

## **Program 34**

### **Speaking the Creative Word of Faith**

Negative faith works as well as positive faith.

How did Jesus feed the 5000? The invisible was more real to him than the visible. He didn't see the need, she saw the supply. Once we learn how to operate by faith, we know how to call the things that be not as if they were already so. (Rom. 4:17)

**II Cor. 5:19** we have the word of reconciliation in every situation

**Gen. 1:3**—"Let there be light."

**Gen. 22:5**—"I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you."

**Num. 13:30**—"Let us go up at once, and possess it."

**2 Kings 6:16**—"They that be with us are more than they that be with them."

**John 11:43**—"Lazarus, come forth."

**Obed. 1:17**—"Possess your possessions."

**2 Cor. 4:6**—"God commanded the light to shine out of darkness."

**Rom. 4:17**—"Call the things that be not as though they were."

**Rom. 11:1**—"Faith is the substance of things hoped for."

**Rom. 11:3**—"Through faith the worlds were framed by the word of God."

## **The Ascended Christ**

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Two New Testament letters celebrate the Ascended Christ: Ephesians and Hebrews. Ephesians opens our eyes to what evidently to Paul's eyes had only been progressively opened, for there is no mention of it in his previous letters. The Cross cut us off from our union with Satan; the resurrection gave us union with Christ in our personal living; the ascension gives us union with Him in His world Savior-hood. Here is the panorama of history. We stand on the Mount and view it. We are already out of this world in spirit, and in the heavenlies. See it, says Paul, and may the eyes of your understanding be enlightened.

It starts with God's foreordination. It ends with the final reconciliation of all things. Its marvelous middle term of grace is the formation of the Christ of eternity by the union of many sons with The Son. With spirits in heaven, but bodies on earth, the sons go to release other captives, millions of them.

Paul's triumph song for the Church is a throne **shared now**—a throne in spirit, while the body that contains it bears the scars of war. It is Christ's throne. **See** the amazing power which lifted Him from the grave to the right hand of God in actual historical fact, both body and spirit. **Believe** that the same power has lifted us to the same exalted place in actual spiritual fact, through not yet in our bodies. Then **act** not as if this was a glorified experience still to come, not as if this is some mystical throne millions of miles away that we are told we share, but as a throne shared where we are in our own spirits, and in our own defiant world.

Actually the enthroned Christ is everywhere; His throne, His lordship, His accomplished victory is in every square inch of the universe. Did He not say, "Go...teach all nations...and lo, I am with you always..."? And it is not the resurrected Christ, but the enthroned Christ who is with and in us. Let us get into the habit of recognizing this. I have found this to be the key to all situations—just when they are difficult, when all seems against deliverance, when the knots of disagreement seem beyond untying—to recognize Christ actually reigning there in the situation, and to take it for granted with thankfulness that we shall see that He is reigning.

When we turn from the Ascended Christ in Ephesians to Him in Hebrews, we find a concentration on Him in His office as High Priest rather than on the fact of His enthronement. Nothing is said in actual words about our enthroned relationship with Him. But I suggest that to the eye that can see it, a relationship is etched in, so sensitive and profound that it fully rounds out the high priestly ministry of the enthroned Savior, and our relationship to Him in it. It actually carries us on beyond the Ephesians revelation to the fullness of the significance of the ascension.

Now we mount up with wings as eagles to the ascended life. The Ascended Christ, the Great High Priest, is seen as the dynamic Savior doing His saving work, as much as ever, through His Body. The Ascended Christ lives the ascended life over and over again, in and through us.

**What you believe today prophesizes your tomorrows.**

We laugh at the impossible and shout, it shall be done.  
Limitless Possibilities—Only our vision and immaturity of  
faith is limited.

**“Whatsoever you desire.”**

**Mark 11:22-24**

Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the  
pain of desire, and leaps and laughs at the impossible and  
shouts, “IT SHALL BE DONE.”

**What is our authority of faith**

God has given us the word of reconciliation II Cor. 5:20

How Faith works in the life of an Intercessor

1. There is a challenge; a problem; a **MOUNTAIN** in our life—This mountain greatly disturbs us. We want some resolve, we must have some change.
2. The agony precipitates the **DESIRE** for change.
3. The intensity of the desire causes us to **SEEK** the Lord for his solution.
4. The Lord causes you to see the Spiritual truth concerning the situation, and you **DECLARE IT**.
5. You have just turned the light on in a dark place, and the darkness doesn't like it, so the Devil's **COUNTERATTACK** fights you back.
6. The appearances **LOOK HOPELESS**, and the darkness seems greater than your word of faith. At this point you could give up, and add to the problem—or blindly, by faith, press on.
7. Pressing on will move you into **LABORING FAITH** as you leap away from the outer appearances; from your own self reactions, into Christ, our victor. Since you are a King, you are also a Priest who offers himself as a living sacrifice, **AND IT WILL COST YOU**. However, the cost is “light affliction” (II Cor. 4:17) as you renew your mind to your, God given, **WORD OF FAITH**. (Hebrews 4:11)

8. The Light swallows up the darkness **IN YOU** as the **SPIRIT GAINS THE VICTORY**. Your perspective changes from desiring it, to the assurance of "I've got it." Hebrews 11:1—Faith is the inner assurance or substance of things hoped for, and it's own evidence of things not seen (II Cor. 4:18).
9. With the inner assurance gained **IN YOU—DETACHMENT RELEASES US**—yet all is still in the unseen.
10. We begin to "call the things, that be not, as though they already are" (Romans 4:17). **RESTING FAITH** enables the believing soul to treat the future as present, and the invisible as seen. Praise burst out of our inter-confidence as we laugh at the impossible and shout, "It is done."
11. The **FRUIT OF OUR LABOR** is manifested by the **HOLY SPIRIT** into the visible in God's **own, fullness of time**.. The glory is revealed as God gives **MORE THAN YOU COULD HAVE EVEN** asked for, or **DESIRED**.
12. The outer appearances are transformed and the Kingdom of God is revealed "on earth, as it is in heaven." God has used **YOU IN A DARK PLACE** as an **INSTRUMENT OF TRANSFORMATION**. Christ fulfills the scripture in II Cor. 4:10-12, and fills up the gap by way of "glory coming out of suffering" (Romans 8:18).

**"You are creating your future by what you are believing today"**

### **The New Man**

Christ is made unto us: Wisdom, Righteousness,  
Sanctification and Redemption.( I Cor. 1:30)

- Head:** We have the mind of Christ (I Cor. 2:16).  
We have cleansed consciousness (Heb. 9:14).  
We have a sound mind (II Tim. 1:7)  
We have a pure mind (II Peter 3:1).  
We have the Wisdom of God (I Cor. 1:24 & I Cor. 1:30).
- Eyes:** We have eyes too pure to behold evil. Our single eye of faith is centered on Christ (Zeph. 3:15).
- Mouth:** Our mouth speaks words of faith, that is prophesying blessings to others (Mark 11:22).
- Heart:** Our hearts are full of unconditional love for God, for our neighbors, for our enemies, and for ourselves (I Cor. 13).

- Arms:** Our arms are so ready to embrace all of life as only an adventure of faith (Romans 4:17).
- Hands:** Our hands are raised in worship and praise to God.  
Our hands are also eager to comfort and love others (Heb. 13:15).
- Legs:** Our legs are ready to run the race of faith as we press towards the mark of the high calling (Phil. 3:14).
- Feet:** Our feet are beautiful as we proclaim the good news of peace to others (Romans 10:15).

**Believe this is who you really are, and pray this for others!**