"THE SPIRIT OF FAITH"

It is written in the Scriptures, “I believed, so I spoke.” Our faith is like this, too. We believe, and so we speak. (2 Corinthians 4:13 NCV)

FAITH IS VOICE ACTIVATED

Voice activation technology has become common in our everyday lives. We can speak to our cell phones or car navigation systems and they respond to our voice. In the spiritual realm, your voice has power when you speak from the perspective of faith! God has set up a voice activation system of faith when our mouth is connected to our heart. When we speak according to Scripture, we can possess those things that are promised to us. It was Jesus who said “When you pray believe that you receive and you shall have it” (Mark 11:24). Praying involves saying something! This is giving voice to your faith! That is how our faith actually works.

Paul also explains this principle in 2 Corinthians 4:13: “We believe and therefore we speak”. Many experience this in reverse; they are saying negative things and wondering why bad things happen to them! Jesus said you have what you say!

CONTAGIOUS ATTITUDES

We all know it’s easy to pick up on other peoples’ attitudes when we’re around them long enough. It’s like catching a cold virus at work from a co-worker. In the book of Joshua it is recorded that Caleb and Joshua did not get affected by a wrong negative attitude but kept a right heart and confessed that God was able to help them conquer all obstacles, even the giants in the land! The Bible stated that they had another spirit; a spirit of faith because they said, "Let’s go at once to take the land, he said, we can certainly conquer it!” But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” (Numbers 13:30, 31 NLT) Caleb and Joshua spoke words according to what God said, not according to the circumstances or others’opinions! We can either be influenced by people negatively or positively. We should make a commitment to be influenced by positive attitudes not negative mindsets.

CATCH A RIGHT SPIRIT

Faith principles are taught but a spirit of faith is caught! People with a spirit of faith have an awesome attitude of victory. Their vocabulary includes phrases like, “I can do this”, “All things are possible”, “I’m an overcomer”. This kind of faith is contagious, uplifting and positive. Smith Wigglesworth, a common English plumber and layman, was known as a Modern Apostle of Faith. It was recorded that 19 people were raised from the dead under his ministry. One of his sayings was, “Laugh at impossibilities” because he knew about how faith is activated! When you cry and allow yourself to become distraught over negative situations, there is a tendency to speak the wrong things. Laughing at the situation means that you see and believe...
that God will ultimately change the situation in your favor! Even at the age of 80, Caleb had the same spirit of faith as he did when he was 40! (See Joshua 14:7-13) Enthusiastically he made this faith declaration to Joshua, “So give me the mountain country the Lord promised me that day long ago.” (Joshua 14:12 NCV)

We don’t need to wait until we are 80 years of age to have a spirit of faith and possess our inheritance! David had a spirit of faith when he was only 17 years of age! Age is not a factor in our faith. Scripture says, "For there is no respect of persons with God." (Romans 2:11 KJV) God is looking for faith upon the earth. For those who dare to believe His Word he said "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.” (Luke 18:27 KJV) The apostles caught the same spirit from Jesus as they fellowshipped with him. After returning from a ministry engagement they said "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." (Luke 10:17 KJV) They were doing the same things the Lord was accomplishing in his ministry. We need to seek out and associate with people who possess a great attitude of faith so we can catch the spirit of faith!

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by Pastor Roma Fisher

S P I R I T A L I V E      N E W S

Thanks for taking time to read our newsletter! See below for the upcoming events we are hosting this fall in Thunder Bay.

We are continuing to raise funds towards upgraded HD television equipment. Our goal is to begin our 5th season of Spirit Alive with digital lights, cameras and a switcher. We appreciate any contribution you can make to help us achieve our goal!

2013 Annual Faith Conference "Rise and Lead - Niigani"
September 25 to 29 - CLE Grounds - Heritage Building

Meeting Times:
Evening Faith Builder Sessions:  7:30 pm (Wed. to Sun.)
Morning Leadership Workshops:  10:00 am & 11:00 am (Thurs, Fri, Sat)
Sunday Morning Celebration Service:  10:30 am

With Dynamic Speakers and Guest Worship Leaders!
Host Pastor, Roma Fisher - Larry Sault - Bill Annis - Kevin Tabuchi - Matthew Coon
Come
Thursday Leaders Lunch - Friday Night Spirit Alive Meet & Greet - Sat Afternoon Q&A Panel

Who Should Attend?
Pastors and Church Leaders - First Nations Political and Community Leaders - First Nations Ministries - Helpers, Volunteers and Outreach Workers - Leaders desiring personal growth
Admission is free! Contact:  807-344-1956 or www.faithcitychurch.ca for more information

Save the Date:  Annual Partnership Banquet, Friday October 18, 6:30pm
Italian Cultural Centre, Thunder Bay