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WOW – Word on Wednesday

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Lesson 2: Mark 11:20-26

Genuine biblical faith is a miracle!! Faith in God is something we do not possess naturally. Ephesians 2:8 tells us that faith is “the gift of God”. God enables us to believe in Him for salvation. He gives every believer some “measure of faith” (Romans 12:3). That is, God empowers His children to believe in Him, to serve Him, to glorify Him through the power of faith in Him that He gives to us. The outworking of faith in God’s people, has allowed them to see demonstrations of answered prayers for things that appeared impossible.

- Joshua 10:14 – Joshua commanded the sun to stand still so Israel could defeat the Amorites.
- Isaiah 38 – King Kezekiah was told he would die. He prayed by faith and the Lord gave him 15 more years.
- 1 Samuel 17:54 – A teenage boy names David believed God for the power to defeat a giant called Goliath.

I. The Object of Biblical Faith (vs 22)

- a. In God’s person: If you are saved, God is your Father. 1 Peter 5:7
(As your Father, He cares about everything in your life)
 - 1. As our Father, He desires to give us the resources of His kingdom. Philippians 4:6-7
 - 2. Just like a child trusts their parents for everything, the child of God can trust the Heavenly Father. Hebrews 4:16
- b. In God’s promises: When it comes to the matter of faith and approaching God in prayer, the people of God have some very special promises.
 - 1. God invites us to pray to Him. Philippians 4:6
 - 2. God promises to hear us when we pray. Jeremiah 33:3
 - 3. God promises to answer our prayers. Isaiah 58:9

II. The Opportunities of Biblical Faith (vs 23-24)

- a. It allows us to believe the impossible: There are some situations in life that appears hopeless.
- b. It allows us to receive the impossible:
 - 1. Christ’s return Titus 2:13
 - 2. The resurrection of the dead 1 Peter 1:3
 - 3. Our future glorification 1 John 3:2-3
 - 4. That we will reign with Jesus 2 Timothy 2:12
 - **Faith in God and His Word make these future promises present realities. Thank God for the power of genuine Bible Faith!**

III. The Obstacles of Biblical Faith (vs 23-26)

- a. While Jesus points out the great object of faith and reminds us of the opportunity of faith. He also mentions some obstacles of faith.

vs 23 - Unbelief (*and shall not doubt in his heart*). Doubt is deadly to the effective prayer. The word “doubt” means to be divided in one’s thinking, to hesitate, draw back.

1. When we pray from a heart of doubt, we are drawing back from the Word of God.

vs 24 – Selfishness (*what things soever ye desire*).

1. Our desires must delight God and not doubt God!

Psalm 37:4

vs 25-26 – Unforgiveness Jesus commands His disciples to forgive those who have wronged them.

Mark 11:25

1. An unforgiving spirit puts us at odds with the Lord.
2. When we possess an unforgiving spirit, our prayers will be hindered and God’s forgiveness will not be evident in our lives.

Matthew 6:14-15

Ephesians 4:32

Biblical faith is a powerful weapon. Mountains yield to its power. Sin, Satan, and sorrow must bow before it’s authority! Faith is among the greatest of God’s gifts to His children!