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But what does it say? “The word is near you; in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach)

Romans 10:8

There have been times over the past fifty years when being known as a faith preacher wasn’t popular in some Christian circles. I have always identified myself as a preacher of faith, just as the apostle Paul identified himself as a preacher of faith in Romans 10:8. Preaching the Word of Faith is all I know—and I can say with certainty that it’s a whole lot better than preaching doubt and unbelief!

The Bible says, So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17); therefore, if what we hear doesn’t produce faith, then we’re not hearing the Word of God. Paul admonished Timothy, his son in the faith, to Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 1:13).

In other words, Paul was saying that the Word of Faith is sound. I’ve heard people, including some preachers, say, “The Word of Faith movement is over; it was just a fad.” The Word of Faith is neither a movement nor a fad—it’s a lifestyle.

The Bible says, Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables (2 Timothy 4:2–4).

I believe the time the Bible describes in the above passage is already here. Many people have turned away from the sound doctrine of the Word of Faith; instead, they want preachers to talk about what they want to hear.

I will not stop preaching the sound doctrine of the Word of Faith just because someone wants me to preach the topic-of-the-day that will tickle people’s ears. The apostle Paul called believers to maturity in Christ, saying, ...we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine... (Ephesians 4:14). It’s easy for spiritual babies to let go of the fundamentals of faith and follow winds of doctrine; that’s why Paul said Timothy should hold fast to the pattern of sound words that Paul had spoken to him.

All too often I see believers let go of the fundamental Word of Faith principals they know, and then go after some wind of doctrine, only to learn it was a waste of their time and energy. Many preachers today are preaching winds of doctrine that do not cause the body of Christ to grow. I remember talking to T.L. Osborn about this many years ago. He said, “Nothing is new under the sun. I heard many of today’s fad sermons preached forty years ago; the only difference between then and now is that they’ve given the fad a new name.” In other words, the enemy keeps trying to trip up the body of Christ with the same thing; he just dresses it a little differently for each subsequent generation.

Winds of doctrine cannot make winners out of people—but the Word of Faith does!

In Paul’s letter to Timothy he said, But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverence, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconim, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me (2 Timothy 3:10–11).

Paul never changed the message he preached—even when things got bad. He persevered despite the persecutions and afflictions he suffered, and the Lord delivered him out of them all. What do you suppose brought about his deliverance? It was his faith in God. Paul not only instructed Timothy to fight the good fight of faith (see 1 Timothy 6:12), he also wrote these words as he neared the end of his life: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).
I've lived by and preached the Word of Faith for fifty years; it's a biblical lifestyle that is supported throughout the Scripture. Let's take a look at four specific Bible truths about faith.

One: Believers Are to Live by Faith

The book of Hebrews reveals the superiority of the covenant we have through Jesus Christ over the Old Covenant, saying, “Now the just shall live by faith…” (Hebrews 10:38). We are required to live by faith because our God is a God of faith; everything He does is in and through faith. In modern vernacular, faith is simply a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for God to lie.

I remember one of the first churches where I preached in the early days of my ministry. In my message I made the statement, “I trust God.” After the service I overheard two ladies talking about what I’d preached, and one of them said, “Bless his heart, he’s just a kid. He hasn’t lived to trust in God.” I stepped up, tapped the woman on the shoulder, and said, “Ma’am, don’t feel sorry for me. Feel sorry for the guy who doesn’t know how to trust God.”

Let’s look again Hebrews 10:38 in its entirety: “Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” God has no pleasure in people who turn back from faith. If we want to bring God pleasure, we are to stay in faith, stick with it, and not cast it away. When we’ve done all we can to stand, we are to keep standing. The Bible says, Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore… (Ephesians 6:12-14). This is what brings God pleasure.

There have been many times over the years when I stood on a promise of God and believed Him for something to take place, yet it looked as if it was never going to happen. I remember once asking God, “What do I do now?” and He said, “Keep standing.”

Some time passed and I again asked, “Lord, what now?” He again answered, “Keep standing.” When I said, “Lord, I’ve been doing that,” He said, “Now you’re scriptural—having done all to stand.”

I remember when I’d been standing in faith once for a particularly long time I asked, “Is anybody up there? I need a second opinion.” The Lord said, “If you could see what I see, you’d be rejoicing. You’re about to have a major breakthrough—if you don’t give up.”

Believers who live by faith and keep standing when it looks as though what they believe will happen isn’t going to happen have reason to rejoice: victory is on the way. Our God is faithful; what He says always comes to pass!

Two: It’s Impossible to Please God Without Faith

Any believer who lives his or her life without exercising faith and thinking—God is pleased—is mistaken. The Bible is clear about the matter: But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

When I surrendered my life to the Lord in 1969, I didn’t know anything about faith. As I began to read and study the Word of God, I was introduced to faith and that fact that without it, I was unable to please Him. I’d spent most of my life running from God, but once I made Jesus the Lord of my life, my number one ambition was to please God.

As I studied the ministry of Jesus I saw how, at His word, a fig tree dried up from the roots. And then I read these four important words He spoke to His astonished disciples: “Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22). I wondered how I too could have faith in God, and then I read Romans 10:17, which says, So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. A lot has changed since 1969, but I’ve never lost my desire to please God or my passion for the Word of Faith, which has fueled my life and ministry.

Three: Faith Is Our Method of Victory over the World

Achieving victory over the world we live in requires faith. There is no other Satan, no cohorts, and all they are doing on this planet except through faith. This truth is beautifully articulated in the book of 1 John.

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who also begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 5:1-5).
When we purpose to live by faith on a daily basis, we can be assured that our lives are pleasing to God. The Bible says we are to “run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith . . . who has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1–2). Because Jesus has already overcome the world, we too have the ability to achieve victory over the world and every situation we may encounter—through our faith.

I have no desire to live my life any way except by faith. Why would I want to preach anything other than the Word of Faith, when this message has consistently produced victory in my life and the lives of people throughout the world since it was first preached by Paul more than two thousand years ago?

Four:
We Receive by Faith Everything God Has for Us

Faith is not some mystical component of an ethereal universe; it is a spiritual substance created by God for a specific purpose. The Bible says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1, 3). Everything God has created and prepared for us must be received by faith. Jesus demonstrated this truth and affirmed it consistently throughout His ministry, as we see in this familiar story from the book of Matthew.

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us! And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened... (Matthew 9:27–30).

God has already promised to give us everything we need to live victoriously in this life, and the way we tap into these promises and see their manifestation is through our faith.

I have lived by faith for fifty years; everything I’ve done in obedience to God’s instructions and everything I’ve received from Him has been according to my faith. The Word of Faith is more than a message I preach, it’s a lifestyle that I wouldn’t exchange for anything this world has to offer. When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened... (Matthew 9:27–30).

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I have known, and been very close to Jerry Savelle the entire 50 years of his ministry. I’ve never known anyone more true to God’s WORD. I’ve seen him when he’s on fire, and I’ve also seen him when he is under fire. In every case, he’s the same man.

I am glad I have this opportunity to talk about my friend and covenant Partner. I've seen him fight and win the good fight of faith over and over again, and I have never, ever heard a word of defeat come out of his mouth. NEVER! His attitude has always been, “I don’t play nine innings. I don’t play four quarters. We play until I win.” And he’s still winning!

Brother Jerry, I want to say this to you, sir. Congratulations on having preached this gospel for 50 years! It has been an honor and great privilege to stand side by side with you, literally, all over the world.

Your friend and Partner,
Kenneth Copeland

Jerry and I met in the early 70’s through a mutual friend. I knew in my spirit that our relationship would become close and lifelong. Time and space prevents me from sharing all the wonderful things we have shared together, in ministry, fun, and family.

Your ministry has always been precious to me. Your clear word built upon the Word of God and your faith has brought strength, healing, wholeness and salvation to people all over the world.

Our times of fellowship together with you and Carolyn have been such a blessing. I believe the best is yet to come.

Sincerely,
Richard Roberts

I want to say congratulations to Jerry Savelle on 50 years of full-time ministry! I really believe that God has not created a finer man than Jerry Savelle. His great compassion for people and great understanding of the Word are more than admirable to me, and I love that he is globally-minded in everything he does. That really ministers to my heart. Jerry is also a personal friend of mine, and we have such good times together. I think he should have been my biological brother—I really believe that!

I’m so excited about his 50 years in ministry, and I know he can do another 50 years... that’s just the kind of man he is! To me, God really did a wonderful thing when He created Jerry Savelle and birthed in him such a great vision for this world.

Jerry, I consider you one of the greatest men of God that the Lord has ever placed upon this earth, and I’m blessed to call you my friend. Have a wonderful and glorious celebration of 50 years in ministry!

Jesse Duplantis

Throughout scripture, from creation to Jesus’ ascension, we witness God moving on the earth performing marvels, wonders and extraordinary things. A marvel is that which arrests the attention; it causes a person to stand, gaze or pause with admiration and amazement. Joel 2:21 says, “Fear not O land, be glad and rejoice; for the LORD will do great things.” God’s plan is to keep doing the miraculous and if you’ll dare to mix your faith with what He has already told us, then marvels, wonders and extraordinary manifestations of His greatness are headed your way!

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I’ve heard it said that the older we get, the faster time flies—it’s an appropriate adage when I look back over the past fifty years of our ministry. Where have they gone?

If asked what single word I would use to sum up the adventure Jerry and I have been on these fifty years, my response would be faith. It has taken faith to accomplish everything God has asked us to do. Not surprising, considering the fact that ...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

Using the word faith as an acronym, I want to share some of the biblical principles that have guided Jerry and I, as well as many of the scripture verses on which we’ve stood, throughout our ministry.

Partners, thank you for being a part of sharing God’s love, compassion, and trust to those in need. Your faithful support enables me to reach people all around the world through television, church meetings, conferences, and by producing faith-building resources. Together, we are destined to win and hear our Father say, “Well done my good and faithful servants.” Thank you for joining me with your prayers and with your finances. It is the greatest compliment in the world to me to know that you’re my partner.
F: Faithfulness

As the Lord was about to bring the Israelites into the land He’d promised to give them, Moses spoke to the people, saying, “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Deuteronomy 7:9).

God has always answered every prayer, no matter how fervent, and He never failed us one time. He has always been true to His Word, and He always will be as we diligently seek Him. The Bible says, “he rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Hebrews 11:6 NIV).

I believe one of the keys to experiencing these rewards from God is to always be hungry for God and the things of God. It’s important that we each have a teachable spirit, never thinking we know it all or that we’ve arrived. When we start to stumble before God, He will never let us down—because He is faithful.

A: Attitude

The dictionary definition of the word attitude is “a settled way of thinking or feeling about something.” Our attitude toward the Word of God must be that it is the final authority in every area of our lives, for the Bible says, “the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you (1 Peter 1:24–25).

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

The Passion Translation saysit this way: What delight comes to those who follow God’s ways! They won’t walk in step with the wicked, nor share the sinner’s way, nor be found sitting in the scorrer’s seat.

Their pleasure and passion is remaining true to the Word of “I Am,” meditating day and night in his true revelation of light.

They will be standing firm like a flourishing tree planted by God’s design, deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss, bearing fruit in every season of their lives. They are never dry, never fainting, ever blessed, ever prosperous.

But how different are the wicked. All they are as dust in the wind—driven away to destruction!

The wicked will not endure the day of judgment, for God will not defend them. Nothing they do will succeed or endure for long, for they have no part with those who walk in truth.

But how different it is for the righteous! The Lord embraces their paths as they move forward while the way of the wicked leads only to doom.

When our attitude is “I’m going to stick with the Word of God no matter what,” we won’t be led astray and into error.

I: Integrity

The dictionary defines integrity as “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.”

I was raised to have integrity in my life, and Jerry and I have endeavored to both walk in integrity and live a life of integrity. Let’s look at what the Word of God has to say about living a life of integrity:

The integrity of the upright will guide them out the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them (Proverbs 11:3).

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully, are His delight (Proverbs 12:22).

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice (Proverbs 22:3).

Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander (1 Peter 3:16 NIV).

For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man (2 Corinthians 8:21 NIV).

Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil (Proverbs 4:25–27).

Pray for us; for we are confident that we have good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably (Hebrews 13:18).

Do to others as you would like them to do to you (Luke 6:31 NLT).

By this I know that You are well pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me. As for me, You uphold me in my integrity; and set me before Your face forever (Psalm 41:11–12).

The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just (Isaiah 26:7).

T: Thankful

Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary defines the word thankful as “grateful; impressed with a sense of kindness received, and ready to acknowledge it.” It defines gratitude as “an emotion of the heart, excited by a favor or benefit received; a sentiment of kindness or good will towards a benefactor; thankfulness; expressing a gratitude.”

Expressing thankfulness is not reserved just for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Bible tells us we are to give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and that His mercy endures forever (see Chronicles 16:34).

The Bible contains numerous scripture verses that talk about thanksgiving; here are two of my favorites:

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name (Psalm 100:4).

All of this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:15 NIV).

I am convinced that genuine, heartfelt thanksgiving opens the door to the blessings of God. We see this principle demonstrated in a familiar Bible story of Jesus and the ten lepers:

And as [Jesus] entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

And they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith had made the whole (Luke 17:12–19 KJV).

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The ten men were cleansed of their leprosy as they were on their way to see the priest, but only one of them turned back to give thanks. Notice something different happened to this man: not only was he cleansed, but he was also made whole.

I’m convinced that one of the many reasons Jerry and I have been so blessed in our fifty years of ministry is that we have always expressed our thankfulness, gratefulness, and appreciation to God.

H: Heritage

The word heritage refers to something that is handed down from the past, or a previous generation, including valued cultural and religious traditions.

When God instituted the Passover feast, He said, “So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout all generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance” (Deuteronomy 12:14). Clearly, God places great importance in the godly heritage we leave for subsequent generations.

The Word of God says, A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children (Proverbs 13:22). We are to pass what we have learned from God’s Word to our families. Nothing thrills me more or makes me happier than to see both of my daughters in the ministry, preaching the Word of God, and passing it along to their children. As a family, we are obeying the directive we see over and again in the Scripture:

- Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:9).

Tell your children about it, let your children tell their children, and their children another generation (Joel 1:3).

For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children (Psalm 78:5–6).

I cannot think of any heritage I could pass to my daughters that would be of more value than the heritage of faith.

Jerry and I have walked by faith in our marriage and ministry for more than fifty years. We’ve had challenges and we’ve faced obstacles together, but God has never failed us or let us down. He has always answered our prayers, and He will do the same for you if you have faith in Him and seek Him with all your heart.

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