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June calls to mind weddings and romance and honeymoons-and of course when we think of weddings, we as Christians never fail to think of our Lord coming for His Bride! My heart longs so deeply for His coming. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

My husband and I just celebrated our wedding anniversary, and what a celebration of joy we had! May 24 made two lovely years! It pays to wait, ladies, it pays to wait for GOD'S CHOICE in your lives. Sometimes we think we know best what is best for us, and we "fall in love" and plunge ahead like a barracuda, ignoring all His loving warning signs. In the natural, I never would have chosen this man for my husband. But God knows what is best for us because He made us, and I am absolutely thrilled that I waited on God.

There were times in nearly 25 years of living single, that I would get discouraged and say something to this effect: "I know God doesn't have a husband for me." Or, "I guess it's not His will that I ever get married again," or "I will just spend all the rest of my life alone." And do you know-I got just what I said-until I learned to STOP saying it-and to say instead, "If it's His will, when the time is right, He'll bring me a husband. Until then, I'll be happy anyway serving Him!"

### **What You Say is What You Get**

Let's open our Bibles for a minute and look at some special things He is speaking to us. Mark 11: 22 tells us to Have faith in God. Simply have faith in God. Either He is God or He is not. It's not telling us to have faith in our prayers or our fastings or our dedicated service-but simply have faith in HIM. With that much being settled, Jesus goes on tell us in verse 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 (Capitals, mine).

Now what I want you to notice is this-the word "say"-in some form-is in this verse 3 times. Go to that verse and count them. The word "believe" is there only one time--and even then, it is referring to believing that we shall have what we SAY. You may be wondering, what, exactly, is the connection between "believing" and "saying?" When we look at Hebrews 11:1 we read there, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." We have to ask, what is that evidence? What is the evidence of our faith? For one thing, evidence is that which we speak aloud. Praise is evidence. When we can praise God for that which we cannot see yet-it is an outward expression of our inward faith. This is what people are referring to when they tell us to thank Him in advance for the answer.

Also, as it relates to what we sometimes think of as "spiritual warfare," consider this: Only God is omniscient and can therefore know our heart and thoughts. The devil cannot read our minds. How, then, do we let the evil one know of our faith? One thing most certainly is it is what we speak. In other words, What you SAY is your faith speaking. Speaking it out

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makes the enemy aware of our faith. And Jesus tells us in verse 23, ".he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Therefore you will always have in your life what you believe for and say. What you say- GOOD OR BAD-is your faith speaking. Take a few minutes to read the Creation account in Genesis chapter one. When God was creating, the Bible tells us, "And God said..." And we know that it was so.

Proverbs 6:2 warns us, 'Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

*In Mark 5:25-34 we find the account of a woman who SAID...and received.... "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she SAID, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague."*

Notice that the Greek word for "said" here, is "continuous action." So she "kept saying," or she "continued to say." It's not enough to say it once or twice. We need to say it repeatedly-continuously-until we have the answer! The more we say it, the more our faith builds.

## **Are We Double-minded?**

The problem with most people lies in what James called being "double minded." He tells us in chapter 1, starting at verse 6: But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

We can pray something through and find ourselves full of faith. We find ourselves believing we will actually get what we are asking God for. And we might shout and dance around and say by golly, God is going to do it! God is going to do it! But then, the next day or the next week, our faith wavers. The rent is past due or there is no food on the table. And we begin to doubt in our hearts, and we begin to speak out that doubt-Oh my, I don't think I'm going to make it. That, my friend, is double-minded. And what does the Bible say about the double-minded person? He is unstable, and let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord.

## **Soul-Winning**

along these lines, I wonder how many souls could possibly end up lost because of what we say. You ask, how can what I SAY have an effect on someone's salvation? An example-say we are praying for a particular person who is lost in sin. We pray, and we believe, and then-we see that person engaging in all kinds of sin-his lifestyle is not changing-we don't SEE any

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evidence that God is doing anything-and so we begin to doubt, and then to speak out that doubt. "I just don't see how he is EVER going to be saved! His heart is just too hard!" I've even heard this one-"I think God has given her over to a reprobate mind." --What did Jesus say? -- *"Whoever shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* Dear Lord, we'd best be so careful! Who are WE to judge what God might be working out in another's heart? I tell you this- IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER!

So what is the antidote? Listen to what the Word tells us in Psalm 50:23; *"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God."* Do we want to see that lost loved one saved? Then let's examine our thoughts about him or her, and consequently, our words. Do we need to "order our conversation aright?" Let's make our language line up with the Word of God and we might be surprised how many souls we might see coming to the Lord. It certainly is worth a try, isn't it? What do we have to lose? And everything to gain. We might also be surprised at all the answers to prayer we start seeing materialized. Are we weary spiritually? Do we feel as though we are ready to faint? Do we need to increase in spiritual strength? Joel 3: 10 has this to say, *"let the weak say, I am strong."* That is not a contradiction; that is the speaking out of faith.

Matthew 12: 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

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. I want to be an overcomer, don't you!

I hope this is a help to you. Praise His Name!

God bless you,  
Your friend,  
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