

Believing Opens the Door!



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When we believe God's promise to deliver us, the door to divine power is open and ready to grant the victory. God can open doors because all of our sins are under the Blood of Christ and the Word of God says we are *forgiven, cleansed, filled* with His Spirit, and *ready* to enjoy health, healing, peace, protection, and the supply of any need.

When we believe the lies of the devil, the door is closed to divine power. Isaiah 53:6 "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" The devil says we are *not* forgiven; *not* in good health; and we do *not* have the victory—but we are to refuse those thoughts and resist him by accepting God's promises.

It is an issue of whose *word* we are accepting; and what *position* we are taking. Do we see ourselves as a *new creation* in Christ Jesus; *dead* to sin and *alive* to God—or living for *self*, and just as oppressed, poor, and sinful as we were—that is the *issue* and *that* is the *choice* we face.

The sacrifice of Christ enables us to be dead to sin and delivered from trouble, sickness, oppression, and every evil thing. The Atonement of Jesus enables us to live the Truth by faith in God—we are free from poverty, trouble, and oppression. *That* is where the Blood places us,

and if we truly *believe* it, then it becomes a *reality*. Our faith does not *make* it real; because it is real whether we believe it or not. Our believing just *opens the door* to God's power.

Luke 5:1 "*It came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'*"

The promise of spiritual victory and deliverance is in that verse—*step out in faith and let the blessing come in*. This is the door to step out of trouble, illness, sorrow, poverty, and oppression—but it *is* a step of faith, by believing what the *Word* says and what the *Blood* did. Our *believing* does *not pay* for anything—it just *allows* us to have what has already been paid for.

Jesus told Simon *Launch out into the deep*—there are many fish there. The men had to decide whether that was true or not true. They would have recalled already *fishing* that spot and proving no fish were there. Simon recalled his *past* experience; weighed the *seen* evidence; considered the *Word* from the Lord; and made a choice.

This is where victories are *won* and *lost*; *this* is the deciding moment every individual comes to in life—one time or many times, when we will *have* to make a choice what to believe. We will have to choose by what we *see, feel*, and Satan *suggests*; or by what we *know* the *Word* of God *says*—it is *one* or the *other*. When we accept what the devil suggests, all that God did on the cross cannot help us. Jesus said there were *plenty* of fish in that spot.

Simon made a choice Luke 5:5, "*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*" We often *try* to do right and be *healed*, and we want to know *why* we are not delivered. We often

toil all night to believe—only to come up short of the victory. *Believing* is *knowing* in your heart that *God* is in control and will *answer* our prayer.

The word "*nevertheless*" was a plank that took Simon from *defeat* to *victory*. When *Jesus* says something, we can *believe* it, and act in *faith* on it. Hebrews 4:3 "*We which have believed do enter into rest,*" because "*the works [or the payment of our huge sin debt] were finished from the foundation of the world.*"

The word *nevertheless* is a plank of hard-wood that would *not* break, because it *can* deliver us from sin, self, sorrow, sickness, and Satan's power. As we actively cross over on that plank unto victory, there will be no more toiling all night and taking nothing. *Nevertheless* is just a step, but it is a *huge* step of faith, which opens the door to let the answer in. *Let down the net*, Jesus is saying, so you *will see the blessing*.

God's Word says that every time we pray for healing, the price to provide it has already been paid. There is no need to toil all night and still be oppressed. We should say: *Nevertheless at Your Word, heavenly Father, I will step out in faith and by your strength alone, to accept what You are offering to me. I have prayed all night and asked others to pray with me, but the Blood of Jesus is the only merit and healing power I need. I believe—help me act in faith for the healing You have for me.*

When the Israelites were bitten by poisonous snakes, God told Moses to place a serpent on a pole—which was a symbol of our Savior on the cross. If they would follow the instructions and look at the symbol, they would be delivered. Numbers 21:9 "*And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.*" The atoning Blood of

Christ *forgives* our sins and *heals* our body—we just believe!

The deliverance is all about *believing* the Word of God, so the *door* to victory will be *opened*. It is a willingness to believe the Word, that says Jesus paid for our victory on the cross. The apostle said Luke 5:5-6 “*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*” God’s Word tells us to *try* His plan and *receive* His blessings.

If we will *tithe* on our *gains* for the support of God’s Truth, He promises to give us more than 10% back. Malachi 3:10 “*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*”

The principle of *trust* to receive the *blessing*; the *healing*; the *victory*; or *anything*—is the moment we *believe* and *accept* the *Word* by faith—which has already explained what the sacrifice of Christ did for us—we then take the *step* of faith to *open* the door to receive the victory. The power of God will back up our every *step* to *act* on His Word.

The man on a bed and lowered through a roof was told that his sins were erased. Jesus knew the man had faith to believe. Luke 5:20 “*He saw their faith and said to him, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’*” The issue is, whether the man *believed* that his sins were forgiven. If they *were* forgiven, then the *power* of God could *heal* his body.

When Jesus told him to get up and walk, the man was just as unable to get up and do anything as before he *heard* those words. By *getting* up, however, the man *proved* the *Word* that said he was *forgiven* and *healed*. Hebrews 4:3 “*For we which*

have believed do enter into rest.” There are all too many that *do not* enter that rest because of unbelief—“*Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*”

If we will *believe* the Word that says our sins are *forgiven* and our body *healed*, we will enter that rest. Jesus is standing at our door and holding our victory and our blessing in His hands. If we *believe*—He will pardon; and heal; supply our needs; and grant His peace. Anyone can prove the *reality* of that by reaching out in faith and receiving from His hands.

The type of faith that brings *results* is the faith that *asks* God, and then *believes* that the forgiveness of sin has been paid for on the Cross. This type of *believing faith* is based on the *merit of Blood*, so there is really no reason *not* to believe that it can grant the victory and heal our body.

God’s Word says that our sins, sorrows, troubles, and illness were all canceled on the Cross, and the moment we *believe* it, the *victory* is ready to be given. That work of Atonement was completed two thousand years ago—“*From the foundation of the world.*”

It is not our *faith* that *pays* for the victory—there is no merit in our faith or in anything else—but all in the *Blood of the Lamb*. That price paid, compels God to *act* in *our* behalf. It is the Revelation 13:8 “*Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*” that *destroyed* the *power* of the *devil* for an eternity.

When we *believe* Jesus *did* that for us—and we *know* that He is standing at the door of our heart waiting for our response—we can *open* the door, *hear* His voice, *act* on His words, and *receive* the victory. The power of God is right next to us to make it a reality. No one *but* God could *form* such a plan and *give* such a promise—to just *believe* His Word and be *healed* in a moment.

When we *believe* what Jesus did on the cross, we are given the *right* to receive the victory in body, mind, and spirit. A faith that *believes* opens the *door* to God’s power. When the healing of a boy was hindered, Jesus told His disciples that it was Matthew 17:20, “*Because of your unbelief.*” He then added that if faith is the size of a seed, “*Nothing shall be impossible unto you.*”

The value of the Blood is the only issue of importance. We are *not* to consider the *amount* of faith we have, but to consider the *value* of the Blood that was shed for the world! Real faith really *believes* what Jesus accomplished that day. Hebrews 4:3 “*We who have believed enter that rest;*” because, “*His work has been finished since the creation of the world.*”

Two things we *must* know about faith—our believing does not *make* God’s Word true; and God only asks us to believe His Word because it *is* true. It is the door leading away from our trouble, poverty, illness, and pain—but it must be the *step of faith*, by believing *just the Word*—that tells us what the Blood of our Savior has already done. Our *believing* does *not pay* for the victory—it just *opens the door* to receive it.



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