

## THE POWER OF CONFESSION

### ROMANS 4:17

17 (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.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

### ROMANS 4:19

19 And being not weak in faith, he \*CONSIDERED not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

CONSIDERED: katanoeo {kat-an-o-eh'-o  
Behold, perceive, to consider attentively, fix one's eyes or mind upon

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19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now \*DEAD, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

DEAD: nekroo {nek-ro'-o}  
worn out; to deprive of power, destroy the strength of

THE. FAITH. OF. ABRAHAM\_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA FRIDAY\_ 55-1118  
E-27 Now, Abraham didn't pay any attention to how old he was, how dead his own body was, or the deadness of Sarah's womb; he just looked to what God said and kept praising God for what He had promised.

LOOK\_ PHOENIX. AZ SUNDAY\_ 63-0428  
104 Abraham knew that his--his body was as good as dead, but he considered not his own body. He considered not the deadness of Sarah's womb. A young girl, he had married his half-sister, lived with her all these years.

And now she is ninety years old, and he's a hundred years old. But he didn't even think about that. That didn't even come in his mind. Why? He had focused all the unbelief out. Oh, glory!

PERFECT. FAITH\_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 63-0825E  
108 Jesus said, "Come on. " And he stepped down, said, "It's the Lord, I'll just walk. " But when he got his eyes on the waves, he got scared. What come in his mind? First thing, he. . . "I'm going to walk because the Word said for me to walk. " And the next thing, he looked at his. . .

well, he looked at his symptoms; he looked out there and seen how big them waves was, and he got scared; and when he did, down he went. See? What he feared, happened! What he believed, happened! When he believed he could walk, he walked; when he believed.

Got scared in his belief, then his substance left him. See? He still professed his faith, but he didn't have the substance. The substance would have went right over top of that whitecap and went right on to Him, see, if he has the Perfect Faith. See? But he didn't have it. He thought he did.

He did at first, he was willing to venture right out, "Why, the Lord told me to do it, it's got to happen. " So he just steps right down out of the boat, and takes off. He never thought about the--the--the--the waves, how contrary they was. He never got that in his mind.

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110 Now, when you get to thinking, "Well, now wait. And, you know, I've been sick so long, I. " STOP! You just might as well go back to the boat. See? See? But when you quit thinking about that.

111 "Abraham considered not his own body, now dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. " He didn't think about that, didn't even consider it. It wasn't even brought into--to understanding. He didn't even consider at all; he just considered what God said, and he went on. As--as long as Peter did that, he walked.

WORKS. IS. FAITH. EXPRESSED\_ SHREVEPORT. LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY\_ 65-1126

231 "He considered not his own body now dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. It wasn't even brought under consideration. Oh, my, that just shakes me. Body dead, nor the deadness of Sarah's womb, not even brought under consideration.

232 No circumstances will be considered when faith finds its bedding ground!

ROMANS 4:20

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

POSSESSING. THE. ENEMY'S. GATES\_ JEFF. IN V-11 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 59-1108

9 God had been testing the patriarch because He had given him a promise. And when God makes a promise, He wants to be sure that this person is worthy of the promise before He fulfills what He said or what He promises.

So Abraham had been promised that through his seed the whole world would be blessed, that he'd have a son, and this son, out of him should come forth a Seed that would bless the whole earth. And Abraham, when the promise was given to him, was seventy-five years old, and Sarah, his wife, was sixty-five years old.

But the Bible tells us that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God. And God time after time tested him, but he'd come to that final test before the blessing was going to happen.

And that's the way it is with all the Seed of Abraham. God gives us that final test just before He gives the promise.

CONFERENCE. WITH. GOD\_ TIFTON. GA FRIDAY\_ 60-0108

E-22 promise through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God. He had a touch of that sixth sense. He called anything contrary to what God said, as though it wasn't. What God said was true. And after twenty-five years the baby was born.

LETTING. OFF. THE. PRESSURE\_ GREEN. LAKE. WI FRIDAY\_ 62-0518

E-123 Abraham, no matter how long it took, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God. "No matter how much the devil tells you, "No, no, no," you say, "Yes, yes, yes. "

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98 And Abraham did such a thing. And twenty-five years later, we find him still believing the same promise. Why? He had focused his--his mind to the will of God, by the Word of God, and believed it.

99 If we can focus ourself to the plan of God, to what God wants for us, and what God promised us, and let everything else alone. No matter how long it is, just keep believing.

100 Romans 4 here, we find Romans 4:14. It said, "And he staggered not at the promise of God, through unbelief. " He didn't let unbelief contaminate him, at all. He looked to one thing, that was, the Voice that spoke to him.

#### ROMANS 4:21

21 And being \*FULLY persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

FULLY: plerophoreo {play-rof-or-eh'-o}  
make full proof of, to bear or bring full, to carry through to the end, accomplish: to fill one with any thought, conviction, or inclination; hence to make one certain, to persuade, convince one; to be persuaded,

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#### HEBREWS 11:18

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

#### DISEASES. AND. AFFLICTIONS\_ LVL. KY V-25 N-2 50-0100

64 He--He's the High Priest of your confession. God can't do nothing to you till first you confess that He is. Then when you confess it, then believe it, act upon it, and stay with it, and God will bring you out. Do you believe that

#### MINISTRY. EXPLAINED\_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN TUESDAY\_ 50-0711

E-55 Now, notice. He's the High Priest of your confession. You get what I mean? What you confess you are, that's what you are. Any man will never live any farther, or any higher, than what he believes he's a living.

You take a man that's talking about drinking all the time. He talks about drinking; he thinks about drinking; he drops right down into that category, becomes a drunkard. A man that's always thinking about vulgar things; he looks at vulgar things; he thinks of vulgar things; he reads vulgarity. . .

BELIEVEST. THOU. THIS\_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN SUNDAY\_ 50-0716

E-11 You'd never live any higher than you confess that you are. It's your confession that saves you. He that confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father and the holy Angels. When you say you're sick, you're sick.

Now, that. I'm not preaching Christian Science now. I'm preaching the power of God, and the Holy Spirit bears record of it. See? But here's what it is. You accept Him because that you feel that He saved you.

And you go telling people, testifying of it, and believing your testimony, and it works righteousness. It'll do the same thing for healing.

WHO. IS. GOD\_ CLEVELAND. OH TUESDAY\_ 50-0815

E-35 And when the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is here to inspire you, remember, God will make your body come into your confession. If you say you're a drunkard, and want a drink. Don't worry, you'll soon be one.

If you say you're a sinner, and want to sin, you'll be right into it. If you say you're a Christian and believe it all along, God will bring. Your testimony will bring you right into it. If you believe in healing, and believe that God has healed you, confess it,

and God will make your body obey your confession, for He's the High Priest of your confession; setting at the right-hand of the Father now with His own Blood to make intercessions for any confession upon anything that He died for.

THE. PRINCIPLES. OF. DIVINE. HEALING\_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY\_ 51-0923

E-41 Now, the only thing a minister can do would be preach the Gospel, tell you the truth. And you believe it, accept it, act upon your confession. Go out; say you're well. Believe you're well. Act like you are.

You say, "Brother Branham, should I do that before it. " You never feel nothing. Jesus never did say, "Did you feel it?" He said, "Did you believe it?" It's by faith, not by feeling. You're not saved by feeling. Why, the devil can beat you around every stump in the country, saying it's by your feelings.

I'm not saved because I feel like I'm saved. I'm saved because God's Word says I'm saved.

BELIEVEST. THOU. THIS\_ NEW. YORK. NY WEDNESDAY\_ 51-1003

E-65 He can't do nothing for You till you first confess it. He's the High Priest of your confession. In that case not even to your faith. And even couldn't be faith until you confess it.

You got to accept faith, believe it, and confess that it already is done. For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

JESUS. CHRIST. THE. SAME. YESTERDAY. TODAY. AND. FOREVER\_ EDMONTON. AB MONDAY\_ 52-1027

E-29 Jesus sets at the right hand of God to make intercessions upon your confession. You've got to accept it, believe it and confess it's so, to make it an act of faith.

WE. HAVE. FOUND. HIM. COME. AND. SEE\_ JONESBORO. AR MONDAY\_ 53-0511

E-25 Now, any of those things, if you're weary, upset, fretting, nervous, sick, sin, whatever it is, when you accept that from your heart, go to confessing it, and then saying it's right,

God's right there to make it right, when you go to confessing it. But if you're afraid to say so, and afraid to act upon your confession, no matter how many times you're prayed for you'll

never get well. You got to believe it first. See? He's the High Priest of what you confess that He has done for you.

AT. THY. WORD. LORD\_ WOOD. RIVER. IL SUNDAY\_ 54-0221

E-32 Now, He cannot heal you, or cannot save you, or do one thing for you, until first you accept it, and believe it, and confess it. That's right. You've got to confess it. Not, you got to feel it, you got to confess it.

He's not the high Priest of your feelings; He's the high Priest of your confession (That's right. ), what you confess. And you say, "Well, I'm. . . I--I accept it now. " And then in the morning you get up and say, "Well, I still got that headache; I still feel as bad I did. " Then you've dropped right down.

You'll never live above your confession. Let the saintliest person in this building right now, just make up in your mind that you're not a Christian any more, that's when you become not a Christian. See?

When you go out, and say, "Are you a Christian?"

"No, I used to be, but I--I'm not no more. " You're fallen from grace right then. See? It's faith. See? It's either faith or unbelief. You're possessed with those two powers, either faith or unbelief. If you've got faith, you're saved because you are a believer. If you haven't got faith, it--you're a sinner.

SPIRITUAL. ADOPTION\_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY\_ 56-0923

E-26 In order to stay with God, stay gentle. God is gentle. In order to stay with God, stay with love. God is love. Stay meek; stay self. . . Don't never be self-sufficient. Always rely upon Him. Never use your own mind. Take His thoughts.

Let His thoughts be your thoughts. And take them into your carnal mind and repeat them over, say, "O God, take all my doubt away and let my thoughts be Your thoughts. "And you sick people do that as we're speaking.

Just take away, cast away the thought of sickness. Take God's healing thought. Let them become your thoughts. Think upon these things, the Bible said, if there be any praise, if there be any virtue.

WHY\_ BEAUMONT. TX WEDNESDAY\_ 61-0125

E-94 I accept Thee as my Saviour, my only salvation. I need Your strength for my health. I cannot go forward without You. I now accept You as my Healer. I renounce the devil and all of his works. From this time henceforth, I will think positive.

I will believe every promise. The Scripture that says, "By His stripes I was healed," I now accept it. I believe it. It is mine. I thank You, Lord. I will continue testifying of my healing until I'm perfectly well. " Now, now, hold still; keep your hands on one another now.

A. ABSOLUTE\_ HOUSTON. TX MONDAY\_ 63-0304

32 we must stop now looking at the--the negative side, and go to looking at the positive side.

WHY. CRY. SPEAK\_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-26 SUNDAY\_ 63-0714M

329 Knowing that we, by the grace of God, possess that within our bosom; with a consecration to Him this morning, that our lives shall change, from this day on, that we'll be more positive in our thinking.

We will try to live in such sweetness and humility, that, believing that what we ask God, God will give it to each other. And we will not speak evil against each other, or no man.

We shall pray for our enemies and love them, do good to them that do bad to us. God is the Judge of who is right and wrong. With the.

SELF TALK

Positive thinking: Reduce stress by eliminating negative self-talk. Most people don't realize it, but as we go about our daily lives we are constantly thinking about and interpreting the situations we find ourselves in.

It's as though we have an internal voice inside our head that determines how we perceive every situation. Psychologists call this inner voice 'self-talk', and it includes our conscious thoughts as well as our unconscious assumptions or beliefs.

From our early childhood, we begin to develop self-talk or inner dialogue, which influences our behavior, and our responses to the behavior of others. It affects our beliefs about ourselves and consequently our capabilities.

It should not, therefore, be surprising that some self-talk can induce a stress response, while more constructive self-talk can help to overcome it.

## About Self-Talk

Self-talk, or inner dialogue, refers to the internal conversations we have. These may be very neutral – for example “Remember to get milk on the way home” – or can be quite judgemental – “You idiot! You'll never be able to give a presentation without making a fool of yourself!”

Because our self-talk has been with us a long time, we may be barely aware of it, but, aware or not, it can have a huge impact on our behavior.

Much of our self-talk comes from parents or other significant authority figures from our childhood. It may also come from other influential figures as we have developed – teachers for example. Prolonged exposure to a dominant person – a manager or work colleague, or a partner, may again contribute to our self-talk.

Or sometimes, it may be that a statement made in a situation where we were highly susceptible due to deep concentration or high levels of emotion becomes lodged in our subconscious and becomes part of our inner dialogue.

Our self-talk may originate from some previous experience which has had a significant impact on us – a difficult relationship, an unsuccessful work experience, an acute embarrassment. One function of our self-talk may be to help us avoid the same pain or embarrassment again.

Thus, we may tell ourselves not to get involved in a relationship – we'll only be let down. Or not to apply for promotion – we'll be out of our depth. Or not to be outgoing socially – we'll make a fool of ourselves.

These instructions may run counter to what we consciously want for ourselves, and the conflict which can result from our acting against them may in itself lead to increased stress.

FAITH. WITHOUT. WORKS. IS. DEAD\_ CLEVELAND. OH TUESDAY\_ 50-0822  
E-58 this lady setting here with this blue dress on, setting right here. . . Isn't there something wrong with you, right here on the

end of this seat? Isn't that. . . Now, I can't make this part exactly, but I. . .

Isn't there something wrong in the bowel system, colon trouble? Is that right, sister? If it is, raise your hand up. All right. Do you believe me now? All right. Don't never think about that no more. Go on home. Eat what you want to, and be blessed.

I believe the lady lost. . . Somebody lost a goiter, just then. I believe it's that third lady setting there. Did you have a goiter, sister? Is that right? Well, it left you. . .

THE. UNCONDITIONAL. COVENANT. THAT. GOD. MADE. WITH. HIS. PEOPLE\_  
PHOENIX. AZ SATURDAY\_ 54-0306

E-73 Someone say, "Well, I--I'm just not worthy. I guess maybe I've done this. " Get that out of your mind. Sure you're not, and you'll never be; but Jesus is, and He's the One Who give it to you.

He's the One Who paid the price. He. . . "Whosoever will, let him come and drink freely from the fountains of the water of Life. " Life. God bless you.

YE. MUST. BE. BORN. AGAIN\_ GREENVILLE. SC THURSDAY\_ 58-0619B

E-38 Because that we keep our mind on the church and on this organization, on this group, and this woman, and that man. Take your mind off of them; they'll fail.

Put your mind on Christ, on His Word, then it can't fail. Let Him be your Example, not no man.

YE. MUST. BE. BORN. AGAIN\_ GREENVILLE. SC THURSDAY\_ 58-0619B

E-39 Lot of times these people passing through the country, called Divine healers, people get--take them for an example. You better get your mind off of them. That's right. You keep your mind on Christ;

He's the one to keep your mind on, not on your pastor. Love your pastor and respect him; he's a honorable man, a man of God, truly. But keep your mind on Christ and your affection set on Christ. Just respect him as what he is, as a reverend, because he represents God to you.

TESTED. FAITH. PRODUCES. GOODS\_ BANGOR. ME SUNDAY\_ 58-0518  
E-10 God doesn't heal you upon the merits of your salvation; He heals you upon the merits of your faith. You must believe Him. Because the Christian sometimes thinks that God owes it to them, that "I'm a good person; I've done so and so. "

When you get that in your mind, you'll never get anything from God till you get it out of your mind. You owe God, not God owing you.

JESUS. AT. THE. DOOR\_ NEW. HAVEN. CT THURSDAY\_ 58-0529  
E-39 Now, you say, "I go to church, Lord. I've accepted You as my Saviour. But I believe that the days of miracles is past. " How can God work in a heart like that? You got your mind made up. You're going to do what you want to do.

God can't tell you nothing. Then if He can't do that, how can He give you faith? Why don't you just let Him stand in the door? And every word that He says in the Scripture, you say "Amen" to it, and accept it. That's what takes place when Jesus stands in the door of faith.

A. TIME. OF. DECISION\_ LA. CA SATURDAY\_ 59-0418  
E-20 Faith cometh by hearing. What do you think about it? That's up to you to make your choice. I would advise you not to put it off. You say, "Well, I have always longed to receive the Holy Spirit. I better think it over. " Don't think it over.

This is the time. It's the truth. "I believe that God would heal me someday. " As long as you keep that in your mind, you're a defeated person. God healed you nineteen hundred years ago.

Now is the day of your decision when you hear the message that Christ was wounded for your transgressions, with His stripes you were healed. This is the time now to believe it.

JEHOVAH. OF. MIRACLES\_ SAN. JOSE. CA THURSDAY\_ 59-1126

E-24 If you want Angels to appear to you, keep your mind on God and off the things of the world. Go about your business; go to your church; go to your washing of dishes; wherever you are, keep your mind on Him all day and all night long.

Then God will do something. You're drawing close to Him; you've got the world shut out; just you and He are together.