Living By Faith (Lesson 25) – Developing the Language of Faith (Part 2)

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Intro: Tonight we continue our series on, “Developing the Language of Faith.” Last week we learned that Faith has a language and the Father expects us to speak it. I have already introduced you to the Centurion who spoke so boldly – in faith – that it flat-out surprised Jesus. Tonight I will introduce you to two more characters that spoke Faith-Filled Words: Jairus and the Woman with the Issue of Blood.

A man with a Dying Daughter and a Woman with a Bleeding Body: (Mark Chapter 5 AMP)

(v.21) And when Jesus had recrossed in the boat to the other side, a great throng gathered about Him, and He was at the lakeshore.

(v.22) Then one of the rulers of the synagogue came up, Jairus by name; and seeing Him, he prostrated himself at His feet.

❖ He was a ruler of the synagogue: This means that he:
  o Was a leader in the Jewish community
  o Represented the Temple from his community to other communities
  o He was well acquainted with all the local priests
  o Surely knew that there was a running feud between the priests and Jesus
  o He knew that by falling at Jesus’ feet he was making a clean break from his friends and their position – but he was willing to do it, because he was desperate.

He was in a position that exceeded their ability.

Take Aways:
1. Know what to do when your **Problem** is bigger than your **Position**: Jairus had the ability and authority to handle many things, but he was not able to handle what his daughter was facing. When his problem outweighed his position, he put down his pride and came to Jesus!

(v.23) And begged Him earnestly, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be healed and live.

❖ Surely his head was flooded with issues.
❖ His daughter was dying and he left her at home. His wife was surely crying.
❖ The people in the crowd were wondering what a ruler of the synagogue was doing at the sea shore, waiting for a man that was rejected by the religious sect.
❖ But right there, in front of everybody, with his head turning, his heart racing, and his pride balking; he fell down and confessed his desired outcome to Jesus!

Take Aways:
2. The language of faith does not negate its **present** situation, but it does speak its **desired** outcome.

(v.24) And Jesus went with him; and a great crowd kept following Him and pressed Him from all sides [so as almost to suffocate Him].

Take Aways:
3. The language of faith causes God to **move**. Question: would your language move Jesus?
(v.25) And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years,
- Her menstrual cycle had literally not stopped in 12 years.
- Not only would it be physically debilitating to constantly loose blood for an extremely long period of time, but it would also have to be psychologically destructive because of the legal parameters of her condition.
- The Law caused her to stay away from everyone while she was in her condition and it basically made her a prisoner in her own body (see Lev 15:19-31).
- She could have been stoned to death for being outside in the general population.

(v.26) And who had endured much suffering under [the hands of] many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was no better but instead grew worse.

(v.27) She had heard the reports concerning Jesus, and she came up behind Him in the throng and touched His garment,

(v.28) For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.
- Picture this woman.
- She was physically drained, emotionally scarred, and socially outcast.
- To make it worse, she had spent all her money on doctors and did not get any better, but rather grew worse.
- She was financially broke, physically bleeding, and psychologically bruised; but she still managed to speak the language of faith.
- She did not sit back and complain about her situation. She did not cry out ‘Woe is me’ to God. She saw an opportunity for a breakthrough and she moved forward and not backward.
- She kept on saying, “If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.”
- So what do you think happened? Exactly what she said!

Take Aways:
4. The language of faith speaks specific declarations and prays specific prayers.
5. The language of faith does not dwell on the past, it focuses on the future.
6. The language of faith must be accompanied by the action of faith. Faith is an action Word!

(v.29) And immediately her flow of blood was dried up at the source, and [suddenly] she felt in her body that she was healed of her distressing ailment.
- She busted through the crowd, touched Jesus’ garment, and immediately the bleeding stopped. She felt in her body that she was healed.
- It could not have been the method, because the crowd was pushing on, grabbing at, and touching Jesus. He was being touched from every angle.
- But this dysfunctional, disregarded, and dismissed woman with a bleeding condition touched Him like no one else.
- Her touch was tied to her faith and her faith loosed God’s power. Faith moves God.

Take Aways:
7. Confess the Word of God over your life and fully expect your confession to come to pass.
(v.30) And Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around immediately in the crowd and said, Who touched My clothes?
(v.31) And the disciples kept saying to Him, You see the crowd pressing hard around You from all sides, and You ask, Who touched Me?
(v.32) Still He kept looking around to see her who had done it.
(v.33) But the woman, knowing what had been done for her, though alarmed and frightened and trembling, fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.
(v.34) And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has restored you to health. Go in peace and be continually healed and freed from your distressing bodily disease.

- What did Jesus attribute her healing to?
- What did Jesus say about the situation?
- He said, “Your faith has made you whole.”
- What faith? **The faith that speaks something and then expects it to happen.**
- The faith that couples its **words with action**.
- The faith that receives exactly what it says.
- **That is the Revelation of Your Confession!**

Take Aways:
8. The language of faith receives in **accordance** with its declaration of faith.

(v.35) While He was still speaking, there came some from the ruler's house, who said [to Jairus], Your daughter has died. Why bother and distress the Teacher any further?

- Don’t think the devil is going to sit idly by while you wait on God.
- He will do everything he can to make the situation worse; especially if you are believing God!
- What will you do if your situation gets worse **BEFORE** it gets better?

Take Aways:
9. Those who speak the language of faith **believe** their declaration of faith, even when presented with bad news.
10. Our journey to our breakthrough will not come without **opposition**.
11. In the **space between** our **confession** and the **completion** of it, the enemy will attempt to stir up **confusion**.
12. No matter how bad the circumstances get, we must not lose hold of our **confession** (see Heb 10:23 and 10:35).

(v.36) Overhearing but ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear; only keep on believing.

- Jesus ignored the bad news.
- He factored out what the enemy tried to factor in.
- The words "Don't be afraid; only believe" are the key. The Greek words used here **phobeo** and **pisteuo**.
- The first one is our word ‘phobia,’ which means: an **irrational fear**.
- The second word means to **believe, trust, or have faith in**.
- Jesus peered right into Jairus’ soul and saw that he had lost the hope of his confession and began to allow fear to set in.
- The enemy will always send people your way to speak death and not life, in an attempt to get you to lose hope of what you are believing God for.
- **Jesus combated this fear with fear’s greatest enemy – faith!**
We must keep our faith and continue to speak our confession, even in the midst of the worst circumstances!

Have you allowed fear to cripple your confession?

If so, the Word for you tonight is: "Don’t be afraid; only believe!"

Satan knew that if he could get Jairus to change his words, Jesus would have to stop!

Words of faith got Jesus to move, but words of fear could get Jesus to stop!

Jairus SAID NOTHING!

Take Aways:
13. The language of faith can be cancelled out by the language of fear.
14. The language of faith does not let what it sees change what it says.
15. There are two forces that can be released through your tongue – life and death (Prov 18:21) – choose to speak life only!

(v.37) And He permitted no one to accompany Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

This was his inner circle.

Jesus had the 5,000; then He had the 70; then He had the 12; then He had the 3.

These were the 3 He could count on.

(v.38) When they arrived at the house of the ruler of the synagogue, He looked carefully and with understanding at the tumult and the people weeping and wailing loudly.

(v.39) And when He had gone in, He said to them, Why do you make an uproar and weep? The little girl is not dead but is sleeping.

(v.40) And they laughed and jeered at Him. But He put them all out, and, taking the child’s father and mother and those who were with Him, He went in where the little girl was lying.

(v.41) Gripping her firmly by the hand, He said to her, Talitha cumi—which translated is, Little girl, I say to you, arise from the sleep of death!

How did Jesus heal her?

Exactly like Jairus said!

Closing Confession: Father, I agree with Your opinion of me and not anyone else’s. Your opinion is found in Your Word. Your Word says that I can do all things through You. Your Word says that I can overcome the world by faith. Your Word says that I am blessed in the city, in the field, as I come, and as I go. I choose to agree with Your Word. I speak the language of faith over my family, physical body, relationships, children, career, finances, and future. I speak life and I will not allow what I see change what I say! Furthermore, I look past my past this morning. I even look past any present condition that is unfavorable in my life. I thank You for where I am, but I praise You even more, in advance, for where I will be. I speak my desired outcome. I speak my expected end. I know that You are a God of progression and not regression. I know that the best is yet to come in my life. I know that what is ahead of me is greater than what is behind me. I look forward ever, backward never. I receive my breakthrough by faith! In Jesus’ name. Amen!