure that they are released to the nations of the world. It is your prayers, it is your sacrifice, it is your giving that will enable them and release them to go. And I also heard a voice coming from above, "Who will go for us?" Amen

The treasure that God has deposited within you, Tim & Kelly, it's for the nations primarily. You have nurtured, you have watered, you have blessed this house tremendously, it is time now to go further than this house. And do not wait until everything falls into place...that might never happen. As you take the step of faith, God will make sure that everything else falls into place. It will require great faith for you to do that. So my word to you, that I sense the Lord is speaking to you this morning...Take time to study the subject of faith. Take time and meditate on this theme of faith, what faith is, how is it released, how does it work. Because it's going to take a higher level of faith for you to be able to step out onto that platform that God has built and prepared for you within these nations (pointing to flag overhead). You see the prophetic destiny of this house is revealed in all the flags that you have hanging around.

And so, Father, I pray that this make take place speedily. In Jesus' name.

And I also want to say a word to Freedom house...the longer you keep your pastors here the more detrimental it will be for you. As you release them, you, this local house, will grow and multiply in numbers, in financial resources and spiritual strength. And both ministries will grow simultaneously. As your pastors go out, their international ministry will begin to grow and blossom, and the local house will grow and blossom. But this will only happen as you embrace a new mindset that says, "We will release you, we will bless you, and we will cut you loose to go."

In Jesus, name. Amen. Further explanation given by Pastor Andreas at close of service:

Let me just give you a little bit of an explanation. When I say release your pastor to go, that doesn't mean he's going away for good. He'll go for a few days, and he'll come back to his nest. He'll go for a few days, and he'll come back.. He will always be here, he will always be the father. You're not going to be orphans, your not going to be fatherless. So don't let the enemy put thoughts into your mind..."Oh, now he's gone and now we are left as orphans...we are just widows here." No, No, No—he will go and he will come, just for a few days. And you know what the Lord revealed to us? He said to our congregation, "As you release your best, I will give you My best!"

Pastor Tim - "And we have a prophetic word out there that in my absence there will always be growth here."