

Speak Up

Speaking up whenever it is time to speak up.

There are times in the life of the believer that we are to speak up about our faith. The opportunities to do this may challenge the believer; however faith in the Word of God and the God of the Word provides the courage and fortitude to speak up even when we don't know what to say.

Matt 6:8 NLT Don't be like them, for *your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!* (emphasis added)

Father God knows what we need before we know.

- While we may be caught by surprise by a challenge, God is not.
- God knows why we need to speak up, what we need to speak, when we need to speak it, and how we need to speak it.
- God knew that we would face a situation that would cause us to speak up for him and declare our faith.
- If we think about, we may find we have had some prior experience that God has used to prepare us for the moment we may find ourselves in.

Matthew 7:7 NIV "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Faith in the Father provides assurance.

- Asking is an act of assumption couched in faith. Like a father assumes his child will ask for what he/she needs, our Heavenly Father assumes we will ask what his child needs.
- Seeking is an act of obedience. After the Father has given us what we have asked for we then seek to find it. But He expresses confidence in his ability to guide us "you **will** find."
- Knocking is an aggressive act.

Romans 10:8-9 NLT In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: (Quoted from Deut 30:11-14)

God has provide His word on "the tip of our tongue"

- Just say what his has placed on our tongue to say.
- It is a message of faith. In other words, when we speak what God gives us it is a word of faith that imparts.

Acts 1:8 NAS But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

- The key to speaking the right thing all the time is to say what the Holy Spirit tells us to say.
- A word from the Holy Spirit has the potential of being a global word.

Jesus Speaks Up for us

- John 17:21
- Luke 23:34 Spoke up his persecutors
- Luke 23:43 Spoke up for the criminals
- Isaiah 53:12 Making intercession
- Psalm 110:1 Making His enemies a footstool at His feet.