

Faith That Speaks

The Law of Faith & The Law of Words

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
— Hebrews 11:1 ESV*

I. THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

Main Point: Faith is not just a feeling — it is the standard God has set for how His people are to live, declared across both the Old and New Testaments.

Key Verses:

- Habakkuk 2:4 — "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."
- Romans 1:16–17 — "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

II. THE LAW OF FAITH

You Must Strive Lawfully

Main Point: Faith is not random. The Bible says you must operate by the rules. Anything short of full compliance with spiritual laws is not recognized by God.

Key Verses:

- 2 Timothy 2:5 — "An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."
- Romans 3:27 — "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay; but by the law of faith."
- Romans 8:2 — "For the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Illustration: You cannot play football with a hockey stick. You cannot use the rules of one sport in another game. Likewise, the laws guiding faith cannot be mixed with the rules of another blessing. The Lord wants us to win — but we cannot ignore the rules.

Key Truth: Word Study — **Nomos** ("law"): anything established or received by usage; a custom or command; a law producing a state approved by God. **Pistis** ("faith"): conviction of the truth of anything; toward God, the conviction that He exists, creates, and sustains, and gives eternal salvation through Christ; toward Christ, the settled conviction that Jesus is the Messiah; also fidelity — the character of one who can be relied on.

III. THE LAW OF WORDS

Expressing Your Faith

Main Point: Faith must be expressed to be effective — through both our words and our actions. What we say reveals, and releases, what we believe.

Key Verses:

- Proverbs 18:21 — “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”
- Hebrews 11:3 — “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

Key Truth: God spoke the world into existence in the beginning, and that same principle holds today: when God purposes something in His heart, He speaks it, and it comes to pass. The words that proceed from our mouths help determine whether we succeed or fail — they carry the power to build up or to tear down.

IV. FAITH MUST BE SPOKEN TO BE RELEASED

Main Point: Believing in your heart is not the finish line. Faith becomes active and effective when it is confessed with the mouth.

Key Verses:

- Mark 11:22–23 — “Have faith in God... you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.”
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 — “We continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, ‘I believed in God, so I spoke.’”
- Romans 10:10 — “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Key Truth: If belief stays only in your heart and nothing is spoken, nothing happens. Just as a public proclamation must be made before a law can take effect, we must proclaim God’s word over our lives before it is established in the natural realm.

V. THE PROTECTION AND POWER OF A SPOKEN WORD

Main Point: When we confess and stand on God’s word in faith, He backs it with protection and power against every attack.

Key Verses:

- Psalm 91:7 — “Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.”
- Philippians 4:6–7 — “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything... Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.”
- Jeremiah 5:14 — “Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making my words in your mouth a fire... and the fire shall consume them.”
- Psalm 81:10 — “I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- Luke 21:15 — “For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.”

Key Truth: The Word of God in your mouth is fire — it will consume every hindrance in your way. Every sickness, addiction, or attack in your life is a trespasser with no rightful claim, because of what Jesus accomplished at Calvary. When you believe God’s word concerning your situation and confess it, the enemy’s works and their symptoms must obey and flee.

CONCLUSION — CALL TO ACTION

Challenge the congregation with these truths:

1. You are called to live by faith, not by sight or feeling. Are you living by the standard God has set?
2. Faith operates by law. Are you working within God's rules, or trying to shortcut them?
3. Faith must be spoken to be released. What has your mouth been declaring over your life?
4. God's word in your mouth is fire and protection. Are you using it, or staying silent in the battle?

Closing Verse

“For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

— Romans 10:10

MY TAKEAWAY
