# ACTIVATE POWERFUL FAITH THIS THANKSGIVING

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## DAY 1 – SPEAKING RIGHT WORDS BY FAITH

God spoke to Kenneth Copeland to preach the basic fundamentals of faith, and we must learn to speak right words of faith. The teaching on faith is found throughout the Bible. Beware of fear; it is the opposite of faith.

## STUDY IT

I. God spoke to Kenneth Copeland to preach the basic fundamentals of faith.

- To effect major change in our lives, we need to be totally immersed in God's WORD.
- When you watch the World Series, or Super Bowl, you are watching masters of those games. These winning players continually practice the fundamentals of the game to hone their skills.
- An Olympian competes individually, and the one who has mastered the fundamentals and won't quit, wins the prize.
- Be convinced that healing belongs to you and refuse to be pulled in any other direction. Be like Kenneth Copeland—he is so sure of the power of God's WORD, there's no way anyone can talk him out of being healed!

II. We must learn to speak right words of faith.

- What is faith? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence (title deed) of things not revealed to the five physical senses (Hebrews 11:1).
  - Faith is a spiritual force generated in the born-again, human spirit.
  - Faith is released through words. It is acted on with corresponding action to those words.
- Spiritual forces, godly or ungodly (such as love, hate, faith, fear, life, death, blessing and cursing) are the most powerful forces, and they are expressed through words. They are more powerful than any mental or physical force.
- Faith-filled words dominate the laws of sin and death.
- The Apostle James said, "With the mouth we bless and with the same mouth we curse. My brethren, these things ought not be" (James 3:10).



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- This scripture is not just talking about cursing. Other words that express unbelief, doubt, fear and death—which we use all the time without thinking about what they really mean—are words that bring the curse into our lives.

- Words are the most powerful things on earth. The primary use of words is not communication; it's to release power!
  - You can injure someone with words, and they may never get over it.
  - In the Bible, words are compared to weapons (Isaiah 54:17). In our culture, we could compare them to bullets. That illustrates how powerful spiritual forces are when released with your mouth.

III. The teaching on faith is found all through the Bible.

- Jesus taught faith all through the Gospels. It's especially clear in the Gospel of Mark.
  - "Have faith in God," or have the faith *of* God.
- The faith of God springs from The WORD of God. The incorruptible WORD of God is planted in us as a seed, so we can be born again, by faith (1 Peter 1:23).
- You *are* a spirit (like God), you *have* a soul, and you *live* in a body.
- You received the measure of faith into your spirit when you were born again (Romans 12:3).
  - You became a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).
  - Your old spirit was not just forgiven, it died—you were crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20).
- Now that you're born again, faith doesn't leave you. It's up to you to feed faith and let it grow.

IV. Beware of fear; it is the opposite of faith.

- Fear is a spirit, and his name is satan. When you express fear, you are calling on the force of the devil.
- Before you were born again, the only spiritual force you had was the force of fear. Now that you're born again, you have a spiritual fountain of faith.
- It's difficult to build a life of love when fear and anger are working in you.
- Build faith in God inside yourself, instead of feeding the spirit of fear.

Additional scriptures: Mark 11:22-24; Ephesians 2:8

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

List some words and phrases you can speak over your family in faith—words that agree with God's WORD about them.

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## DAY 2 – FAITH DOESN'T QUIT

When you know and understand the fundamentals of faith, you have a solid base from which to learn. Spiritual laws will work for anyone who believes that those things he says will come to pass; he shall have whatever he says. Faith comes by hearing. Don't quit using faith! The fundamentals of faith don't change; they just get bigger in you. Man lives by God's WORD. It is faith food—words to live by.

## STUDY IT

I. When you know and understand the fundamentals of faith, you have a solid base from which to learn.

- When they trained pilots in World War II, they used the same principle of starting with the fundamentals. They began with the basics and worked up from there.
  - The same basics of flying 747s are true now, just as they were with airplanes in World War II.
- We need to learn how to use spiritual laws. You can depend on those laws, and they will work for you every time. Spiritual laws work, if you know each element of the laws and apply them correctly.
- Become proficient in the basic fundamentals of faith. As you grow in other spiritual areas like love, righteousness, wisdom, etc., the same laws apply.

II. Spiritual laws will work for anyone (whosoever), who believes that those things he says will come to pass; he shall have whatever he says (Mark 11:23-24).

- Jesus said, the whole kingdom of God is as if a man puts a seed in the ground. He goes to bed, he gets up, night and day, and the seed comes up, yet he doesn't know how (Mark 4:26-27).
- You must have faith. It's impossible to get saved without it, you can't please God without it, you can't fight the good fight of faith without it, and you can't live in the supernatural without it (Hebrews 11:6; 1 Timothy 6:12).
- This is the basic fundamental law of faith, and the basic fundamental law of fear.
- When Adam heard the voice of God, he tried to hide, because he was afraid. Because of his disobedience, he had no relationship with God.



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- God entered into a covenant with man, killed an animal, covered Adam and Eve's sin, and then they had a relationship with God again through covenant.

III. Faith comes by hearing (Roman 10:17). Don't quit using faith!

- Faith is not optional.
- Jesus said you can have what you desire if, when you pray, you believe you will have it. And when you are praying, forgive every one you have something against (Mark 11:25).
- *You* choose blessing, cursing, life and death (Deuteronomy 30:19).
- It's a waste of time to pray for faith. It's there when you are born again. You are saved by grace *through faith* (Ephesians 2:8).
- In your spirit, you have a measure of the same faith God used to create the universe (Romans 12:3).

IV. The fundamentals of faith don't change; they just get bigger in you.

- Brother Copeland tells of getting ready to teach in Oklahoma. He woke up so sick he couldn't get out of bed. He refused to stop believing that by Jesus' stripes he was healed (1 Peter 2:24). Gloria shaved him, dressed him and drove him to church. He held onto the podium because the room was spinning. He excused himself, went into the choir room and shouted every healing scripture he could think of at the devil. He came back and preached one and a half hours on healing. By the time he finished, every symptom was gone. That's the way it works. Don't quit!
- You can't mix faith and fear. The fear of death has paralyzed many people.
- Keep faith coming out of your mouth, keep your eyes and ears on God's WORD, believe it with your heart, and say what it says. Don't even take a TV break from reading, studying and meditating on God's WORD.

V. Man lives by God's WORD (Matthew 4:4). It is faith food—words to live by.

- When you're studying faith, you're growing love in your life.
- Perfect love casts out fear. Allow love to be developed in your life. Love will cast out (flush) fear from your life.
- The devil *must* flee when you tell him to go (James 4:7).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration with us:

*I'm not a quitter—I'm a fighter. I fight the good fight of faith by learning the basic foundations of faith from God's WORD. I will not give up! I will not quit! I am victorious in Christ!*



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## DAY 3 –LOVE IS A FAITH ACTIVATOR

We are studying the basic fundamentals of faith. Let's look at five fundamental truths. Watch what you say. Everything—every word and action—is a seed.

## STUDY

I. We are studying the basic fundamentals of faith.

- Here are some truths about faith and love:
  - We don't boast of ourselves; we boast in God by using the law of faith (Romans 3:27).
  - Faith works by love (Galatians 5:6). Without love, faith doesn't work for you.
  - You must use faith—it's not optional. Every contact you have with God requires faith.
  - You must have faith to please God (Hebrews 11:6). That's how you receive grace from God—grace that works for you as if sin never happened.
  - You have grace from God, and it comes *through* faith (Romans 4:16).
  - Practice the faith of God all the time. Meditate on Jesus' instructions concerning faith (Mark 11:22-25).
  - The gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to the believer; but without love, they are nullified (1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 13:1-3).
  - Love is a blessing and a commandment. You must obey and walk in love, because you are a soldier in the army of The LORD (2 Timothy 2:3).

II. Let's look at five fundamentals of faith:

1. Believe in your heart, then say it with your mouth.
2. Act on your faith. Faith without corresponding action is dead (James 1:22, 2:14-17).
3. Just like the woman with the issue of blood, your faith in God will make you whole (Mark 5:25-34).
4. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart (Mark 11:25; Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 4:32).
   - No one can receive Abraham's BLESSING with Thomas' faith (Romans 4:17-20; John 20:24-29).



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5. Believe God's WORD in your heart, and say it with your mouth; and don't say anything different.

III. Watch what you say.

- Ask God to put a watch over your mouth so you do not sin (Psalm 141:3).
- Whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
- You are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).
- Confess with your mouth The LORD Jesus—JESUS IS LORD—and believe that God has raised Him from the dead; you will be saved (Romans 10:9-10).
- Have the same spirit of faith that David had; believe and speak what you believe (2 Corinthians 4:13).
- Your words condemn you or make you right with God. It's not left up to God; it's what comes out of your mouth (Matthew 12:37).

IV. Everything—every word and action—is a seed.

- The sower sows The WORD (Mark 4:14).
- A good tree brings forth good fruit. A corrupt tree brings bad fruit. You can tell what is in a person's inner man by what comes out of his mouth (Luke 6:43).
  - Whatever is in your heart, you will speak.
  - A good man brings forth that which is good. An evil man out of his heart brings forth what is evil.
- What you have today is a product of what you believed and said yesterday.
- Believe that everything that comes out of your mouth will come to pass. This is a law. If you say something contrary to The WORD of God, stop and correct yourself right then.
- Unbelief is believing the wrong thing.
- You will be judged for every idle word [defined as] a faithless, useless word (Matthew 12:36-37).
- You have weapons to cast down reasonings, and every high thing that is contrary to The WORD of God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4).
- What you think is what you say. What you say is what you get.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

*Father God, I ask You, in the Name of Jesus to forgive and cleanse me in every place in my heart that doesn't express Your love. I want my faith to work, and I choose to love with Your love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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## DAY 4 – THANKSGIVING IS THE BIG GUN OF FAITH

Real thanksgiving is praise. Praise and giving thanks are the big guns of faith. Give grace to others—minister grace to those who hear. Idle words have to go. After you ask, give thanks to God. The promises found in God's WORD are the answers to your prayers.

## STUDY IT

I. Real thanksgiving is praise. Praise and giving thanks are the big guns of faith.

- Paul and Silas were in prison, and they sang and praised until the shackles fell off and the doors were opened (Acts 16:25-26). They could have spoken idle words of doubt and complaint—but they didn't, and they were miraculously freed.
- God inhabits the praises of His people.
- When we pray, we come into God's presence; when we praise and worship, He comes into ours.

II. Give grace to others—minister grace to those who hear (Ephesians 4:29).

- You have what you say, so speak God's WORD, which is His will.
- Avoid foolish talk, idle words and jesting (dirty jokes). Humor is good, but not nasty talk (Ephesians 5:1-4).
- Invoke the promises found in Psalm 91. *You* say what God is to you. Fill your mouth with thanksgiving to Him.
- A disk in Brother Copeland's back ruptured. He was in excruciating pain, but as long as he praised The LORD, the pain subsided. Now, his back is healed!
- Don't ask God *why* something bad happened to you. Those are idle words.

III. Idle words have to go.

- Idle words are words that do not agree with God's WORD. We will be judged for them. We are told not to worry, but to have faith in God.
- "Let your moderation [unselfishness] be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful [filled with care or anxious, worry] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made



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known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7).

- Jesus told us not to worry (Matthew 6:34). All worry is fear-based; it's death-based. Thoughts of worry produce idle words.
- Jesus gave us hope when He said that whatever we ask the Father in His Name, He will give to us, that our joy may be made full (John 16:23-24).
- God *wants* your joy to be full.
- Say what you want to happen, believe God will do it, and you will receive (Mark 11:23-24).
    - You don't have to ask over and over again, but continue to say what you are believing. God said He would give it to you, and you *will* have it.

IV. After you ask, give thanks to God!

- Walk in love by giving thanks (Ephesians 5:2). If you're having trouble speaking faith-words, begin filling your mouth with thanksgiving, praising God.
- Believe and speak: "God *is* my God; He will deliver me" (Psalm 91:2-3).
- Don't accuse God of hurting you. Those are idle words.
- Put thanksgiving in your mouth, and know God will help you. He is working for you—on the grounds that you asked and He said He would help!
- Don't back up from faith in unbelief. Continue to be thankful, whether you see your answer yet or not. You *have* received it by faith, in Jesus' Name.

V. The promises found in God's WORD are the answers to your prayers.

- God's WORD working in answer to your prayers is not dependent on how you feel or what you see.
- You are forgiven and cleansed, whether you feel different or not (1 John 1:7-9).
- Pray by faith. Know that God heard you, and you have whatever you have asked (1 John 5:14-15).
- God has *made* you righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- God didn't create any unrighteous new creatures. He didn't create any unworthy creatures, and it's certain that you're not unworthy, because you have been created in the image of Jesus.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Say this with us and meditate on Philippians 4:8.

"My mind is my mind. It thinks what I tell it to think. I think what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and of a good report—a victory report!"



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## DAY 5 – START BELIEVING WHEN YOU PRAY

Jesus gave us the basic fundamentals of faith in Mark 11:22-25. Start believing when you pray. Believe God before you see your answer, and take it!

## STUDY IT

I. Jesus gave us the basic fundamentals of faith in Mark 11:22-25.

- The fundamentals are your foundation. You can't build the roof or walls first. You have to build the foundation first.
- The foundation you need is what Jesus said about faith (Mark 11:22-25).

1. Believe God's promises in your heart. Believe He will do what you say in faith.
2. Put action to your faith. Be a doer of The WORD, and not a hearer only (James 1:22).
    - Faith comes by hearing The WORD of God (Romans 10:17). There's no such thing as faith that will not come.
    - Put God's WORD in your eyes and ears, say it out of your mouth, and act on it like it's true. Faith will produce works, or corresponding action (James 2:14-17).
3. The woman with the issue of blood believed *before* she felt the healing (Mark 5:25-34).
    - Jesus said you will have what you say (Mark 11:23).
    - The word *say* is the Greek word *lego* which means "to continue to say it," which builds faith.
    - "For she said…." Her faith talked. Jesus said, "Daughter, thy faith has made thee whole."
    - She had been told what Jesus preached. She realized He was Anointed. She determined that if she touched His clothes, she would be healed.
    - She heard, she believed, she said, she forgave and she acted. And she was healed. Then, she told what Jesus had done for her. If you don't tell what Jesus did for you, the devil will try to bring it right back on you.



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  - She had forgiven doctors and everyone else, because faith doesn't work in an unforgiving heart.

- Deny the sickness and disease any right to be on or in your body. Testify. Faith speaks what has not yet appeared.
- Jesus healed the nobleman's son. The man left Jesus having no proof, but he believed that his son was healed. It happened!
- Start believing when you pray. Believe God before you see the answer, and take it!

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

These lessons on the foundation of faith are vital to your growth as a Christian. We want to hear from you about how these broadcasts have helped you. Click here to share with us, or contact us on Facebook™.

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