

May 30 – June 5, 2009

PRAYER OF FAITH – GET OUT OF THE BOX

In this lesson you will learn the importance of praying in faith and speaking the Word.

- I. The prayer of faith – Mark 11:12-14, 20-26.
 - A. Verses 12-14 – Jesus spoke to the fig tree that was not producing fruit, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again” – v.14.
 - B. Verses 20-23 – The next day the disciples saw the fig tree and said to Jesus, “The fig tree which You cursed has withered away” – v.21. Jesus answered and said, “Have faith in God. 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.”
 - C. Verse 24 – “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”
 - D. Verses 25-26 – “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”
 1. Don’t hold on to grudges and offenses. It is important to forgive.
 2. Faith works where we believe and forgive.

- II. Why don’t people believe what they say will come to pass?
 - A. Because many people don’t tell the truth. Many people kid or say things that are untrue so much and so often they do not have confidence in their own words being true.
 - B. For Mark 11:24 to work in your life, you have to speak the truth all the time and gain control of your words.
 - C. Proverbs 18:21 – “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”
 - D. Genesis 1 – God created the world by three little words, “And God said.” These words were spoken with every act of creation.
 - E. People are walking out the results of their spoken words. Speak the desired result. You may need to ask for crop failure over some of the negative words you have spoken.

- III. When you pray the Word in faith, don’t doubt – James 1:5-8, John 15:7-8.
 - A. If God’s Word promises it, you can pray in faith and believe.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When did you learn the importance of praying in faith?
- Have you spoken untruthful or negative words that caused negative results?
- Is there something you are called to do, but you have not yet prayed for in faith?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week begin to pray in faith, and pray the Word over something you are called to do.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Mark 11:24 – “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”