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Some time in your life, you will need a miracle from God! It may be for yourself or for a member of your family. No doubt, you have already found yourself in this position many times.

It may be that you are in great need now. You need a miracle in your life now. Is it some sickness or dread disease that has come against you? Is it some mountain of family or financial trouble? Is it some wayward child? Is it some unseen force that fills you with fear? Do you yearn and look for a miracle?

I have good news for you! You can have a miracle from God. God is a miracle worker. He records many of His miracles in the Bible. Read it, and you will see your God. He said in Malachi 3:6, *I am the Lord, I change not. Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and today, and*

forever (Hebrews 13:8). I was taught that the day of miracles was over. One day, however, I discovered there never was a "day of miracles" but a God of miracles, and He never changes!

Where is that miracle you need so desperately? How can you get it for yourself?

Many run to and fro upon the earth in search of this needed miracle. They go from one man to the other man hoping, looking, longing and expecting. Some get help, to be sure, for God uses chosen vessels, but many come away disappointed.

Where can the miracle be found?

Let's look at the Word of God.

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy MOUTH, and in thy heart: that is, the WORD OF FAITH, which we preach; That if thou shalt CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with

the MOUTH confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10).

THE MIRACLE IS IN YOUR MOUTH!

The promises of God are good. No word of God shall be void of power (see Isaiah 55:11). God watches over His Word to perform it (see Jeremiah 1:12). These promises are in your mouth. Dare to say them! Dare to confess them!

You have said over and over—I believe. I believe God. Yet you must do more than believe in your heart.

This scripture says, CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH!

Confession is made unto salvation! The miracle is there on your tongue. It is in your mouth. What do I mean? The promise of God is there. The God who cannot lie has given you many promises.

The miracle is in your mouth. Dare to speak those promises out loud. Say them to yourself! Say them to the devil! Say them to

the sickness! Say them to your mountain of trouble! Confess them in the face of all contrary evidence! Say them while the pain is there! Say them while you are so sick you can hardly think!

God is smiling down on you. He delights for you to "put Him in remembrance" of His Word. The Lord will surely make His promises come true in your life. When we SAY and CONFESS His Word, He brings the miracle to pass!

Confession is made unto salvation!

The greatest miracle

I often think about the time when I experienced the greatest miracle of all, the salvation of my soul. I was wayward and sinful. I went with the crowd. I followed the world and loved it. I was a lost sinner on my way to hell. God in His mercy had twice saved my life. As a baby a few months old, I had jumped out of my sister's arms into an open fireplace. I could have died in the

flames, but God spared my life. As a teenager, I was swimming in the river. In the middle of the stream, my strength gave way, and I went down several times, too weak to cry out to my friends. Finally, I passed out and sank into the water. A boy on a log in the middle of the river, who did not know my body was drifting under the water, dived off and hit my body, and I was pushed to the shallow water and revived. Oh, how good and merciful God is to all of us! No doubt, He has spared your life many times also.

In my lost state, I needed a miracle that would change my heart and save my soul.

One night I was coming home from a nightclub about one or two o'clock in the morning. As I made my way across Fort Worth, Texas, I began to think about God, hell, heaven and eternity, God was beginning to answer someone's prayers. I fell under the conviction of sin that night, even though I did not know what it was all about.

But how did I get the miracle I needed? I

called on a friend of mine who was a Christian. He explained how

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

He told me,

All we like sheep have gone astray...and the Lord hath laid on him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

He gave me the promises of God. He showed me where the Bible said,

But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God (John 1:12).

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13).

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be

red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isaiah 1:18).

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).

I believed these promises in my heart, but could not find the release and peace I needed. I needed a miracle!

The miracle was in my mouth!

I went to church with my friend. I walked down a church aisle with him. I stood in front of that congregation and opened my mouth and let the miracle out! I said with my mouth what God said in His Word. I said in effect, "I have taken Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and He has saved my soul. I confess that I am now a Christian on the authority of His great promises. I am washed from my sins in His blood. I am a child of God." This is so because GOD'S PROMISES SAY SO.

CONFESSION (of the promises of God) IS
MADE UNTO SALVATION!

That day my miracle of salvation from sin became a reality Jesus saved me. But He did not do it until I opened my mouth and confessed His promises as my own!

The Word (promises) of God is nigh thee –even in thy MOUTH (see Deuteronomy 30:14). If you will not only believe, but CONFESS THAT PROMISE OUT, it will bring you the miracle you need.

The miracle is in your mouth! Don't let it lie dormant and inactive. SPEAK IT OUT!

Confession is made unto SALVATION!

Salvation not only means the saving of the soul, but it means wholeness, healing, security, deliverance, etc.

Get the promises of God that relate to your situation into your heart and believe them, then open your mouth and confession will be made unto deliverance, healing, safety and wholeness in body, mind and spirit.

In other words, you can get other miracles the same way you got your miracle of

salvation.

In the case of healing or other needs, the evidence as far as the eyes or feelings are concerned may not manifest itself immediately, but as you continue to confess those promises and doubt not in your heart, the miracle emerges and shines forth to the glory of the Name of Jesus. Jesus is the miracle worker. God is our healer. They are able to work as we confess the Word of God.

The Bible says, *They...limited the Holy One of Israel* (Psalm 78:41). We can actually LIMIT GOD!

He wants to heal you! He longs to deliver you! He yearns to give you a miracle! But if you will not search out His promises, believe them in your heart, and CONFESS THEM WITH YOUR MOUTH, you will limit God's miracle power.

It is so easy to run to some "man."

We would not depreciate that, but some day you may not be able to find that man.

God wants YOU to develop in faith. He wants you to know YOU are important. He will listen to your voice. ASK and YOU shall receive. SEEK and YOU shall find. KNOCK and it shall be opened to YOU! God will hear and honor YOUR CONFESSION OF HIS PROMISES.

Our daughter's healing

I remember when our little daughter was born. My wife is a registered nurse, and she could tell immediately that Lisa was not normal. The doctor who delivered her knew it. Our pediatrician confirmed it later. She said Lisa had a birth injury and would be afflicted with something similar to cerebral palsy. The little child had no muscle tone in her body.

She had no sucking reflexes. She never was able to lift her head from the bed, even a fraction of an inch, until she was five months old. She never had enough strength to crawl. She just scooted across the floor in a sitting position.

WE NEEDED A MIRACLE!

As a denominational minister for nineteen years, I knew little about healing. We had very little light on this miracle-working power of God. Books in my library said God sent sickness to bless us or teach us good lessons. I had preached that we should be very careful and always say, "If it be Thy will, heal this one."

I did not have the baptism in the Holy Ghost then, but God helped us. I closed my library and went alone day by day with the Word of God. I read the four Gospels until I began to see Jesus. There emerged from those pages a mighty, compassionate, miracle worker. He was not a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian or Catholic Jesus. He was the Son of the living God who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I beheld HIM as One greater than all our concepts of Him!

I saw Him, not as a denominationalized Jesus, but as One great and loving enough to

encompass ALL people everywhere in His mighty arms!

We read His promises over and over. We saw that the devil was the one who afflicted our daughter. He wanted to cripple her, but God wanted to heal her.

We prayed for her, and nothing seemed to happen. She looked the same. Why did not this wonderful Jesus do something?

We were LIMITING THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL!

Where was our miracle?

It was in our mouths!

Of course, we know it is in Jesus, but we limit Him and His power when we fail to confess and stand on His Word.

In spite of our limited knowledge on the subject, my wife, Dodie and I decided to open our mouths and confess the Word unto salvation—unto healing.

Those were sad, dark days for us, but God

is so merciful and compassionate.

We took the promises and began to confess them daily, in spite of what our daughter looked like. We declared, "With His stripes she is healed!" (see Isaiah 53:5). We laid hands on her and confessed the Word which says, "she shall recover" (see Mark 16:18). She is recovering! Jesus said, *If ye shall ask ANYTHING in my name, I will do it* (John 14:14). We confessed, "Jesus is doing it! Jesus is doing it!"

When people would comment about how bad she looked or ask us about her, we tried to tell them what God said and not what our eyes saw.

Months went by. She looked the same. Where is the miracle? Where is the miracle?

It was in our mouths. *Death and life are in the power of the tongue* (Proverbs 18:21). We stood on the promises against the lying symptoms of the devil.

God watches over His Word to perform it

(see Jeremiah 1:12). God was smiling and watching. Jesus was near.

In the fifth month, she raised her head off the bed as she lay on her stomach! The God of heaven was fulfilling His Word. My wife knew that if a baby does not sit alone by the seventh month, it is a sign of abnormality. The fifth month came and passed. The sixth month came and passed. The devil told us a thousand times she would never be normal, but we had a miracle in our mouths, and we kept confessing it out—unto deliverance.

Just as the last critical days of those months for her to sit alone were speeding by, she turned over and sat alone!

I am sure the angels watching broke forth in a heavenly song, praising God for His love and faithfulness to His Word. I am sure our blessed Jesus smiled at our joy, for He had taken all our sins, sicknesses and pains in His own body and purchased our healing.

This was the turning point. From then on, she developed normally.

Today she is a beautiful woman, married and fully serving the Lord. He made her complete and whole in every way!

Our pediatrician said it was a miracle of God!

THE MIRACLE WAS IN OUR MOUTHS!
WE CONFESSED IT OUT OF OUR MOUTHS,
AND HEALING CAME!

We are not talking about positive thinking. We are not speaking of mind over matter. We are reminding you of the eternal Word of God. *He sent his word, and healed them* (Psalm 107:20).

*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but
my words shall not pass away* (Matthew
24:35).

His Word is forever settled in heaven (see Psalm 119:89).

But you must FIND your promises and CONFESS them day and night.

Stand on the Word of God. God will make

good His Word.

In the case of Daniel who prayed three weeks for a certain thing, God said, "From the day you called the answer was sent to you, but Satan hindered the answer coming through" (see Daniel 10:12). Sometimes this is the case. Just keep on confessing the Word. It's coming. You have it already in your heart as far as you are concerned, and you know it will appear as you continue to confess His Word.

If God healed us instantly every time, we would not have patience with others. We would not develop spiritually in faith. Of course, there will be dark hours when it seems like it is just you, God and His Word. But that is enough, if you will boldly confess His promises and declare the miracle is yours!

A cancerous tumor healed

There is a wonderful Christian woman who lives in Texas who found out that the miracle was in her mouth. She came to one of our crusades, and I did not know at the time

about the terrible condition in her body. She had a cancerous tumor which caused her body to swell. She had suffered agony for a long time. She was on medication and was scheduled for surgery. She was in such pain she did not think she could come to the meeting, but finally decided to get someone to bring her.

She asked God to help me know by the gifts of revelation her condition, to lift her faith, and help her find healing. There she was in the meeting, suffering from her affliction. Oh, thank God, Jesus is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He has such compassion on the suffering.

I preached and ministered to the people, calling several out for special prayer. Then I said we would close. She said her heart sank in disappointment, for it seemed she was to be left out. Then I felt a check in my spirit. I felt a hesitancy about closing the meeting. It was Jesus whispering to my heart that there was someone else to help. How good to know that

Jesus is always present, doing the work and helping us as we cooperate with Him. He said if we would go and preach, "*I will be with you always*" (see Matthew 28:20). And He was there that day.

I said, "I don't feel like we ought to close yet. There is someone else who needs help." As I remember, I called her to the front. The precious Lord imparted to me that she had a cancerous growth, and He wanted her to be healed. This lifted her faith.

I commanded the growth to die and her body to be healed. I told her to go forth and declare, "With His stripes, I am healed." I said, "Say it continually." I realize many are healed instantaneously, but she apparently was not. She still had pain from the tumor and a swollen body.

The miracle would come from her MOUTH!

The Lord Jesus had instructed me to tell her to SAY, "With His stripes, I am healed."

The Word is nigh thee, even in thy MOUTH. Confession is made UNTO healing.

She went home lifted up in spirit. Little did she know the suffering that awaited her. She said she spent some of the most painful hours of her life in the next day or so. She seemed to be much worse than ever before. But she had learned the secret. With great faith and determination, she confessed night and day: "With His stripes, I am healed! WITH HIS STRIPES, I AM HEALED!" In agony and despair, she opened her mouth and let the miracle out by confession as she boldly confessed, "WITH HIS STRIPES, I AM HEALED!"

As I think upon it, surely the confession of that humble, suffering woman must have sounded like thunder as it roared through the skies! It passed the clouds, and they heard the good words, "WITH HIS STRIPES, I AM HEALED!" It passed the stars and they joined the song made possible by the suffering of the Son of God—"WITH HIS STRIPES, I AM

HEALED!" It reached the portals of heaven and angels lifted their voices to make her confession a Hallelujah chorus to fill all heaven—"WITH HIS STRIPES, I AM HEALED!" It reached to the throne of grace and mercy—where the sprinkling of the BLOOD is—that testifies that *He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities...and WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED!* (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus, who mediates our confessions, and God, our loving Father, stood by as the promise came out of that suffering woman's mouth! Healing was granted her on the basis of her confession of the Word of God!

In a day or so, the woman passed that cancerous tumor out of her body. She took it to the doctor, and he confirmed that it was cancerous. She rapidly lost weight until she was a small woman. Today, after many years, she is still healed and serving God. Recently, she was in one of our services and lifted the congregation in faith as she related this same story I have just shared with you.

Now, the devil wanted to rob that woman of her miracle. If he could have closed her mouth, he would have. He knew the miracle was in her mouth. She stayed by the Word in her confession, and her miracle came.

I say again, Jesus is the miracle worker; God is the healer, but they work as we confess the promises. Confession is made UNTO salvation, healing, deliverance. If you want to get UNTO a miracle; if you want to get UNTO healing; if you want to get UNTO deliverance, then take the right road that leads there.

That road is the road of confessing the promises of God and knowing in our hearts that God will watch over His Word and make it good.

Confession is made unto salvation, healing and deliverance.

The word is nigh THEE, even in THY MOUTH (Romans 10:8).

The question is, will you CONFESS IT OUT and get your MIRACLE?

Your miracle is in your MOUTH. It may not come today, next week or next month, but it will come!

In your heart of hearts, picture yourself completely delivered from sickness, suffering and all trouble. YOU ARE! Now, take God's promises without fear and boldly confess them day and night. When people ask you how you feel, don't tell them.

Tell them what God says about your case! Tell them about the promises of God! Tell them you don't go by feeling but by what God says!

The power of words

Words! Words! Words! Let's talk about words for a minute.

There are millions of words in the world. They are written in books, newspapers and thousands of other places. They are just words.

Then there are words written in the Bible.

Thousands of them are there in this "miracle" book. Some of them look just like all the other words in the world. They are spelled the same—BUT THEY ARE DIFFERENT. Jesus said, *THE WORDS I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE* (John 6:63). God says His Words *ARE LIFE unto those that find them* (Proverbs 4:22). He says, *THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD* (Hebrews 4:12).

The Bible says all scripture is "God breathed."

Though the words in the Bible may look like all the others, there is a difference. They are God's words. God has breathed life into them. When we take these "God-breathed" words and confess them, miracles come to pass!

God used words to create this world. He created everything by the word of His power. He created by using words. He said, "Let there be," and it came into existence.

The words in God's mouth were powerful! His words confessed by our mouths are also powerful!

Hosea 14:2 says,

Take with you words, and turn to the Lord.

What shall you take with you when you turn to the Lord for a miracle? What is it He wants to see you bringing to Him?

Take words! Take God's words! Take God's promises and confess them before Him!

God says, *Put me in remembrance* (Isaiah 43:26). God wants you to REMIND Him of His promises.

Proverbs 6:2 says,

Thou art snared with the WORDS of thy mouth.

Matthew 12:37 says,

By thy WORDS thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

The Lord says, *Death and life are in the power of the tongue* (Proverbs 18:21). Your WORDS are important. Put God's WORDS in your mouth and speak them out.

Joel 3:10 says, *Let the weak SAY, I am strong.* Let the weak SAY – not pray, but SAY.

If the weak are ever to get help, they must change what they are SAYING!

If the troubled get help, they must change what they are SAYING.

Let the weak say day and night, *"I am strong! The Lord is the STRENGTH OF MY LIFE"* (Psalm 27:1). Let the sick say, *"With His stripes I am healed. Surely He hath borne MY sickness and carried MY pains and with His stripes I am healed."* *They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover* (Mark 16:18). Hands have been laid on me, and I am recovering. The Lord is my Healer—He has taken sickness from the midst of me. *Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his BENEFITS: Who forgiveth ALL [mine]*

iniquities; who HEALETH ALL [my] DISEASES (Psalm 103:1-3). Praise God, He said ALL. Say it, and sickness will fade away.

Let the TROUBLED say boldly—*God is [my] refuge and strength, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE* (Psalm 46:1). Declare, "God is with me! He is my helper! If God is for me, who can be against me? *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord DELIVERETH HIM OUT OF THEM ALL!*" (Psalm 34:19).

Let those who are tormented by the demon of FEAR also begin to SAY. Change what you are SAYING if you want victory. Let the fearful say boldly, day and night, *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME* (Psalm 23:1,4). I fear not for Thou art with me. I am not dismayed for Thou art my God. Thou art HELPING ME! Thou art STRENGTHENING ME! Thou art UPHOLDING ME with the right hand of thy

righteousness! (see Isaiah 41:10).

Let the fearful say over and over again,

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of
my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the
wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came
upon me... they stumbled and fell (Psalm
27:1,2).*

Let those who are haunted by fear say,
*God hath not given [me] the spirit of FEAR; but
of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2
Timothy 1:7).* Declare it! "I have no spirit of
fear. I have the Holy Spirit of power! I have
the spirit of love! I have the spirit of a sound
mind!" Confess this to everyone. Don't talk
about your fears, but talk about what God
says about you. Act the part as you confess,
and fear will melt away like the mist before
the rising sun.

Let the weak SAY!

Let the troubled SAY!

Let the sick SAY!

Let the fearful SAY!

Let those in need of a miracle SAY!

What shall these needy people SAY?
What shall you SAY? SAY WHAT GOD
SAYS! Take His promises and climb up to His
throne, through the Lord Jesus, and "put Him
in remembrance." Confess that they are
coming to pass right now.

Hebrews 13:5,6 says,

*He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor
forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The
Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what
man shall do unto me.*

This is a most remarkable scripture!
Notice that it says—He hath said, **THAT WE
MIGHT BOLDLY SAY.**

God did not give us hundreds of promises
just to BELIEVE THEM. He gave them to us
that we might BOLDLY SAY THEM IN OUR
CONFESSION UNTO DELIVERANCE.

Look at one of His promises that fits your
situation. Believe it in your heart. Now start

BOLDLY SAYING THIS PROMISE TO YOURSELF, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY AND TO THE DEVIL! BOLDLY declare to all—This is what God, my Father, has said—and I believe it! It is mine now! Hold on to it and declare it in pain, trouble, fear, sickness and need. Jesus is the "High Priest of our confession," and He will surely see that it becomes a reality in your life.

Mark 11:23 says,

*Whosoever shall say unto this mountain,
Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the
sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall
believe that those things which HE SAITH
shall come to pass; HE SHALL HAVE
WHATSOEVER HE SAITH.*

Think about that. We can have whatever we say—IF WE DON'T DOUBT IN OUR HEARTS. If you don't think this is a law that works, try it in reverse. That's what most people do anyway. They believe they are sick and are going to get worse. They tell everyone about it. Ask them, and they will say clearly

and convincingly, "I am sick. I hurt I probably will have to go to the hospital. I believe I am getting cancer. This thing is getting worse." On and on they go. They believe it and say it, AND THEY GET WHATSOEVER THEY SAY!

If it works in reverse, surely it will work in forward motion. It will work when we exercise FAITH TO CONFESS AND SAY GOD'S PROMISES.

So begin today. Do not doubt. Believe in your heart what God said and say it out constantly in your confession, and YOU SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER YOU SAY.

You see, God watches over His Word to perform it (see Jeremiah 1:12).

Now there are three voices that talk to you:

First, the voice from the pit cries out when cancer, disease, blindness and trouble come into your life. It cries out in powerful and thundering tones: "You're sick! You're in trouble!" That's one voice.

Second, the voice from God in His Word tells us, "With His stripes we are healed. He bore our sicknesses. He took our curse, being made a curse for us. He bore our sins" (see Isaiah 53:4,5). "My God shall supply your every need" (see Philippians 4:19). Now, symptoms and disease say one thing, and God says another thing. The whole crux of the matter is —

Third, what are you going to say about it? Whose side are you going to take? Are. you going to get over here and confess what the devil has done to you? Or will you take your stand by the Word of God and confess what God has said?

You see, the Bible says, "Let the weak say" —not pray. *Let the weak say, I am strong* (Joel 3:10). That's what God says. Let the weak say—they must say something. Let the sick say, "I am healed." Let the troubled say, "I am delivered." Let the demon oppressed say, "I am free." Say it on the basis of the great and holy work of the Son of the Living God who

shed His blood to purchase these things for you.

Look at the little woman with the issue of blood. She said something! In Matthew 9:21, she says, *If I may but touch his garment* [if I can but touch Him] *I shall be whole*.

Look at David as he faced Goliath. He said something! He said, *This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand* (1 Samuel 17:46).

One of the most astonishing discoveries I have found in the Bible is about words!

The Syrophenician woman who followed Jesus was an unsaved woman, and Jesus wouldn't listen to her there. He was increasing her faith—He wasn't being rude. As she followed after Him, He wouldn't say anything. The disciples said, "Send her away for she crieth after us." She said, "Lord, my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." The mother of this daughter was coming after Jesus, crying out for help—wanting a miracle for the little daughter who was at home so in need. Finally, Jesus turned and said, "It's not

right to give the children's bread to dogs." And she said, "Yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table" (see Matthew 15:22-27).

Now listen to this! Jesus said, *Woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt* (Matthew 15:28). Think about it! A woman could say something—confess something—and a devil would leave her daughter. Jesus told her the devil had gone out of her daughter because of what she had said!

I'll tell you, many daughters, husbands, wives, children, men and women are in trouble because of things we *say*. And we are actually saying that we are going to agree with the devil when we say that we don't believe, when we say we don't receive, when we say we do not yield, and when we say we're going to do this, that and the other thing that is contrary to God. This kind of talk opens a gate to the devil and the power of darkness. This little Syrophenician woman came to Jesus worshipping Him and *saying*.

Her daughter was many miles away from her. Jesus said, so powerful is the confession of words, that because of what she confessed, she possessed healing for her daughter.

My brother, my sister—it's important what you say!

The Bible says if you will not doubt in your heart, but believe that those things which you say shall come to pass; you shall have whatsoever you say. When you pray, believe that you receive, and you shall have whatsoever you say (see Mark 11:23).

Did you know that you are now a composite of what you've been saying? Did you know that? You possess in your body, in your mind, in your physical being and in your spiritual being what you've been saying. If you're weak and defeated, check yourself. You are the product of what you have been saying because you receive what you say. If you want to become different, you must change what you are saying. If you want to change your life, you have to change your

confession. The miracle is in your mouth. You can find no minister who can help you if you persist in confessing the work of the devil and darkness. You can find no minister who can help you if you will not confess what God has said in His Word.

A minister's miracle

The miracle you need is in your MOUTH! Confess it out as you believe it in your heart! I am reminded of a precious, talented minister of the Gospel whom I know quite well. He became terribly afflicted with arthritis. He was almost unable to get out of bed and walk. He would hobble to a bath of hot water in the morning to get relief so that he might begin the day. He bought aspirin by the case. His pain was constant and intense. His knees and ankles were swollen as large as grapefruit. On and on I could go, but words cannot adequately picture his condition. He loved God and was filled with His Spirit. He sought to keep on preaching.

One day while flying to an appointment to preach, something happened. God quickened the scripture, *With his stripes WE ARE HEALED* (Isaiah 53:5) to his heart. High in the air, he suddenly believed it in his heart. He could truly say and mean it, "I AM HEALED! WITH HIS STRIPES I AM HEALED!"

When he landed, the pastor met him. He hobbled off the plane and the minister said in sympathy, "How are you?" He looked up and said, "Oh, I am healed!" Well, the pastor looked at him like he was losing his mind. That, night, he painfully made his way to the pulpit and stood before the people and said boldly, "I would like to announce that I AM HEALED!" Think of that! He was still in pain. He was still swollen! YET HE KNEW IN HIS HEART AND HE CONFESSED WITH HIS MOUTH THAT HE WAS HEALED!

The miracle was in his mouth and he confessed it out. He rapidly gained his health back and became perfectly normal. Today, he

has nothing like that wrong with him and is being greatly used of God!

A good daily confession

It will do all of us good to daily confess before God His Word! Here is a confession I share with you that I have made and do make before Him constantly "I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, therefore I am saved" (see Romans 10:9).

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

"I am in Christ. I am a NEW CREATURE! Old things have passed away and all things have become new."

"I have a new Father in heaven! I have new life—everlasting life! I have new citizenship in heaven! I have been delivered out of the power of darkness

and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son! (see Colossians 1:13). I am accepted in the BELOVED! (see Ephesians 1:6). My name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life! (see Philippians 4:3).

"I have power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over ALL THE POWER of the enemy: AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT [ME]" (Luke 10:19). "I have power over all demons to cast them out! I can lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). "I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ" (see Romans 8:37). "I can do all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13).

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his BENEFITS: Who forgiveth ALL thine iniquities; who healeth ALL thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed (Psalm 103:2-5).

"All my sins are forgiven! All my diseases are healed! My life is preserved and strong in God! I am crowned with His mercy!"

"I confess that I am not afraid!"

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL (Psalm 23:4). I fear not, for THOU ART WITH ME. I am not dismayed, for thou art my God. Thou art helping me! Thou art strengthening me! Thou art upholding me with the right hand of thy righteousness" (see Isaiah 41:10).

"For God hath not given [me] the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). I have the SPIRIT OF POWER IN ME! I have the SPIRIT OF LOVE IN ME! I have the SPIRIT OF A SOUND MIND IN ME!"

"The blood of the Lamb is over me! The Lord goeth before me! Jesus is in me! The angel of the Lord encamps AROUND me (see Psalm 34:7). UNDERNEATH me

are the everlasting arms of God (see Deuteronomy 33:27). *Surely goodness and mercy shall FOLLOW me all the days of my life* (Psalm 23:6). Hallelujah! FEAR HAS NO PLACE IN MY LIFE!"

"I confess that this is a good day!"

"I am healed today. I am filled with the love of God today. I am filled with the joy of the Lord TODAY! I am filled with the peace of God today. I am filled with the wisdom of God today. I am filled with the Holy Spirit today. These are mine TODAY!"

"I confess that TODAY I will help someone find the grace and mercy of God. I will rejoice today that heaven is my home. I will rejoice today that all of my family are coming into the fold of the Lord" (see Acts 16:31).

"This is my confession. I boldly say it in front of the devil, angels, the Lord Jesus and God, my Father. I thank You, Father, in Jesus' name, that I HAVE WHAT I SAY!

MY CONFESSION RISES BEFORE THEE
BASED UPON THY WORD! Jesus is the
High Priest of my confession. He makes it
good TODAY."

My friends, boldly make this confession
daily, and you will discover that God keeps
His Word. The MIRACLE IS IN YOUR
MOUTH.

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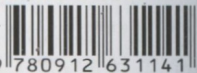
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