

**August 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Digging Ditches**

In this lesson you will learn three steps of digging ditches of faith.

**Intro:** Only God can send the water or the provision for your life, but He wants you to dig a ditch. In order for God to deliver, to come through, or to provide in your life, you must show Him your faith. Everything we do as Christians requires faith. We cannot please God without faith. When we show God our faith, he will show us his faithfulness. As you begin to dig, God is working behind the scenes of your situation. He is the only one who can make it rain in your life. As you work in faith in the natural, God is working on your behalf in the supernatural to bring your provision.

**I. Believe**

- A. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17). The bible is full of accounts of people who saw God do extraordinary things on their behalf simply because they believed God. Get your mind updated to operate not on the world system, but on the system of God's Word. Faith is trusting in God so much that you can see the miracle before it shows up in the natural. Get pregnant with faith & expectation for God's best.

**II. Speak**

- A. Words are powerful instruments of change. They can create an atmosphere of hope, faith, and thankfulness anywhere and at any time. God spoke the stars, planets, and the Earth into existence. Life and death are in the power of your tongue (Prov 18:21). If you don't like what you have, change what you're saying. Speak to the dry bones in your life. Talk yourself in to God's promises. Nothing moves or changes until you speak to it.

**III. Act on It**

- A. Though life may throw many obstacle and challenges in your way, hope doesn't give up. It keeps searching tenaciously and persistently to find a way. Don't let your natural challenges shut down your faith for supernatural, divine intervention. Miracles are waiting on the other side of your obedience to God. His provision is waiting for you on the other side of you following his directions. Our faith is demonstrated as we act on it in practical steps (Jam 2:18).

**Discussion Questions**

1. Is what you are believing for lining up with God's Word?
2. Are your words helping or hindering your faith?
3. What practical action steps are you applying to your faith?