

It Is Working

- Pastor Carol

I want to share with you, not just the Word, but the Word for today. As I sat down to study, I just said a simple prayer: “Holy Ghost, you know what needs to be addressed, and you know what we need to hear. I’m just believing you will give me something.” That is all I said. It was simple. And just that quick I heard these words in my spirit, “Tell them, it’s working.”

Those of you holding onto something today, don’t be moved by how you feel or by what you see. Don’t even be moved by what the devil is telling you. Don’t be moved by any of it, because the Spirit of the Lord is telling you today, “It’s working.” *It is working.*

Numbers 23:19 says this, “God is not a man that He should lie, nor the Son of Man that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do? Or has He spoken and will He not make good?” Take this verse, put it on a piece of paper, and put it where you will see it everyday. Next, say it every time you see it. Get it coming out of your mouth. If God said it, will He not do it? Yes. Yes. Yes! God, you will do it.

We need to get one thing settled in our spirits. If you are in a battle to receive a promise (which some of you I am sure are because I know the devil), these are things you need coming out of your mouth on a daily basis. When the battle seems like it is raging, you need to grab your Bible and speak *out loud* the verses that apply to your situation. And say them until a peace comes on you. I do this every time I get disquieted within me or upset within me or when fear wants to grab me. I grab my Bible or my Scripture Keys and I go to a quiet place and I say them – loud. Sometimes, I even say “it is written” before each one to remind the devil what the real Truth is.

Psalms 89:34 says, “My covenant I will not break, nor alter the Word that has gone out of my lips.” Verse 33b says, “nor allow my faithfulness to fail.” God is sure about His Word and His faithfulness. He is not going to allow it to fail. That means that if He said, if it’s in His word, He’s going to perform it. He’s going to do it. I want this to get on the inside of you, so that when the devil comes saying that it isn’t working, you can say “wait a minute, My God is faithful. And His faithfulness is not going to fail.”

God says that He will not break His covenant with you. Are you standing on a promise that has come out of God’s mouth? Is it in the Word of God? If so, God says that He will not alter it. He won’t change it. The Book of Romans states that God is not a liar. Psalm 89 continues, “once I have sworn in My holiness, I will not lie to David.” What is true for David is true for you. Insert your name in there. God will not lie to you. What God has promised is going to happen.

Do we understand the covenant we have with God? He says that His covenant He will not break. Do we understand the covenant is sealed with the blood of Jesus Christ? That is how important the covenant is. So why am I disquieted? The Almighty God has covenant with me, and there are promises in that covenant that *belong to me*. They

belong to me! The devil will try to steal them, but they belong to me. This is why we wage war. We wage war against the devil with an attitude that says, "They belong to me. I am going to get them. You aren't stealing them from me. They are mine. Do you hear me? They are mine!" And then we fight and do all we know to do until they are manifested in our lives. The devil has no right or authority to take them, sit on them, or to deny them. They are mine. We need to get bold about this.

We need to speak out of our mouths what we want, not what we have. Psalm 119:89 says, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations." His word is settled in heaven *forever*. There is no question; it is done. If it is settled in heaven, then we need to get it settled down here. We need to bind some things and loose some things. I bind what the devil is doing. I bind what his power, and I come against it in the name of Jesus. Then, I loose the promises of God. I loose what I am believing for, and I loose what the word of God says about my situation. If you aren't facing a situation, you need to be on the offensive. Start getting these verses coming out of your mouth now.

Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth. It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." That's why you have to get the word coming out of your mouth – because it will prosper. Send the word. It will not return void. It *is* going to accomplish what it was sent to do. Why? Because God said it, and God is faithful.

Matthew 8:16 shows us what the Living Word did. "He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick." That is how powerful the word is. It will cast out demons. It will heal people. The same happens when the word is spoken out of our mouths and belief is behind it. The same thing will be accomplished. That is how powerful His word is.

Lets look at Hebrews 4:12 in the Amplified. "For the word that God speaks is alive and full of power. Making it active, energizing, and effective. It is sharper than any two-edged sword penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life – the soul - and the immortal spirit, and of joints and marrow, and of the deepest parts of our nature exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. Number One – the word is at work. Number Two – The word is active. It is working right now where you are. The only way the word can stop working in your life is if you shut it off. And that is why you must be careful of your mouth. Proverbs tells us that life and death are in the power of the tongue. You must be watchful over what is coming out of your mouth.

We are not of this world; we are of a different kingdom. In that kingdom, we talk like God talks. Romans 4 tells us how God talks. It says, "...God who gives life to the dead and calls those things that do not exist as though they did." That is how we are supposed to be talking. That is not lying; that is talking Truth. It is talking the way God talks. He calls those things that don't exist as though they do exist. That means if I have an unsaved spouse, then I call him/her saved. Why? Because God's will is that all men

should be saved. If I know God's will in any situation, then I can speak that because it is God's word. Therefore, I call my spouse saved. If you are believing for healing, you call yourself healed. What do you do when you don't feel healed? You say, "I am healed." Why? Because death and life are in the power of the tongue.

You must determine to talk like God talks. Is it easy? No, it isn't always easy. God knew it would be difficult; that is why He sent us a Helper. We don't do this on our own. You are not on your own. Philippians 2:13 in the Amplified says, "not in your own strength, for it is God who all the while is effectually at work in you – energizing and creating in you the power and the desire both to will and to work for His good pleasure, satisfaction, and delight." We are not in this alone. God is working on our behalf. He is in there working with us by His Holy Spirit to enable us to do what we need to do.

What if you blow it? When you fall down, you just brush yourself off and get up and God goes right along with you. Not all is lost. Brush yourself off, determine to do better, and go on. Go with your Helper.

Here is a list of 5 things to do in order to receive the promises. This is a list that Kenneth Copeland compiled from Hebrews 4:12-16 and that I have proven in my own life.

1. **Go to the Word.** You must find the scriptures that apply to your situation and stand on them. Write the scriptures out. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister which scriptures to stand on. He may point out a specific scripture to deal with your situation. Have a daily devotional time so that the Holy Spirit can point out things to you. Years ago, I was having terrible neck and shoulder pain. One day I was reading in Isaiah, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me that a specific verse was for more my situation. It was Isaiah 10:27. It reads, "And it shall come to pass in that day that his burden will taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck. And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil." Now that just fit to a tee. So I took the verse, copied it down, and started saying it out of my mouth. I would say, "It has come to pass..." You must make the scripture personal. I starting quoting it, and within two weeks I was set free from that affliction. When the Holy Spirit gives you a specific scripture, it is guaranteed to work!
2. Hebrews 4:13 says, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." What is this addressing? **Humble yourself before God.** James 4:7 says, "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners...Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." You want to be right before God. That is what it is saying. Sometimes, we have things in our life that might be hindering the Word from doing exactly what we want it to do. We must humble ourselves before God. We must go to Him and ask Him if there is something standing in the way. God knows. If you don't receive anything, then don't worry about it. Don't let the devil give you 101 reasons why you aren't good enough. Remember, there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus. I'm not talking about condemnation; I am talking about simply asking God if there is something I am

- missing or something I need to do differently to gain the victory. Go and ask. Humble yourself. Listen to the Holy Spirit's wisdom and instruction. In John 16:12, Jesus says that one of the Holy Spirit's jobs is to guide you into all truth. The Holy Spirit will guide you. Have confidence in His ministry, and be humble enough to hear His voice.
3. **Make your petition.** What do you want from God? Philippians 4:6 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your request be made known unto God." Let God know what you want. Be specific. Hebrews 4:14 tells us that since we have a great High Priest ...let us hold fast our confession. We must present our petitions to Jesus. Why? Because He is our intercessor. He is our mediator. Verse 15 says that we have a High Priest that sympathizes with us because He was tempted as we are. Jesus understands what we go through. I Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." You must cast your cares on Jesus. Whenever something becomes a care, cast it. Some days it may feel like you are casting it all day long – that's okay. Keep casting. "Lord, here I am again just casting it. I'm not going to carry it. I'm not supposed to carry it. Your word says to cast it on You. Lord, I'm casting it." Let's read it in the Amplified. "Casting the whole of your care, all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns once and for all on Him for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."
 4. After we go to the Word, go to God, make our petitions, cast our cares, we have to **hold fast our confession.** How can I? Go back to the beginning. Because the Word is true, I can holdfast my confession. Psalm 42:5 says, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God! For I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance." I say this to the devil. "I will yet praise Him!" According to I Corinthians 4, I do not look at things which are seen but at things which are unseen knowing that what I see is temporary. Focus your eyes on what you are believing for. That is also where you have to keep your mouth. Hebrews 10:23 says, "holding fast your hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." God is faithful. Keep saying this until it gets down deep inside you. God is faithful. Hebrews 10:35-36 encourages us not to lose our confidence which has great reward. I am not going to lose my reward! Sooner or later, there comes a time in our lives when we have to decide either we will believe God or we won't. Either we will believe the Word is true or it's not. The Bible tells us that if we choose to believe and not cast away our confidence then there is great reward. What is great reward? Receiving the promise I am believing for. Romans 4:20 says, "Abraham did not waver at the promise through unbelief but was strengthened in faith giving glory to God fully convinced that what God had promised, He was also able to perform." We have to get ourselves fully persuaded. How do we do that? By getting the word coming out of our mouths. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. The more I say it, the more I hear it. The more I hear it, the stronger my faith gets. This may not make sense to your natural mind, but the things of God aren't based on your natural mind. It will work because it is God's way.
 5. **Praise God for the manifestation.** After it comes? No, praise God before you see it. Look again at Romans 4:20. Abraham was giving glory to God before it

ever happened because he was fully persuaded. Giving of thanks is faith in action. II Corinthians 1:20 says, “for all the promises of God in Him are ‘yes’ and ‘amen’ to the glory of God through us.” This is saying that through Jesus all the promises of God are ‘yes, they are yours’ and ‘amen, so be it, they are mine’. *All* the promises. You don’t ever have to go to God and wonder if the promise is yours. Through Jesus, they are yours. They are your right. Hebrews 4:16 says that I can come boldly to the throne of grace to get help. He is going to help me. He is going to help me walk this out. He is going to help me with my confession. He is going to help me with my faith. Jesus wants you to succeed. We need to understand that God did everything He could to get the promises to us. God has done His work. Now it is up to me, with the Holy Spirit’s help, to get them. They belong to me. I am delivered from the curse and all that the curse holds. Who the Son sets free is free indeed! If you see any of the curse in Deuteronomy 28 working in your life, you can stop it. Use the Word. Take back the blessing by the word of God which lives and abides forever!

We must make the decision that we are going to prove this to ourselves. Decide that you will take the word for your situation and stand on it until you get the reward. Once you do this and get the reward, then you have confidence and faith for all the other promises. The devil might be right there to tell you that it is not going to work or is not working, but God is not a man that He can lie. His word works! So, if you aren’t believing for something, start. If you are believing for something, stand on the Word and continue in these five things and watch it manifest in your life. The Word is true. Prove it to yourself. *It’s working.*