

Living in Victory

Session #3: Faith - The promises of God are Yes, and Amen.

1. *The promises of God, the things we need to live in victory, are already available through grace*

- God's part is done. He established His covenant of grace through Jesus.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Eph 2:8-10

- We're not waiting on God to bless us. He's waiting on us to receive, by faith, what He's already made available.

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:2-4

2. *We have legal right to the promises of God*

- The daughter of Abraham has legal right to healing. Luke 13: 10-16
- We are heirs of Abraham and have legal right to his blessing.

And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. Galatians 3:29

- God Guaranteed His Promise with an Oath - Hebrews 6: 13-20
- To make it even better, we are also Joint Heirs with Jesus.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:14-17

3. *We choose our response to the promise*

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! Gen 30:19-20

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- We are redeemed from the curse AND have access to the blessing of Abraham – Galatians 3:13-14
- What do you agree with – your circumstances (the curse) or the Word, the promise (the blessing)?
 1. We need to be careful of interpreting the word through the lens of our circumstances
 2. Our response will be either faith or doubt
- The Fight of Faith occurs in our minds
- We must know the Word, and what is rightfully ours, so we can resist the devil and not let him steal the promises from us.

4. ***We must know the Word to understand what promises are available to us***

- Hagin's Step 1: Be Specific and Stand on God's Promises
- We must know what we are seeking is in God's Word. We have no legal right to anything that is not a promise from God's Word.
- Find scriptures that promise you what you want and stand on them.

5. ***We must utilize our authority to bring the promise into reality***

- Hagin's Step 2: You Must Ask God for What you Want
- Or many would argue that you simply take (by faith) what God has already made available.

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. Mark 11:23

- You release your faith through your words, just like God did at creation.
- We are called to enforce the will and the word of God in our lives

6. ***The promises are received by faith.***

Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace, Romans 4:15 AMP

- God set up His Kingdom with certain rules. His promises must be received. Action is required on our part. We must take the promises by faith.
- What is faith? Faith is our positive response to the promise that God provide by grace – Wommack

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1

- Faith accompanies knowledge of the Word. So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

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- Grace makes, Faith takes. Most importantly, faith takes action.
- For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it]. Mark 11:24
- Faith is Now – Present Tense.
 1. If, after you have prayed for your healing, you are still waiting for your healing – you will never be healed.
 2. This must go beyond mental acknowledgement, to heartfelt conviction.

7. *Main Point: You aren't waiting on God to bless you. He is waiting on you to receive it by faith.*

8. *Reference Articles*

- The Deciding Witness – Kenneth Copeland, BVOV Magazine, Aug '16
- You are able to possess it – Vikki Burke
- Doing what you cannot – Vikki Burke
- Living in the Balance between Grace and Faith – Andrew Wommack