

"When Faith Agrees with God"

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INTRODUCTION TO LESSON

Life Group Lesson Objective: To understand the power of Faith that agrees with God.

Life Group Leader preparation:

2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV) – And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written “I believe and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak....

When Faith agrees with God....

- Miraculous things happen, impressive things happen – Numbers 13:17-32.
- Numbers 14:1-24; Exodus 34:10; Psalm 72:18.
- Jesus said, “I came that you might have life more abundantly” – John 10:10
- The faith of the centurion soldier – Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)

Little faith...

Matthew 8:26, 14:31 (KJV), “*Oh ye of little faith*”. This is the faith that puts a limitation on what the Lord can do. Fear hinders faith.

- ***No faith...*** Mark 4:40 (KJV), “*And he said unto them, why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?*”.

Strong faith...

Romans 4:20 (KJV), “*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God*”. This is having faith whatever the circumstances might be. This is faith in God and not in circumstances. This is standing on the word of God when things seem impossible.

Share an example when you were weak in faith and later decided to stand firm in faith. Describe why or how your thinking changed.

Week #1: When Faith Agrees with God - He Keeps His Promises

Exodus 34:10 (NKJV), And He said: “Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you *are* shall see the work of the LORD. For it *is* an **awesome** thing that I will do with you.

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Caleb & the Giants – Numbers 13

Numbers 13:1 – Moses sent 12 men to investigate the land of Canaan that God promised to give the children of Israel. (He said “go search the land which I give unto them)

- God told them to “Go see” what belongs to them.
- When they came back, they showed the others the fruit of the land.
- They said, surely the land flows with milk and honey.
- But they SAID: we are not able to go against the people; for they are stronger than us.
 - Their faith did not agree with God.
- What happens when faith does not agree with God? ***Encourage discussion.***
 - Num 14:23 – “Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it;”
- When Faith Agrees with God – Caleb & Joshua had faith that agrees with God.
 - “Let us go at once and possess the land, for we are well able to overcome it.”
 - Numbers 13:30, 14:6-9
- Num 14:24 – But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereunto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Our legacy depends on faith that agrees with God)

Let us be honest – Discussion:

What has God promised you that has not manifested yet... what are you doing in the mean time?

Week #2: When Faith Agrees with God – Faith-filled Words flow from your heart.

Group Discussion Question: What are you expecting from God? What do you want? What are you saying? Are you comfortable in declaring verbally what God has promised? If not, why?

Psalm 37:4 – Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart....

Your heart = emotions, thoughts, motivations, courage, and actions; the wellspring of life

- Proverbs 4:23 – *Guard your heart above all else for it determines the course of your life.*
- Luke 6:46 – *a good person produces good things from the treasure of a good heart.*

FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS – Matthew 12:34

- What WORDS are flowing from your heart?

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- What is said, flows from the abundance of my heart.
- Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the Lord WITH ALL YOUR HEART do not lean to your own understanding.

When faith agrees with God.....Our words will agree with God's words.....

- Proverbs 18:21 – Life & death is in the power of the tongue.

Psalm 19:14 – Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my Redeemer.

The “spirit of faith” says what is written....and therefore speaks what is written.

FIND PROMISES FOR (If any of you lack wisdom you should ask God, James 1:5):

Let us be honest - Discussion:

Find what is written and agree with God...by saying it!

Are you sick?

- Do not listen to your body or your mind, listen to your spirit (your heart) that says:
 - “I am healed by the stripes of Jesus with long life will you satisfy me and show me your salvation.
 - I hearken diligently to the Lord my God, and I do that which is right in his sight, I give ear to his commandments, and he puts no disease upon me, for he is the Lord who heals me” – Exodus 15:26

What does the word say about the future of your children?

- Blessed is the man and woman who fears the Lord, her seed shall be mighty upon the earth...the generation of the upright shall be blessed. – Psalm 112:1-2

What does God say about Plans, Purpose & Vision for you?

Your Future – What is written

- “Father I thank you that you have a plan and purpose for my life...I am writing it down, so that I can run with it” – Jeremiah 29:11; Habakkuk 2:2.

Week #3: Be sure what you are saying agrees with God's Word

Group Discussion Questions: Caleb's children were able to live a blessed life because of His faith. He left a legacy of Faith.

Have the God kind of Faith –

Isaiah 55:11 – *So shall my word be that comes forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

- God is sure, he does not have any doubt about the power in his word. However, he tells us that our faith comes by hearing His word, and it is up to us to hear his word, feed his word into our heart (not our head), obey his word...so we can have strong faith.... THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.

Psalms 107:2 – *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.*

- Say what the Lord says, study the Word of God, so you can say what he said. Become familiar with the scriptures.

Isaiah 43:26 – *Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that mayest be justified.*

- He said to remind Him of His word.... do not remind him of the situation, or what you see, feel, or think. Tell him what His word says, he confirms HIS WORD with signs following.
 - That thou may be healed
 - That thou may live in peace
 - That you may have all your needs met
 - That your children shall be delivered

Let us be honest - Discussion:

What are you saying or doing that could obstruct your legacy of faith.... how can you change?

Week #4 – When Faith agrees with God.... Acknowledge all good things we have in Christ Jesus

Group Discussion Questions:

What are you saying and agreeing with God about yourself, you family, ministry, future?

I am more than a conqueror.

I am strong in the Lord and in the power in his might.

I am his workmanship created in Christ Jesus.

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I am an heir of God.

All things are working together for my good.

I am redeemed from the curse of the law.

I have been delivered from powers of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son.

I am like a tree planted by the rivers of water, and whatsoever I do will prosper.

I am a world overcomer.

I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me.

Let us be honest - Discussion:

What are some things you are saying about yourself. What do you need to stop thinking and saying?

Write down in your own words, agreement and confessions of faith.