

WORD of FAITH MOVEMENT – Part Two: SPEAKING in FAITH, NAME IT and CLAIM IT



Kenneth E. Hagin repenting in 1999, regarding the WOF Movement. It seems that a few years before he died in 2003, he tried to correct some of his false teachings. He held a meeting with his spiritual sons and supposedly rebuked them for distorting his teachings. Just how much he repented from, I don't know but it doesn't seem he said anything about his teaching that Jesus had to be born again Himself in order for us to be forgiven of our sins. He said that because Jesus had to be born again spiritually, that spiritual death means taking on the very nature of satan himself. He says Jesus did that in hell. This is in a book he wrote published in 2007 called "The Name of Jesus." That is utter blasphemy! And as Heather said, even though he tried to repent at least for some things, the damage had already been done. You can still see the Word of Faith Movement going strong today.

SPEAK LIFE INTO YOUR SITUATION

Speak life sounds good but is it Scriptural? This is also called positive confession.

I talked to Scott a little about the subject of life and death being in the power of the tongue and about positive words and negative words and about “speaking life.”

He said, “Keep speaking negative things long enough and they get down inside of you and to you, it becomes the truth. Life is Jesus Christ, the good news of the gospel.”

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

So when we share the gospel message and tell others about Jesus we are sharing Words of life. Jesus is life and because the gospel message is the way for a person to learn about Him and come to Him for salvation and ultimately eternal life, then when we share it we are sharing life – words of life.

As Christians we are not to let our minds feed on negative thoughts. This is how you handle negative thoughts:

2 Cor.10:4-5 - (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (not worldly), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds (divine weapons); Casting down imaginations (wrong thoughts), and every high thing (arguments and pretensions) that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (making your thoughts obedient to Christ);

You could call negative words or negative thoughts lies because those come from satan and he is the father of lies. The enemy wants you to feed on them and believe them. You have to find Scripture and speak it out against the negative words or thought. That is how Jesus fought satan, He said to every temptation, “it is written.” The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God and that is what we use to fight satan with.

When someone says to “speak life,” as a Christian that should be God’s Word and speaking in line with His Word. God’s Word is alive.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God *is* quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

And Jesus is the Living Word.

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Put on the whole armor of God and use what He gave you.

Eph.6:16-18- Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (the evil one / wicked one). And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always (on all occasions) with all prayer and supplication (with all kinds of prayers and requests) in the Spirit, and watching thereunto (be alert) with all perseverance and supplication for all saints (keep on praying for the saints);

Stay in faith through all of life's trials and temptations. In faith keep standing on God's Word and wield the sword against the enemy by speaking out God's Word against his attacks.

EXAMPLES of SPEAKING in FAITH:

Maybe someone is struggling with self esteem or with their appearance. Maybe they have been told they are ugly and they believe it. Maybe they think they are a loser or dumb or whatever. Instead of dwelling on those wrong thoughts and even believing them. They need to believe and say what God's Word says about us.

Psalms 139:14 - I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well (my soul knows it very well).

You can say, it is written that I am fearfully and wonderfully made or God's Word says that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Knock satan down with God's Word.

Maybe someone is sick and they go around talking like they are never going to get better. All they do is complain about what they can't do or how bad they feel. They only focus on all of the negative things associated with their sickness.

It's ok to talk honestly about being sick or feeling bad but as well as that, you should still speak in faith according to God's Word. Don't get stuck in the negative things. Speak against the depression and oppression and do spiritual warfare against it. Bind the spirits of oppression and depression and cast them out and speak out the following Scripture:

Isaiah 53:5 - But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him (the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him); and with His stripes we are healed (by His stripes we are healed).

They might say, the Word of God is true and I am healed by Jesus' stripes. I might feel this way now but this is not my end. The Lord is my Healer and my healing will manifest in Jesus' name. And speak out this next Scripture too:

Isaiah 54:17 - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper (prevail); and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn (refute). This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of Me, saith the LORD (and their victory or vindication is of Me saith the LORD).

For those that have been given dire news and yet feel in their spirit that it is not their time to die.

Psalms 118:17 – I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD (proclaim or tell what the Lord has done).

Speak it out. You can speak this out in faith over a loved one who is a Christian who has been given dire news as well if you feel led to. Obviously we all will die

at some point in our lives. This is for those times when you don't feel it is time yet, be led by the Holy Spirit and stand in faith.

EXAMPLE of MANIPULATION:

Someone decides they want a huge house or a loaded bank account. So they start speaking out the following Scriptures:

Proverbs 10:22 - The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich (brings wealth), and He addeth no sorrow with it (no painful effort to it).

Philippians 4:19 - But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I heard Joel Olsteen/Osteen teach one time that he and Victoria set their hearts on a huge house and went and anointed it and began to march around it claiming it as theirs in God's name and then they got it. That is just flat out false teaching. That is not God's way.

God said He would meet our needs when we seek His Kingdom first and that if we delight ourselves in Him He would give us the desires of our hearts. When you delight yourself in Him you are not living a selfish and greedy life but you are seeking to please Him and serve Him. As you walk with Him and grow up in Christ your fleshly desires begin to fall away.

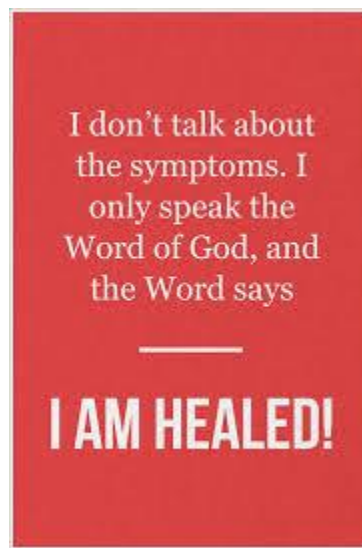
Another wrong thing taught in this movement is: sewing a seed in order to get something. Example: I'm sewing this seed believing for a new boat or a new car etc. We don't sew seed in order to get things from God. We pay our tithes in obedience to His Word, and give also, and when we do those things He will bless us but it is up to Him as to what the blessing is, not us. If you are only giving so that you can get something from God, then you have wrong motives right there and God knows it. He won't bless someone just trying to use Him and manipulate His Word.

CLAIMING, or AGREEING with the ENEMY and POSITIVE CONFESSIONS

A BLOG ON THE SUBJECT

Since I was a kid, I have encountered people who seemingly live in terror over getting sick. Oddly, they express this as faith. Here's what I mean:

They take those same scriptures about the tongue having power of life and death, but read it as health and sickness. They use the phrases I mentioned before. They will say "I will not confess with my tongue that I am sick – that is agreeing with the enemy." Or, "I do not have the flu. I merely have all the symptoms of the flu. I will not claim that." Actually, you do have the flu. Also, you are silly. Sickness exists in a fallen world. It is not the evidence of having "let something into your life" or the result of a "negative confession". It is the result of being in a place where viruses, bacteria, fungi and other nasties hang out – namely, earth.



Trying to avoid saying what is really going on with you will wear you out. You will get yourself into a type of bondage. You will look crazy to people when you are not feeling well and you say I feel great! To the world you just look like a whackadoo. It is a turn off to people who aren't Christians.

You will wear yourself out living and believing this way. You'll get to where you feel like you are lying to people.

You don't see Paul being scared to say that Timothy had a sickness.

1 Timothy 5:23 - Drink no longer water (don't drink water only), but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities (frequent illnesses).

I shared with Pastor Erustus how hard it has been for me to go through all the sickness that I am dealing with and yet keep speaking in faith. I was getting to where I felt I could not be honest about what was happening with my health because I had bought into the lie that if I say how I really feel then I have just cut off my healing. They teach if you do that then you have gotten out of faith and will not be healed.

I had shared with Pastor Erustus that I believed we could talk about our health and be honest about it and yet still be in faith and standing on God's Word waiting for Him to manifest it in our lives.

Pastor shared: I also believe we can be honest about our health and yet continue to pray and continue to speak in faith according to God's Word and encourage or teach others to have faith in God's promises over their situations or needs. We are not the yard stick to measure God's faithfulness but His word is our final authority. God has reasons why He does not or delays to fulfill His word in our lives. But despite what we go through we must admonish all to believe in God and His promises.

Sometimes speaking in faith when things are negative it's not easy. But you remember Abraham he held on to the faith of getting a son despite he was aging year after year. Finally the miracle came because he held to the faith in God. I used to have a stomach problem for over 15 years but I kept confessing am healed and well in Jesus name. Finally, healing came just a few years ago and from there God gave me the gift of healing & deliverance ministry. Don't faint in your faith about your healing keep on Jesus is able.

Pastor was sick but he held a positive confession of God's Word and looked to God the whole while for his healing.

I have migraines but I know that Jesus is my Healer and He will deliver me from this in His timing and His way. My mother suffered from rheumatoid arthritis but she would not admit it. So when you talked to her she would just shut her mouth. I said what are you doing and she said I'm not claiming that. She had watched the televangelist teach not to "agree with the devil" or not to "claim it." I watched

my mama “not claim it” all the way to her grave. She died from a massive heart attack but she still had the rheumatoid arthritis too. She didn’t claim it, she didn’t say she had it, didn’t agree with the enemy and yet you could still see it and see her struggling with it. These “word of faith” teachings on how to deal with sickness have really gotten out of control.

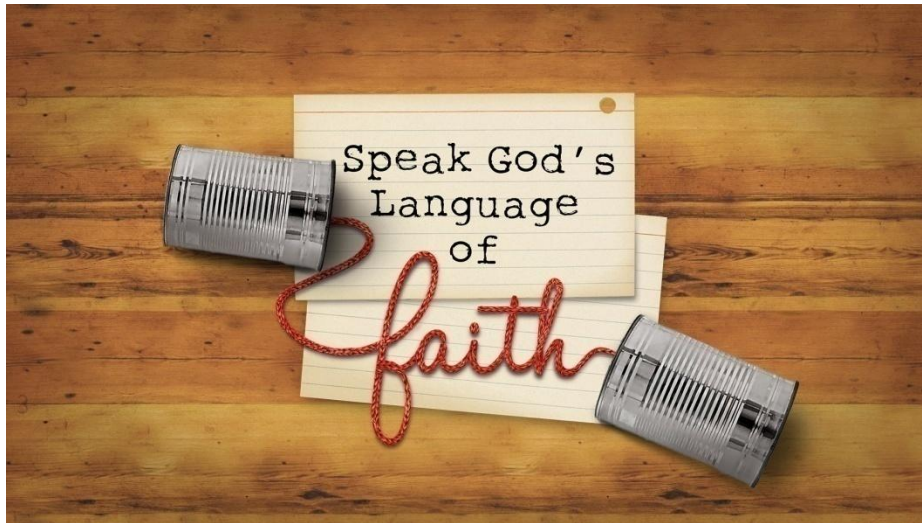
I believe we should be able to say the truth. Like telling someone you have a headache. It is the truth. It doesn't mean you won't recover from it. It doesn't mean you claim it and like it or agree with the devil. It is a temporary state of your health. I still say pray and stand on God's promises with the small things as well as the big things.

If you speak the truth about a situation it doesn’t mean you lost your faith or left the faith or don’t believe in God anymore. How crazy and dramatic is that? You can speak the truth and stay in faith believing for God to move in your situation. Hold His Word in your heart and keep praying and pressing in. To leave the faith means you gave up on Him and don’t believe in Him anymore, you have turned back to a life of sin and don’t serve Him or reverence Him anymore. You don’t obey Him anymore.

These “Word of Faith” teachers have people in so much bondage to this wrong teaching. Also they push it back on those not being healed that they don't have enough faith. Or if you aren’t rich then you must not have enough faith. The whole thing is frustrating.

Pastor Erustus shared: You are right Pastor many have been taught wrongly by these word of faith movement and at the end of it all most end up frustrated seeing no results.

CLOSING



CONFESSING GOD'S WORD:

Hi Pastor, about proclaiming or declaring the word of God in our life or situations affecting us while believing God to move is fine. As long as what we are declaring agrees with God's will according to His written word. There is power in speaking and it can affect us either negatively or positively. When we know what God's written word (Logos) or God's spoken word (Rhema) says about a certain situation and declare it by faith God moves to action because that is His will for us. Our motive should be to give Him glory and not for our own glory or selfish motives. The devil works against God's positive true word. When we speak negative words contrary to what God says, Satan appropriates it by assigning an evil spirit on it to bring negative results in our life.

It's ok to speak and declare God's Words over our lives while we are believing for Him to move. We can pronounce God's blessings over our lives and other people's lives. It's like a prayer we are making based on God's word. But this should be done in line with the leading or conviction of the Holy Spirit in line with God's Word not just out of our own mind, excitement or selfish motives.

But most important I believe if we walk in obedience to God's Word, His blessings will follow us just as He commanded the children of Israel in Deut. 28.

Deut.28:2 - And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee (you will experience all these blessings), if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God (if you obey the voice of the Lord your God).

God's blessings cannot follow us if we walk in disobedience. He is our God & Father and we are His children and servants in the kingdom. Thus out of love He blesses (rewards) us in this life with what we need and in the life to come eternal life.

God's word is living and active and sharp according to Hebrews, so if spoken by faith it acts bringing about life to our situations. In a nutshell what I can say is that before we speak or declare words of faith we must first know what God's will is first about the situation. This only comes by having time with God in prayer and studying His word and then the Holy Spirit will quicken our hearts on what to speak.

PRAYER

Kenneth E. Hagin renounces WOF or rather tries to make corrections in 2001

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