



## GOD, THE COVENANT AND THE CONTRADICTION

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### DAY 1 – FAITH CALLS IT LIKE IT ISN'T

Faith is a creative force. Jesus' classic teaching on faith is found in Mark 11. It's essential to learn to use the fundamentals of faith. Have faith in God. God offers man the opportunity to be part of the covenant. Receive this offer by faith that it might be by grace. If you are in Christ, you have the right to inherit God's promises.

### STUDY IT

- I. Faith is a creative force.
  - God's faith that is generated in the spirit man—in the heart of a born-again human being—is still that powerful, creative force.
  - God's faith inside you will help you find your calling, your specialty, so you can preach it. Brother Copeland is a faith specialist.
  - It is so important to preach faith because we are told that above all, the believer needs to take the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16).
- II. Jesus' classic teaching on faith is recorded in Mark 11.
  - On Jesus' way from Bethany to the Temple, He cursed a fig tree. It took between 12-24 hours to see the effects of the curse on the fig tree.
  - Spiritual things happen inside, then move to the outside.
  - We are inside-out people, not from the outside in.
    - Growing up, you lived from the outside in. What you needed was outside you—from your parents, the school, the government.
    - After you were born again, the Spirit of God came to live inside you. Now, you live from the inside out.
    - Everything you need is inside coming from God to your spirit, and your faith will take it from the inside and manifest it on the outside.
  - As a pilot of an airplane, the pilot must follow the checklist every time.
  - As a believer, perform a faith checklist.
- III. Fundamentals of faith are essential.
  - Every game is played successfully knowing and using the fundamentals.
    1. Believe it in your heart and say it with your mouth (Mark 11:23; Romans 10:10; 2 Corinthians 4:13).





2. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart—faith works by love (Mark 11:25; Galatians 5:6).
  3. Abraham's BLESSING cannot be received with Thomas' faith (John 20:25-29).
  4. Faith calls things that be not as though they were (Romans 4:17).
- IV. Have faith in God, or have the faith of God (Mark 11:22-24).
- "Whoever shall say...." The word *say* is used three times in verse 23, the word *believe* is only used one time. You can't believe without saying.
  - "And shall not doubt, but shall believe that those things he says comes to pass."
  - Everything you say comes to pass, not just what you are believing for.
  - Words are seeds that produce a harvest. Every human is today what they said yesterday.
  - Words are for the release of power; communication is secondary.
  - Some people say, "Jesus is talking about spiritual mountains and trees" (Matthew 21:21-22).
    - Jesus is talking about changing natural things. Faith will change mountains, trees and anything else that needs changing.
- V. God offers man the opportunity to be part of the covenant. Receive this offer by faith that it might be by grace.
- Therefore the [covenant] promise might be sure to all the seed (Romans 4:16).
  - To understand the Bible, you need to understand that God is a covenant-keeping God.
    - The oldest law in ancient times was the law of the covenant. There was a curse on those who broke the covenant. The terms of the covenant became law.
    - That's the reason Cain was not struck dead when he killed Abel, his brother. At that time there was no law against murder.
  - The laws given to Moses were established and are in effect in the earth; and a punishment was given for breaking each law.
- VI. If you are in Christ—born again—you have the right to inherit God's promises.
- "If you be in Christ, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29).
  - God made Abraham the father of many nations, both physically through Isaac and Ishmael and through those who live by faith like Abraham (Romans 4:16-18).
  - Abraham, like God, called things that are not as though they already are (Romans 4:17).
    - It's all right for God to call things that are not as though they are, so it's all right for you to do it.



- God doesn't sin, so it's not sin to speak faith.
- Abraham believed God (Romans 4:18-20).
  - Abraham had no reason to hope, yet he did hope according to God's promise.
  - He was strong in faith even though the evidence was actually against God's promise that he and Sarah would have a son.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

God calls things that are not as though they already are. It's time for us to get in the practice of doing the same thing. You are not telling a lie by saying God's will when all you see is the opposite in the natural. You see facts; God speaks truth.

Make your words agree with God's WORD and you will have it, even if it requires a mountain to be moved! Don't give up! Abraham spoke for many years that he and Sarah would have a child before he actually held the baby.

Believe it, speak it, and you will have it!



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### DAY 2 – BELIEVE THE COVENANT, NOT THE CONTRADICTION

God is the all-sufficient God who lives by faith. He calls things that be not as though they were. We have a healing covenant with God. In the first covenant, there were consequences if one broke the covenant—sometimes the consequence was death. God assigned the Old Testament prophets to give the people God's WORD to say and see it come to pass.

#### STUDY IT

- I. God is the all-sufficient God (Genesis 17:1).
  - The word *God* came out of German theology and is from a German word for *good*. God is good.
  - One of God's Names that proves He is good is Jehovah Rapha.
    - "I am The LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).
    - If healing passed away, God would have to change His Name.
- II. Faith fundamental No. 4: Calling things that be not as though they were.
  - God chose Abram because He knew Abram would teach his children the covenant (Genesis 17:4-5).
    - That was Abram's qualification. The covenant needed to be taught all the way down to Fort Worth, Texas, in 2020.
  - God changed Abram's name to Abraham. The "h" was part of God's Name. God put it in the middle of Abraham's name.
  - Melchizedek told Abraham, "Blessed be Abram, possessor of heaven and earth." Notice God wasn't the possessor; Abram was the possessor (Genesis 14:19).
  - God changed Sarai's name to Sarah and told them they would have a son (Genesis 17:6-8).
  - There is an absolute contradiction to the promise.
    - How did Abraham reconcile the promise and the contradiction?
    - He didn't. He did not consider his own body which was too old to have children, nor his wife's body which could not have children. He only considered the covenant he had with God.





- III. You and I have a healing covenant with God.
- Healing is more than a promise—it's a fact.
    - By Jesus' stripes, you *were* healed (1 Peter 2:24). It's a done deal. Call things that are *not* as though they *were*.
  - Considering not, is not enough.
    - Unbelief isn't nonbelief. You're just believing the wrong thing.
    - You are believing something all the time.
    - You are a believing being, created to believe.
    - You can believe anything you want to believe.
  - As Christians, we believe the covenant. When we were born again, we entered into covenant with God.
- IV. In the first covenant, there were consequences if one broke the covenant—sometimes the consequence was death.
- God was protecting the gene pool from evil to prepare for the birth of His Son.
  - The Flood that destroyed everything on the earth except for the Ark, Noah and his family was caused by the wickedness of men (Genesis 6:5-7).
  - All those babies who were killed when Herod was looking for Jesus were martyrs (Matthew 2:16-18).
  - Before the foundation of the world, God said it's going to turn out a certain way.
  - God lost an archangel; He lost His planet but He didn't accept defeat.
- V. It was the assignment and ministry of the Old Testament prophet to give the people God's WORD to say and see it come to pass.
- No one in the first covenant was born again; they needed a prophet to tell them what to say to obey God.
  - Believe the prophet and you will prosper (2 Chronicles 20:20).
  - Put God's words in your mouth and you will succeed.
  - Everything you have belongs to God. Everything He has belongs to you.
  - God gives things to you. If you don't receive those things and take possession of them, the devil can steal them.
- VI. God gave the Promised Land to the Jews, but they had to go possess it.
- The Jews refused to possess the land. They would not speak God's promise.
    - They said, "We're going to die in the desert."
    - God's covenant people continued to say they would die in the desert.
    - God had no choice. He had to say, "All right. You will die in this desert."
    - That's why people believe God established a man's lifespan as "threescore years and ten and...fourscore years..." (Psalm 90:10). That word was spoken to disobedient people.



- The law of first mention in biblical study is that the first time a subject is mentioned in the Bible establishes the meaning.
  - The first time God spoke His plan for man's age was that the days of man shall be 120 years (Genesis 6:3). He didn't say 70 or 80 years.
  - By covenant, God will see to it that a person lives 120 years if he or she chooses to receive it by grace through faith.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Don't be concerned about a contradiction between what you see in the natural and what God has promised you. He has called you, and He will provide what is necessary.

Pray this prayer with us:

*Father, thank You for the promise You have made to me. Although the promise looks like a contradiction of what I have now, and it looks impossible, I receive God's WORD done, in Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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### DAY 3 – SPEAK WHAT YOU WANT TO COME TO PASS

Faith calls things the way you want them, not how they appear. God's best healing method is for you to believe that you receive and are healed. Become conscious of God in everything you do. The foundation of being fully persuaded is knowing you have a blood covenant with Almighty God.

### STUDY IT

- I. Faith calls things the way you want them, not how they appear.
  - You can't call the cat and hope you get the dog.
  - How can you say you're healed when it's obvious you're not? By faith!
    - The symptoms you are referring to are facts, not the truth.
    - The truth is: By Jesus' stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24).
  - Keep calling your body healed and well.
  - Call your debt paid. Declare you are debt free now.
  - Your situation has to line up with your words.
  - God's will is that you'll lend and not borrow (Deuteronomy 28:12).
  - The borrower is connected by covenant to the lender (Proverbs 22:7).
  - In the New Testament, we are told to owe no man anything except to love him (Romans 13:8).
- II. God's best healing method is for you to believe that you receive and are healed.
  - In other cases, many times, Jesus laid hands on people to get them well and healed.
  - However you are healed, you must come against the contradictory evidence.
    - The symptoms are not the truth, and you can come against them in Jesus' Name. The symptoms have to leave you.
  - Be like Abraham, who considered not his own body or the deadness of Sarah's womb, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God (Romans 4:19-20).
  - You don't have to be sick if you consider Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2).



- Consider Jesus who gave Himself, consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, consider Him lest you get weary and faint in your mind (Hebrews 12:2-3).
- *To consider* means to focus on Jesus with your heart and mind.
- Focus on Jesus the High Priest and Mediator of our confession, the Anointed Jesus. Consider Jesus faithful (Hebrews 3:1, 12:1-3).

III. Become conscious of God in everything you do.

- God said, "I am the Almighty God." "I am El Shaddai." "I'm the too much God." "I am the all-sufficient God."
- Who is God? He *is* whoever He says He is. He *can do* whatever He said He can do. He *will do* whatever He said He would do in the covenant.
- Develop a God-in-me-now consciousness.
- Be conscious of *The* God, The Almighty God, the everything I need God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the God of gods—and He's right inside you.
- "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in El Shaddai, believe also in Me" (John 14:1).
- It's your responsibility to not let your heart be troubled. Get your eyes off yourself. Consider Jesus.

IV. The foundation of being fully persuaded is knowing you have a blood covenant with Almighty God.

- Think about circumcision. There was a shedding of blood. It was done in such a way that it wasn't visible, so pride didn't enter in.
- God told Abraham to do things and he did them (setting out the covenant animals, circumcision and the offering of his son, Isaac).
  - "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" (Hebrews 11:17-19).
- Abraham was fully persuaded that God would raise Isaac from the dead.
  - It had never been done before, but Abraham had no trouble believing because he had a covenant with God.
- Jesus had no doubt the fig tree would dry up from the roots (Mark 11:14, 20).
  - In the same way, you can confidently say to the mountain, "Be removed and cast into the sea," and it will obey you (Mark 11:23-24).
- Jesus said, "Greater works than these shall you do, because I go to My Father" (John 14:12).
- Who is Jesus?
- Jesus was El Shaddai's representative in the earth. Who are you?





## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Brother Copeland says we need to go over faith materials several times. Listen to the teaching and preaching about faith again and again. Open your heart to receive from the Holy Spirit. You are called to be a faith man or a faith woman.

Get ready to hear yourself say things that you have not learned in the natural but know by the Holy Spirit. Thank God for His gifts, revelation, mercy and grace.



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### DAY 4 – WHAT DO YOU CALL YOURSELF?

What do you call yourself? When you get to the place you can control your mouth, you'll have the key to heaven's treasure house. The moment you enter covenant with God, His WORD is yours. Jesus is our example. We should do our best to act just like Him.

### STUDY IT

- I. What do you call yourself?
  - Say this: "I call my body well. I call my mind good. I call myself strong. I call myself debt free."
  - God made a covenant with Abram. God put His Name in Abraham's name indicating they were one through covenant.
  - God said to Abraham and Sarah, "You're going to have a son."
  - Before the promise came to pass, Abraham called himself what God called him—father.
  - Abraham remarried after Sarah died and had seven more sons besides Isaac. He lived to be 175 years old.
- II. When you get to the place you can control your mouth, you'll have the key to heaven's treasure house.
  - Believe in your heart and say with your mouth.
  - Listen to and watch faith teaching, and it will come out your mouth.
  - Be cautious about what you see and hear.
  - God called you because He knew what you would do with what He taught you.
  - Who is God? He is our El Shaddai. He's the too much God. He's the Almighty God. He will do what He says He will do.
  - Who is Jesus? He's El Shaddai in the flesh, in the earth. Jesus is my God, my LORD, my best Friend and my blood Brother.
    - In Jesus' blood, a new covenant was established.
  - You are a new creature, a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
  - All things are of El Shaddai. He who knew no sin was made to be sin, that we might be made the righteousness of El Shaddai in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).





- That's who we are. We have been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible seed by The WORD of El Shaddai who lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:23).
- III. God's WORD is everything you need. The moment you enter covenant with God, His WORD is yours.
- You are whatever He says you are. You can do whatever He says you can do by the power of Almighty God who lives within you.
    - You have the fullness of God who does exceeding abundantly above all that you can ask or think according to the *dunamis* power that's at work within you (Ephesians 3:20).
  - Your spiritual inheritance became yours when Jesus died.
    - Jesus died, fulfilled His own will, rose from the dead and probated His own will.
  - Jesus is still in the flesh. He said, "Touch Me. A spirit does not have flesh and bone as I have" (Luke 24:39).
    - All of Jesus' blood is on the heavenly mercy seat of God.
  - We are children of the Almighty (Romans 8:16-17). And if children, then joint heirs with Christ.
    - We are not sub heirs; we are joint, covenant heirs.
    - That's what covenant is all about.
- IV. Jesus is our example. We should do our best to act just like Him.
- Act like Jesus did on the earth, and you'll get the results Jesus got.
  - Stop following what you feel.
  - Your feelings don't have anything to do with your relationship with God.
  - He loves you, and there's nothing you can do to cause Him to stop loving you.
  - He can't love you more or less—He loves you.
  - Call all your internal organs well—all your body parts well.
    - Say that and believe that. You are well from the top of your head to the soles of your feet. You are well!
- V. Word of The LORD:
- "Take the opportunity," saith The LORD. "Instead of binding yourself and calling yourself what you do not want to be, take every opportunity to call yourself who you are and what you are in Me," saith The LORD. "Learn to know that I am the Almighty God, and the Almighty God has called you into His service. And understand this. You can't change what I've called you. You can't change it. You can alter it by calling yourself the wrong thing. You can foul it up by not really understanding to what you are called. So, seek My face. Take the time. Abram fell on his face before God, and from time to time, if you'll fall on your face before



Me," saith the El Shaddai, Almighty One, "I'll speak to you the same as I did Abram, and I'll change your name from defeat to victory," says The LORD.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The LORD wants you to step into more of the inheritance Jesus purchased for you. It must be received by faith. Meditate on Mark 11:22-24. Let the Holy Spirit reveal His power in your life.

Make a list of places in your life that need a touch of God. Write a scripture you are believing for each thing to be healed and changed. Make a place for the date that you receive the answer.

Issue	Scripture	Answer Date

*Thank You, Jesus!*



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### DAY 5 – FAITH SAYS, THEN DOES

The fundamentals of faith will work in your life. Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood used faith to get what they needed. Corresponding action is a necessary part of faith. Things happen when faith boils over.

### STUDY IT

- I. The fundamentals of faith will work in your life.
  1. Believe it in your heart and say it with your mouth.
  2. Faith will not work in an unforgiving heart.
  3. Abraham's BLESSING cannot be received with Thomas' faith.
  4. Faith calls things that are not as though they are.
  5. Faith demands corresponding action.
  - Faith without corresponding action is dead. It has nothing to do.
  - Abraham didn't consider his own body or the deadness of Sarah's womb.
    - It was impossible for them to have a baby.
    - Abraham immediately went to work acting on God's word to him.
    - His corresponding action was to keep saying and believing what God had said (Genesis 17:19).
    - He was convinced that he and Sarah would have a son.
    - And after Sarah died, he had seven more children.
- II. Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood used faith to get what they needed.
  - Jesus went home to Capernaum (Mark 5:21-23).
  - People were watching for His return.
  - Jairus came to Jesus as He got out of the ship and asked Jesus to lay hands on his daughter so she would live.
    - Jesus is easy to receive from. He is El Shaddai in the flesh.
  - Jesus went with Jairus and the crowd came with them.
  - The woman with the issue of blood said, "If I can touch Jesus' clothes, I will be whole" (Mark 5:25-34).
    - Immediately, the fountain of her blood was stopped, and then she felt in her body that she was healed of that condition.





- Jesus felt power leave Him. He stopped and asked, "Who touched My clothes?"
- She came and told Jesus the whole story.
- Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole."
- Even in the face of the death messenger, Jairus didn't speak.
  - Jairus got that kind of faith in the synagogue where Jesus had preached on THE BLESSING, not the curse. Faith came.
- Jairus' faith caused him to seek out Jesus.
- The woman's faith sent her to touch Jesus' clothes.

III. Corresponding action is a necessary part of faith.

- We must be doers of The WORD and not hearers only, deceiving our own selves (James 1:22).
- There's no profit to say you have faith without works (James 2:14).
  - If you see someone in need, faith by itself is not enough.
  - Let your actions correspond with your faith.
- The woman who needed healing said what she believed. She kept saying it.
  - Had she considered the contradictory evidence—she was dying with no money, no resources—she would not have been healed.
  - She didn't let her fear stop her.
  - Her plan was to quietly come and touch Jesus' clothes, then slide back out of the crowd and go home.
  - She probably thought after a few days she would go to the priest and be pronounced healed.
  - That didn't happen. Jesus called her out in the crowd.
- Anyone can say The WORD of God and push themselves into faith.
  - Faith comes by hearing The WORD of God (Romans 10:17).
- The woman had heard Jesus' message and faith had come.
- Also, she had forgiven the doctors and all who had taken her money and not given her anything.

IV. Things happen when faith boils over.

- Oral Roberts called it "that moment" when faith erupts and a miracle takes place.
  - For faith to grow to the point of miraculous, it takes time in God's WORD.
  - Listen to faith preaching. Soon it will be coming out of your mouth and going back into your ears.
  - God's WORD will get past your mind and soul and go into your inner man where faith is growing.
  - Your mind is being renewed and your spirit is being charged and built up.
- She said it, she believed it, she saw herself healed, she saw herself going to the priest to confirm her healing, then she did it!





- She took her life in her own hands because her faith moved her to action.
- She touched Jesus' clothes, and she was aware of the power going into her body.
- Jesus was aware of the power going out.
- She testified to Jesus about her healing.
- That's the final step. Testify about what God has done for you.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Your faith is there inside you waiting to grow, so get into God's WORD and listen to faith preaching. Say what God says about every situation, and your faith will speak with the power to move mountains. We want to know how you're doing! [Click here to share your testimony](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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