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Remember that according to James chapter 2, Bible Faith is “conviction or persuasion plus corresponding action.” Faith also has a vital principle and a mental disposition. In 2 Corinthians 4:13, the apostle writes, *“We have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’*” And, that word *spirit* there is not referring to an entity or deity, but rather means *vital principle and/or mental disposition*. So, when Paul says, “we have the spirit of faith,” he is saying, **we have the vital principle and mental disposition of faith**. First of all, *vital* means *“foundational, necessary for life”*. There are other corresponding actions to faith, but this is the first and the foremost corresponding action to your faith. **The vital principle of faith is that “faith speaks what it believes.”** Faith also has a mental disposition or mindset. There is a way that a person who is walking or living by faith has their **mind set**. The mindset of faith is **that faith is always “is” or “present tense”**.

When Jesus says in John 10:10, *“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly,”* He uses the word *zoe*. The Greek word *zoe* means life. So, in order to experience the God-Kind of life, you have got to exercise the God-Kind of Faith.

In His earthly ministry, Jesus was, and still is, “the Living Word.” Therefore, everything that came out of His mouth was “the living word of God.” When you look at the ministry of Jesus, you have to understand that, or else you will not be able to distinguish between how He could speak to situations and see results, but when you speak to them it often appears nothing changes. The difference is that everything He spoke was “the living word,” and therefore, everything He said affected the circumstance. So, He could speak “peace” to the wind and say “be still” to a wave and there would be a great calm because He had just spoken “the living Word.” He could say to a sick man, “Your sins are forgiven” and it would be so because He had just spoken “the living word.”



In order to get those same results, we have to make sure that what is coming out of our mouths is “the living word.” I am not “the living word,” and neither are you -- I know you are special, but you are not there yet – you are *not* “the living word.” To get the God-Kind of results, we have to make sure that we do what Jesus did, and that is to **speak the word of God to your circumstance and situation**. You must holler back! Now, Jesus did not have to go to the Scripture, get promises and renew His mind to it because His mind did not need renewing. He did study and speak the Scripture, but because his mind had never tasted of sin, and did not have to recover from a fallen state, it did not have to come back from negative experience. Our minds do, and that is why we must renew our minds to the word of God and make sure that the word of God is coming out of our mouths.

Since everything that came out of Him was the word, He responded by faith to everything. He could respond without thinking. He could respond without taking a time out. Everything in Him was the living word, but it is not so with you and I. We have our negative experiences, our sin and our pre-salvation ways of thinking. We have things that are still in us. What we have to do before we *holler back* to our situations is to make sure that what is in our mouths is the living word. We have to say, “Wait, I am not going to respond out of my emotion, I am not going to say what I feel.” Do you see this?

God Himself exercised this very principle in order to affect change and bring the desired results that He wanted in the earth. This is how Jesus lived, worked miracles and walked in power. Although Jesus was “the Living Word” in His earthly ministry, He also was in the flesh. He was 100 percent man and 100 percent God: the Jesus part of Him was 100 percent man; and the Christ part of Him, which was on the inside, was 100 percent God. So everything He did, He accomplished as a man anointed with the Spirit of God. It is important to understand this, because if you do not, you will look at His ministry, words and accomplishments, and say, “Well, He did that because He was Jesus.” No, He did it because He disciplined Himself to not allow anything to come out of His mouth that was not God’s living word. If you do what Jesus did, you will have the Jesus-Kind of results because that is the God-Kind of Faith.

Many people think that because Jesus was the Son of God that He knew everything from birth – He knew who He was, what He was going to do, and the complete and total will of God. Not so. He had to learn the plan and will of God just like you and I because in His earthly ministry, He ministered as a *man* anointed with the Holy Ghost. Look at Luke 2:40: *“And the Child grew and*



became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.” Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, the Bible says that “the Child grew and became strong in spirit.” Now if He *became* strong in spirit as He was growing, that means He did not start off as strong in spirit as He was later. You do not *become* something if you are already it. To *become* something means going from one state to another state. Saying that “you became rich” means you did not start rich. So, when the Bible says “Jesus became strong in spirit,” it means that He was growing and maturing in spirit. Also, Luke 2:52 states that Jesus *“increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”* That means He obtained more than he began with, doesn't it?

Now, the Holy Ghost was within Him from His birth. He was born of the Spirit of God, and yet – just like you and me – as He grew and matured, He had to start receiving the revelation of God's will out of His Spirit so He could know the plan and will of God. Many people think that from six years old Jesus knew He was going to die on the cross. What kind of brutal, vicious Father would God be to bring a child here, and from two or three years old have Him know He is going to die? No, He **grew**. Just as He grew from the revelation of the word and the Spirit of God within Him, you and I must grow in grace and favor by the revelation of the will and the word of God within us. That is why you will not get saved one day and have the total will of God come to pass in your life immediately on the next day. You and I must grow in the revelation of His will in our spirit; then we can begin framing our world by the Word of God.

Many people who got saved yesterday want everything by tomorrow. But the fact of the matter is that your tomorrows are the product of what you were speaking the days before you got saved. Remember this faith principle is a law, like the law of gravity. Whether you are saved or unsaved, you are receiving what you have been speaking. What God does for you through salvation is give you access to the God-Kind of Faith. He says, “If you will start speaking My word instead of your words, your world will start changing, and your circumstances will start coming into line with My will.” Some of you have right now what you have been saying since being saved because you have not yet established the discipline of saying what God has said, instead of saying what your circumstance says.

Now, as He grew, Jesus was receiving the revelation of God's word and God's will coming out of His spirit and illuminating His mind. Remember when Jesus was found in the temple at age twelve?



So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:48-49)

At age twelve, He is getting the revelation. What was deposited in His spirit is now coming to His mind, and His mind is coming into agreement with what is in His spirit. And He is saying, **"You know what. I know now. I am supposed to be about My Father's business. I did not know this at five. but I know it at twelve."** This is someone who is growing in the knowledge of God's will. *"But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:50-52)* Increasing in something means getting more than you had before. Notice, it says, "Jesus increased," not Christ. Christ is the inner man - the spirit on the inside of Jesus; but Jesus, the man (the natural man) increased.

From Jesus' age of twelve to the age of thirty is what the bible scholars call "the silent years." The Gospel writers do not tell us anything about the life of Jesus from twelve to thirty. But the last picture that we see of Him at twelve -- before He is baptized of John in the river Jordan at thirty in this statement, **"and He was increasing in wisdom, and in knowledge and in favor with God and man."** That means He is learning more about the plan of God, the will of God and the purpose of God. He is learning more about who He is and what He is supposed to do. He is establishing the disciplines of a spiritual man, so He understands God's will and knows how to walk in it.

The next time we see Him is when He comes to John to be baptized of him at thirty years old. When he looks at Jesus, John says, *"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)* Jesus comes to be baptized of John, and John says, *"I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" (Matthew 3:13)* Jesus responds, *"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Matthew 3:15)* In other words, **"I know who I am, and you know who I am, but the will of God has been revealed to me, and this is necessary for me to get into My purpose and My anointing. Between the years of twelve and thirty, the will of God for my life has been revealed to Me, and this is a part of the will, so baptize Me man, and let's get on with this!"**



Now, at this point, Jesus is baptized, the Spirit of the Lord descends upon Him in the form of a dove, and He began to walk in His earthly ministry. **He performed no miracle before He is anointed with the Spirit of God.** Until this baptism and anointing comes upon Him, He does no miracle. Now, He is ready to begin His ministry and, between the ages of thirty and thirty-three, He began walking and doing all the things written in your Bible. The revelation knowledge that Jesus walked in was revealed to Him by the Spirit and word of God. He now begins to know, *“I am who the prophets have spoken of.”* He now begins to understand, *“I am the Messiah, the One who is going to die for the sins of the world.”* He did not come into the earth knowing that, but at age thirty, He began to walk in it. He knew who He was. Therefore from age thirty to thirty-three, He is set toward the cross. He knew it. Now, He had something amazing to accomplish – He was going to become sin for you and me, then He is going to die and be resurrected.

He began walking in the revelation of who He was and that He had something to accomplish. He had to do what no man had ever done before. He had to become sin, and He had to die, go into hell, pay for your sin and mine and then come out of there with victory. **No one had ever done this.** A man was going to die, and in three days was going to be raised from the dead. Between the time that He died and yielded up His spirit on the cross, and the time that His spirit came back into the body of Jesus (in Joseph of Arimathea’s borrowed tomb), He was going into the lower parts of the earth and preach to the spirits in prison (see 1 Peter 3:19).

Jesus did not do this: Christ, the Anointed One and His anointing, did. The name of the flesh was *Jesus*. The name of the “greater one” on the inside was *Christ*. That’s why He was called Jesus, the Christ -- Christ was not Jesus’ last name. That is why *Isaiah 9:6* says, *“Unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given.”* **The child Jesus was born flesh. The Son was not born; the Son was eternal with God.** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . and the Word became flesh.”* (John 1:1,14). Christ was the name of the Word, and Jesus was the name given to the Word when God, the Father gave Him a body. *“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.”* (Hebrews 10:5) Who was speaking if He did not have a body yet? *“A body You have prepared for Me, for Me!”* That was the Son -- that was the Word, that was Christ!..



On the cross, Jesus the flesh becomes sin and says, *“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”* (Matthew 27:46) He is experiencing separation from God for the first time. Before the flesh expired, Christ says, *“Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.”* (Luke 23:46) The body of Jesus is laid in the tomb. Christ, the Anointed One says, “Into Your hands I commit My Spirit,” not My flesh, My “spirit.” So, the flesh goes into the tomb and **the spirit goes into the hands of the Father to accomplish the will of God! Hallelujah!**

First *Peter 3:19* tells us “. . .He went and preached to the spirits in prison.” *Ephesians 4:9* says, *“Now this, ‘He ascended’ – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?”* By the time He goes to the cross, He knows that plan of redemption and the condition of the entire world is dependent upon His fulfilling this assignment. And He had to do it, not as God but as a man anointed with the Spirit of God. Today, someone is saying, “God has given me an impossible task. He is telling me to do something that no one has ever done before. How can He expect me to do it?” **Because Jesus did it! And if you do what Jesus did, you will also be able to do what no other man has ever done before, if you use the God-Kind of Faith.**

So, what did Jesus do? He becomes fully knowledgeable and fully persuaded of God’s Word. He was looking into the Word of God from age twelve to thirty, finding out what the prophets said. He was reading Isaiah and Jeremiah. He was studying the laws of Moses, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, and seeing the pattern of Himself. He was reading David in the Psalms and discerned that the written Word was talking about Him. You begin to walk in power when you start looking into that word, and find out **“that it is talking about me.”**

He read in *Isaiah 53:5* where it says: *“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”* As He was reading it, **the Spirit of God said, “That’s about you!”** One day, at about eighteen or nineteen years old, He looked over *Deuteronomy 18:15* where Moses said: *“The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren, Him you shall hear.”* **And the Spirit of God said, “That’s about you.”** He was reading where the Bible says: *“For He shall grow up before Him as a tender... root out of dry ground.”* (Isaiah 53:2) and *“That I will raise to David a Branch of*



righteousness. . .” (Jeremiah 23:5) and God said, “That’s you.” So, Jesus begins to walk with this knowledge.

Many of us want to do ministry and do great things for God. We receive the anointing of the Holy Ghost, but we have not taken the years **“between twelve and thirty yet.”** and we are wondering why God isn't using us as we desire to be used. Do you know why? It is because we have not yet established the discipline to frame our world by the word of God. When situations come to us, we say the first thing that comes into our spirit – we cannot do ministry like that.

In Matthew 16, Peter at Caesarea Philippi had confessed that Jesus was the Christ. One of His disciples finally knew who He was by the Spirit of God! He asked them:

“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16: 13-16)

Because most of us are not of Hebrew origin, we do not understand the power of the revelation when Peter said “You are the Anointed One.” What He was saying is, “You are the One whom all the prophets have told us was coming; that is who You are. You are the One of whom Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Habakkuk and all the prophets spoke.” *“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.” (Matthew 16:21)* “From that time,” means He was not saying this before, but from that time He started saying, “You know what, I am going to go to Jerusalem, **I am going to die and I am going to be raised from the dead.**”

Now, notice what Peter does when He says this: *“Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!’ But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’” (Matthew 16:22-23)* Why is He saying that? It is because Peter did not understand what Jesus was doing. **Jesus was speaking the word of God that He had to speak in order to be raised from the dead.** Because the God-Kind of Faith speaks what it believes based on the word of God, you have to tell anything that will keep you from speaking God’s Word to “get behind you.” Look at those people and say, *“You do not understand what I am doing, I have to do this*



to get God's results. I am not just speaking. This is the way that I am going to get out of this. This is the way I am going to do and finish what everybody says cannot happen. This is how I am going to accomplish what nobody has ever accomplished before. I have to take what God has said to me and say it!"

Jesus rebuked Peter because Jesus was putting into effect the principle of the God-Kind of Faith, and without that, there would have been no resurrection. If He did not say it, it was not going to come to pass. You need to hear what I am telling you. He had to live just like you - He was your example. When you know you are about to die in the natural, you must start declaring what God has said. Anything that keeps you from doing that, you need to tell it to "get behind me, get out of my house and out of my way. Sorry, I cannot hang out with you anymore because you are ruining my resurrection." The resurrection came to pass because Jesus exercised the God-Kind of Faith. We must destroy the religious spirit that we have been under that makes us think the plans of God are automatic. It was not even automatic for Jesus. In Mark 11:24, Jesus said, *"Whoever shall say and believe that those things He sayeth shall come to pass, He will have whatever He says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."* He said, you are not going to get what you **pray**, you are going to get what you **say**.

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

(Mark 11:23)

That is why I am telling you whatsoever you desire when you pray, believe you receive them. I am telling you to believe you receive when you pray, because you are not going to get what you pray, you are going to get what you say. So I am telling you to believe that you receive when you pray, so that right after you pray, you will say, "I have what I just prayed for." When you say "I have what I just prayed for," you will have what you say because you do not get what you pray, you get what you say. (Read these lines again!) That is why a lot of people pray for things but do not receive them in manifestation. After they pray for it, they do not say that "I have it." Your saying and your praying are not in agreement - *you do not get what you pray, you get what you say.*



Only when you get your praying and your saying in alignment will you see what you pray come to pass or manifest with regularity. Putting this principle into effect assured Jesus of the resurrection. It was the will of God for Him to die and be resurrected, but just because it was God's will does not mean it was going to happen. As the word of God was revealed to Him, Jesus grew in the knowledge that He was going to die and be raised again the third day. He began to put into effect the vital principle of faith – speaking what He believed!

Jesus had to exercise His faith to be resurrected. It was the will of God, but the will of God does not have to be done in the earth unless someone exercises their faith. The will of God will not be done in your life -- even though you know it -- if you do not exercise your faith because the will of God is not automatic. People think, "Well, once I know God's will, everything will be alright." No, everything will not be alright. If you do not exercise your faith, you can know God's will and miss it by a thousand miles.

The will of God does not come because somebody knows it; the will of God comes because somebody says it! "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus says, "Say it." If you do not say it, you will not see it. You, as a believer, need to understand this because some of us have been going to church for 20 years, saying "I need to know the will of God." Read the Book and start speaking that word! In John 10:17, Jesus is speaking before the cross:

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." (John 10:17-18)

He is saying, "No man takes My life; I lay it down." It may look like the Sanhedrin, Pilate and the Romans are in control, but understand that this is a set up and nobody takes My life from Me -- I lay it down of Myself." In other words, "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to pick it up. **I am saying this because God said it to me, and, I am saying it before I get betrayed, before I go before Pilate, before I hang on the cross and before I give up the Ghost because if I do not say it, it is not going to happen.**" See, if you do not speak God's Word concerning your circumstance, God's will *will not* come to pass in your life. It is God's will for you to be healed, prospered and delivered, but just because it is God's will does not mean it is going to happen. It



is not going to happen until you get the word in your mouth and start speaking that word into your now and into your future.

Therefore, My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This command I have received from My Father. (John 10:17-18)

Before He is betrayed, before He goes to Pilate and before the Sanhedrin condemns Him to death, Jesus said that “nobody is taking His life;” rather, that He laid it down on His own. *“I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”* First of all, He wants you to understand that nobody is taking His life, but He is laying it down. Secondly, He said, “I want you to know that I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to pick it up again.” When He says, “I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again,” at that moment He did not have the power in manifestation. He was going to need the power later; but because He understood the vital principle of faith, and because He had the mental disposition of faith – that speaks what it believes in the present tense - He said, “I have the power now,” not “I’m going to have” or “I will have.” He said, “I have the power **now** to lay it down, and I have the power **now** to pick it up again”.

Let me demonstrate what I mean by saying, “He did not have the power when He first said it.” Remember when Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane where He wrestles with the will of God being done in His life for the first time. He says, “Father, if there is any other way to get this done without Me dying, let this cup pass. If We can do this any other way, let Us do it another way.” That does not sound like somebody who has the power! Not yet! He, like many of us, was trying to find an alternative means of getting the will of God done; He was trying to do it another way, just like we do. He was wrestling with his flesh, but because He had already said, “I have the power,” when He got into the situation where He needed the power, His confession met Him. This is what the life of faith does.

The Bible says, *“He sent His word” (Psalm 107:20)*. You have to get that Word and send it into your future. **The life of faith is the kind of life that is always running into its confessions.** It says today, “All my needs are met,” not “All my needs *will be* met.” And when it comes up against a situation of lack, it runs into its confession. When the bank account says, “It is not going to



happen this time,” the Word says, “Oh no, he already sent the Word into this.” I am running into my confessions all the time. Because I am a man of faith, when I run into it, and I need the power, I have it!

He says, “I have the power *now* to lay it down, and I have the power to pick it up again. This commandment I have received from My Father.” **He was saying that what He was speaking right now is what God had said to Him.** He said, “I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to pick it up again, and the reason I am saying this now is because God said it to Me.” So, He was speaking God’s Word to Himself in the present tense; the power He needed was available to Him when He came into the circumstance where He needed it because He already said, “I have it.” (Read this paragraph again.)

So when He went into the garden and wrestled, He said, “Father, if there is any other way to get this done, let Us find another way. And He goes back again, “Father, let this cup pass.” And He goes back a third time, “Father, if there is any way to do this without all this pain and suffering, can We do it another way? Nevertheless...” (That is where the power kicked in). “Not My will, but Thy will.”

You can go once, twice or three times trying to live this Christian life another way. You can try everything your mind thinks you should do. You can try to figure it out on your own ability, taking all your intellect and education to try to get God’s will done in your life, but it is not going to happen that way. The only way it is going to happen is when you do what Jesus did. If Jesus had to live that way, then there is no way in the world you are going to see the God-Kind of results any other way. You have to get God’s Word in your mouth about the promise concerning your future and start saying, “I have it, I have it. *I am not going to get it, I have it now.*” But you are saying, “Bishop, I do not see it now.” That is right; you do not see it now, **but you have it now. And if you say that you have it now, you will see it later.**

God the Father had to do this very same thing to raise Jesus from the dead. Not only did Jesus exercise the God-Kind of Faith in His earthly life and ministry, and even towards His resurrection, but God the Father also exercised the principle of faith in resurrecting Jesus from the dead. Now, what is our objective here? If Jesus had to exercise the God-Kind of Faith in order for the will of God to be manifested in His life, and if the Father had to exercise the God-Kind of Faith to produce His will in the earth, then there is no way that you and I, as children of



God, can see the God-Kind of results, and live the God-Kind of life if we do not put into effect the God-Kind of Faith.

Earlier we established that the Bible's definition of faith is different from religion's definition of faith. Since God the Father is the One who said, *"The just shall live by faith" and "Without faith, it is impossible to please Him,"* then we better know what He says faith is and not what our momma, daddy, or preacher says it is. God's Word establishes some significant truths regarding Bible faith.

Remember that according to James 2, Bible Faith is "conviction or persuasion plus corresponding action." It is not Bible Faith until your conviction or persuasion has a corresponding action – something that can be seen or heard. Faith also has a vital principle and a mental disposition: Faith is always present tense.

Bible Faith takes the promises of God and speaks them in the present tense. So, if faith speaks what it believes, then the God-Kind of Faith speaks *God's Word* in the present tense. Only the believer has access to that level of faith because the unbeliever does not have the authority to use God's Word. When Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in My name," it did not mean whatever you ask and attach My name to. The Greek word *onoma* means "nature, character and authority." Here, Jesus was saying, "Whatever you ask in My nature because *you* have a right to My nature. Whatever you ask in My authority because *you*, as My child, have a right to My authority; whatever you ask in My character because *you*, as My blood-bought child, have a right to My character." Therefore, *you* have a right to a higher level of faith than anybody else. I made up my mind that since I have the right to it, that I am going to use it. The difference between "Regular Faith" and "The God Kind of Faith" can be demonstrated by a car example. A Dodge Charger and a Rolls Royce are both cars, but one gets you to your destination at another level, at another speed, and in another environment. That's the difference between "Regular Faith" and "The God Kind of Faith!"

Again, *the God-Kind of Faith is the kind of faith that speaks God's Word in the present tense in response to circumstances and situations.* If there is someone who does not want the Jesus-kind of results, check them out and move away from them because they will contaminate you with their negativity and unbelief. If you and I are going to walk in the God-Kind of Faith, we will have to have to discipline ourselves to make sure that what comes out of our mouths in response to



circumstances and situations is the living word of God. You cannot just say anything you want to say. You have to put a guard over your mouth. You have to be quick to hear and slow to speak. You cannot say, "Well, I do not know, I think I am going to go under." If you say that, then you are going to go under because you will have what you say. But, if you get God's Word in your mouth and say, "Greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world," and then declare, "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even my faith, and I am walking by faith, and I have faith," you will start overcoming. You are not supposed to be going under. You are supposed to be overcoming.

God calls you an "over-comer." An over-comer *comes over*; he does not go under. Everyone has an opportunity to go under, but the over-comer chooses not to go under. He chooses to go over because he speaks God's Word in the present tense. Remember when Jesus saw the fig tree He said, "*Let no one eat fruit from you ever again,*" and *Mark 11:14 says, "In response, Jesus said to it. . . "* The barrenness of the fig tree was communicating to Jesus, and in response, He spoke the Word of God. This is what you have to do: you have to meet your lack, fear or sickness with a Godly response. Respond and make sure that what you are saying is the Word of the living God. Jesus put this principle into effect in His life, even regarding the resurrection from the dead, as the will of God was revealed to Him. You must holler back!

On earth, Jesus lived as a man anointed with the Holy Ghost. So He did everything, not because He was Jesus, but because the power of the Holy Spirit was upon and within Him - just like the power of the Holy Spirit is upon and within you. He is our example. Just as He had to exercise His faith for the will of God to come to pass in His life. You and I also must exercise our faith.

I mentioned earlier that God the Father actually exercised this very principle in resurrecting Jesus from the dead. Hebrews, chapter 1 takes us into the heavens during the time that Jesus had died and gone into the lower parts of the earth. Jesus had died on the cross and Christ, the Anointed One and His anointing, is given back into the hands of the Father.

The Spirit went into the hands of the Father, and the flesh goes into Joseph's tomb. Now, what happens in those three days? Look at verse 18 of First Peter, chapter 3: "*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit.*" Who suffered? Christ did. Now, "*the just*" means He had never sinned, but He



suffered for us – the unjust who had sinned – because the Bible says that on the cross *“He that knew no sin was made to be sin.”* Understand, Jesus never committed sin, but He became sin on the cross. God laid on Him the iniquity of us all and the flesh is put to death, but His spirit is made alive by the Holy Spirit.

His soul was made an offering for sin *(see Isaiah 53:10)*. *That means His soul dies, for “the wages of sin is death” and death is separation from God. “By whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison.”*

(I Peter 3:19) What prison? The prison in which the spirits of just men were held until redemption’s price was paid because no one could get into Heaven until redemption’s price was paid in full. So, for every man in the Old Covenant who died in faith believing that a Messiah would come, there was a place where those spirits were held. Jesus called it “Abraham’s bosom.” It was a matter of spiritual legality.

The Bible says that when that rich man died he lifted up his eyes in hell and looked and saw the beggar in **“Abraham’s bosom”** (see Luke 16:23). That is not Heaven. You cannot see Heaven from hell, and you cannot see hell from Heaven. Heaven would not be a glorious place if you could see the torment of other people from there.

Abraham is the father of faith, and this is a place where those who died in faith and expectation of what their Messiah would do were held. I am not talking about purgatory, which the Bible does not say anything about; it was called Abraham’s bosom.

*He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. **When you make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.*** *(Isaiah 53:7-8, 10-11)*

Isaiah is saying that it pleased God the Father to bruise Him and make *His* soul an offering for sin. Now, the wages of sin is death. So, if Jesus’ soul is made an offering for sin, then Jesus’ soul experiences death or separation from God. He died in a state of sin, not because He committed it, but because He became sin on the cross. He took yours and mine.



Now, any soul that dies in a state of sin must go to hell. This bothers some people to say that Jesus went to hell; but if He did not, then you have to because that is part of the price of full redemption. Paying the price meant He had to pay it all. So, God made His soul an offering for sin. In other words, the Father was watching Jesus be made sin, go into the lower parts of the earth and paying the price for our sin, which means He – like every other soul that dies in a state of sin – was held captive in hell by Satan and his demons. Now, this is what your Savior did for you. The Father was to see what Christ would endure, and when *He* saw Him suffer in hell for your sin and mine, the Father said, “I am satisfied. The price for sin is paid in full.”

“By His knowledge *My righteous Servant shall justify many*” (Isaiah 53:11). In other words, He went to justify many by what He did because He put this principle of faith into effect.

Remember, Jesus had to go to hell and come back, and no one had ever done that before. The Father told *Him*, “You have got to go and pay for sin, but you are coming back,” **and Jesus had to believe it, even though it had never been done before.** That is why He said before He went, “Nobody takes my life, I lay it down. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to pick it up. I am saying this because My Father said it to Me; and if I do not say it, it will not happen.” He makes *His* soul an offering for sin and the Father saw it and is satisfied.

Ephesians 4 puts together pieces of a puzzle that the Bible very clearly paints, but because it does not paint it all in one place, most Christians do not know it -- the principle is *“Here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept”* (Isaiah 28:10).

Look at *Ephesians 4:7-8*, *“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”* *Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive.”* In other words, He took those demon spirits keeping souls captive and made them His captive. He took their authority from them.

Then He said, *“Now, you are My captive, because all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me”* (Matthew 28:18). Look at *Ephesians 4:9*: *“He ascended”* – *“what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.”* If He had to fill all things, that means He had to go into the



lower parts of the earth – into hell – and come out. *You cannot give people authority over that which you have not established authority over.* So, for Jesus to give you and me authority over devils and demons, He had to first establish that authority. He did not do it by sending a memo or electronic mail (e-mail). He does that when He became sin. His soul is made an offering for sin and – like every other soul that dies in a state of sin – He went into the lower parts of the earth. And just like every other soul that dies in a state of separation from God, He is held captive by Satan. The demons grab hold of Him, saying, “You thought You were the Son of God; You thought You would get out of here. You are just like everybody else.”

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (I Corinthians 2:6-8)

If the demons, devils, Pilate, and the religious people of Jesus’ day knew this, then they would not have crucified Him. In Isaiah 53:10, the Bible says that the Father will see it, “*and shall see labor of His soul,*” In other words, when He sees Christ pay for your sins and mine in Hell, He will be satisfied.

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You?” (Hebrews 1:1-5)

He has obtained a “more excellent name by inheritance,” so He did not get this more excellent name until after death. He died in a state lower than angels (man under sin); after He purged our sins, He was raised in a state better than angels, higher in authority than angels. Demons are fallen angels. Notice that the Scripture says, “*To which of the angels did He ever say...?*” The answer is that God never said this to any of the angels, so who did He say it to? Here the Scripture is showing you what the Father said to the Son during the time that the Son was



purging our sins. This is God, by the Holy Spirit, taking you into Heaven during the time of the crucifixion and showing you what was happening there. Jesus was already begotten of the Holy Ghost and His earthly mother Mary in Nazareth (Luke 1:26-38), but the Scripture says that “when He is making His soul a sacrifice,” (when He is purging our sin) the Father leans over the battlements of Heaven, looks down into hell and says, “*You are My Son, today, I have begotten You*” (or I am birthing You today). That means He was dead in sin, having paid for my sin and yours, **and the Father births Him again**. In other words, He said I will be a Father to Him again:

“I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son.” (Hebrews 1:5)

Christ, the Anointed One, is in hell to purge our sins. The Father sees it and His soul is satisfied. The demons are saying, “You are here, You have to stay here, and You are not coming out.” But Jesus had already said, “I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again.” The Father saw the Son struggling to get out, but He could not. He saw the labor of His soul, and when the Father had seen enough and was satisfied that your sin and my sin had been purged and paid for, the Father leaned over and said, **“You are My Son, today I have begotten You.”**

“But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him’” (Hebrews 1:6). “He brings the firstborn into the world again,” means He did it once in Bethlehem and He was doing it again, He was called “the firstborn,” not “the only begotten.” Why? Because He is the first of millions of others who are going to be released just like this – by the Word! Jesus, the Christ was *born again*. When the Father says, *“Let all the angels of God worship Him,” (Hebrew 1:6)* that word goes down into hell and the devils have to turn Him loose because demons are fallen angels.

Jesus would not have been resurrected if He had not spoken God’s Word before He went to the cross, and if the Father had not spoken His Word as He watched Christ suffer captivity for our sins. You will not see the will of God in the earth unless *you say so!* It was the will of the Father that the Son come back justified, glorious and powerful; but it was not going to happen just because the Father willed it – it was going to happen only when the *Father spoke it.*



When He had seen the sacrifice and it was acceptable, He said, “Enough is enough! Let all the angels of God worship Him,” and Christ was released from those demon hands. He – now being a justified, born-again spirit – went over to Satan in hell and said, “I believe you have something that belongs to me. I want the keys to *death* now, and I want the keys to *hell* because you no longer have power over either one. You do not have power over death, and you can no longer send anyone to hell. If they choose to live by faith, they can be free.” God does not send anyone to hell and the devil does not send you to hell. The devil does not have power to send anyone to hell. Only *you* have power to send *you* to hell, and you do that by what does or does not come out of your mouth. *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).*

Jesus went from there and *“He led captivity captive” (Ephesians 4:8).* He unlocked the place holding the souls of just men who died in faith believing a Messiah was coming, and says, “Boys, time to get out of here.” *Ephesians says, “He then leads captivity captive.”* On His way back to glory, He stopped by Joseph’s tomb and slips back into the body named *Jesus* – a body that was so destroyed on the cross by beatings and whippings, that it was indistinguishable.

The Old Testament says, *“So His visage was marred more than any man” (Isaiah 52:14).* He went back into that body, and when this resurrected spirit strikes, that body is completely restored. Life comes back to it and emanates from it so that stones had to move. He then appears and says, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18).* This is for you to see and understand that the will of God was done in Jesus’ life by His speaking the Word of God. The Father’s will was accomplished in our justification by speaking His Word. If Jesus and the Father had to speak the Word, what makes you think that you are going to see God’s will in your life without speaking the Word of God?

Notice, the Father did not say, “All the angels are going to worship Him.” He said, “Let all the angels worship Him.” The inference in the latter statement is “now” because faith *is* always “*present tense*.” Child of God, this is how resurrection occurs in your life. This is how healing happens in your life. This is how the power of God is released into the circumstances of your life. Someone says, “I am waiting for God to intervene.” God says, “The Word is in your mouth and in your heart.” You are waiting on God to show up and He is waiting on you to speak up! You are waiting for God to heal you and He is waiting for you to declare His Word, “By His stripes, I am healed.” You are waiting for God to meet your need and He is waiting for you to put



His word in your mouth and declare, “My God has supplied all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” You are waiting for someone to give you some money and after you have given, God is waiting for you to declare “that it is being given to me again, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, men *are* giving into my bosom.”

My purpose here is not to belittle or to put anyone down, it is to help you see from God’s Word how this is done. So at least, if you choose not to live this way, you will know why God’s will is not being accomplished in your life. If you do not start speaking God’s Word instead of whatever you want to say concerning the situation, the attacks or what is lacking in your life, the situation is not going to change. God does not want you broke, sick, bound, sad, sorrowful, angry, or addicted. He wants you saved, healed, prospered, delivered, and set free. But He says,

“I can only work with My Word.” Someone might ask, “But Bishop isn’t God with me everywhere?” Absolutely! But He is not manifesting His will everywhere.

The Father gave us a look at that in the book of Genesis, where the Bible says, *“In the beginning, the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2).* The Spirit of God was present, but nothing happened until God spoke, “Let there be light.” **When He spoke, the Spirit of God moved with the Word of God to manifest the will of God.** The Spirit of God is present with you right now. He has been with you and around you – He has never left you. He has not left, no matter what you have been doing. But He can not move until somebody speaks His Word. When His Word is spoken, the Spirit of God goes into operation to bring that Word to pass.





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