

Lesson 4

The Power of the Word

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Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *King James Version*.

- I. The Word of God is an incorruptible seed. The Greek word *spora* is a derivative of the word *sperma*, where we get our English word “sperm.” In the same way that a child has to be conceived, you can pray and get healed, but you still have to sow a seed.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23, KJV

- A. The Word of God is what causes us to be born again.
- B. A lot of people who pray for a person to be born again think prayer is going to save that person. This scripture doesn't say that you're born again through prayer.
- C. Prayer will prepare the soil, break up the fallow ground, put water and fertilizer on it, and cause it to grow. But prayer, if there isn't a seed sown, cannot cause something to grow.
- D. Prayer is not going to get a person born again unless the truth of God's Word comes to them.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32, KJV

- E. Some people pray for their family members, neighbors, or loved ones to be saved, yet wouldn't dare speak the Word to them. No one will ever be born again by a virgin birth. The Word of God has to be sown, and it's the same way when it comes to healing.

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So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17, KJV

- II. The stronger you are in the Word, the less you will need to have someone else help you because the Word will produce the results that you need.
 - A. When you live a scripture, you'll be able to find it. If you have trouble with the address (scripture reference), you'll be able to quote it because that Word has come alive on the inside of you.
- III. This physical world operates off the principle of seeds.
 - A. All of the life that God created on this planet could not exist without seeds, and in the spiritual realm, there is a comparison that the Word of God is a seed.
- IV. The problem has been that we've been focused on things other than the Word of God. The Word of God is health to your flesh.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20-22, KJV

- A. When Satan starts trying to hit me with something, I just start devouring the Word of God.
- B. Most people think, *Well, I can't help what's happening to me. I can't help how I feel.* Yes, you can.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalms 34:13-14, KJV

- C. Your emotional health is more important than your diet and exercise.
- D. When you get to where you hunger for the Word of God more than you hunger for food, I guarantee you, it'll start producing healing in your body.

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the

words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Job 23:12, KJV

- V. In the natural realm, if you plant seeds, not every one is going to grow. Sometimes a seed doesn't release its power. However, the Bible is an incorruptible seed. It is never the problem.

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalms 107:20, KJV

- A. Mark 4 has parables about the power of the Word of God, and it compares it to a seed.
1. He cast seed into the ground (Mark 4:3).
 2. The seed doesn't do anything until it gets in the ground. The previous parable made it clear that the ground is a person's heart (Mark 4:15).
 3. You have to leave the seed there (Mark 4:27).
 4. The seed just springs and grows up; he knows not how (Mark 4:27).
- B. *I don't understand it.* You don't have to understand it. You just have to cooperate with it and do it.

- VI. The seed doesn't have an apple in it or an apple tree in it. But somehow, there is something miraculous in that little seed that when you put it in the ground, it activates what's in the ground to produce fruit.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Mark 4:28, KJV

- A. There are four different words used to describe creation right in Genesis. The heavens and the earth were created out of nothing and the rest mean to form or to build.
1. God created from nothing (Gen. 1:1).
 2. The trees came out of the earth (Gen. 1:11).

3. The animals came out of the earth (Gen. 1: 24).
 4. Out of the ground the Lord formed us (Gen. 3:19).
- B. You can take a seed, plant it in a desert where the soil has been depleted, and that seed will not yield. It won't produce or it won't yield its total fruit because the ground is where all of that comes from.
 - C. The earth in Mark 4:28 is talking about your heart. When you got born again, in your spirit you were made complete. You're as perfect as you will ever be in eternity.
 - D. All you have to do is take this incorruptible seed of God's Word and put it in your heart: meditate on it, think about it, and focus on it. Let that seed stay there, and it will start drawing out of your heart—out of the ground will come this healing power and wisdom—anything that you need. It comes out of you.
 - E. Mark 4:28 says, "*For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself. . .*" The phrase "*of herself*" is the Greek word *automatos*, where we get "automatic" or "automatically." This is saying that when the seed is planted, the earth automatically brings forth fruit.
 - F. I don't understand this, but if you put something in dirt, the ground will start trying to eat it, break it down, draw the life out of it and produce something.
- VII. Whatever you put in your heart in abundance is what will grow in your life.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3, KJV

- A. If you aren't in perfect peace, it's because your mind isn't stayed upon Him.
- VIII. There are steps and stages to growth. There are different ways that you can receive healing.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2, KJV

- A. If you receive a healing from another person through their gift, that is the exception rather than the rule.

- B. God intended for you to plant the seed in your heart, then let that seed conceive and bring forth healing.
- C. If you aren't aware of the stages, then you'll pray and, if you don't have a full manifestation of your healing, get discouraged, thinking that it didn't work or that it just partially worked.
- D. Give it a little bit of time and focus on what you have instead of on what you don't have. Focus on the fact that, praise God, it's better.

IX. The Word of God has authority.

- A. The Roman centurion in Matthew 8 wasn't Jewish or even what we would call a "Christian." But Jesus said He hadn't ever seen greater faith than his (Matt. 8:10). What made this man's faith so great? His faith was great because he put emphasis on the Word.

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Matthew 8:10, KJV

- B. Contrast this centurion's faith with one of Jesus's disciple's unbelief.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

John 20:24-25, KJV

- C. Some people cannot believe something that they can't see or touch. They're what the Bible calls carnal. The word *carnal* just means of the five senses. In other words, a carnal person is limited to the five senses, what he can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.
- D. I believe that God created man with six senses, and the sixth sense is faith. Faith is your ability to perceive and see things that you can't see with just your physical eyes.

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7, KJV

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- E. Jesus said there was a greater blessing on those who could believe without seeing than on those who believed because they saw.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

John 20:29, KJV

- F. Two times Jesus marveled: at the belief of the centurion (Matt. 8:10) and at the unbelief of people in Nazareth (Mark 6:5–6).

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

Mark 6:5–6, KJV

- G. The highest form of faith is when you take what the Word of God says about your healing and you believe it more than what the doctor says, more than what somebody who's looking at you says, more than what you feel, and more than what you think.

- X. Faith isn't denying that you have a problem, but it is denying that all you feel is all there is.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:17, KJV

- A. There are spiritual realities, and there are things that are absolutely forever settled in heaven that may not have totally manifested in your body yet—but that Word is true.

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalms 119:89, KJV

- B. The Word is what created everything physical, even your body.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3, KJV

- C. The Word will exist long after this physical world and this physical body is gone.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 Peter 1:25, KJV

- D. The Word of God is eternal, and it's more real than what you feel in your body.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18, KJV

- XI. We've got promises upon promises about God's will for us to be well.

- A. "God, what You said is true, and I don't care who says anything else."

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Romans 3:4, KJV

- B. The seed has to be put in the ground, put in your heart, and left there. It takes a period of time for this to work. It's simple, but it's not easy. You're going to have everything—your senses, your natural mind, and people around you—contradict something that was written in a book thousands of years ago. However, you must base your life more on that Word than on what the doctor says or what your body feels.
- C. The Holy Spirit will help you to believe. The Holy Spirit will give you this supernatural, God kind of faith, but He's not going to force it on you. You have to begin the process. You have to reach out and start taking and speaking these truths.