



MAKING GOD'S WORD OUR EXPERIENCE Sunday January 16, 2005

1. God's Word is truth

John 17:17

What is truth? Jesus answered that for us when He stated: "Thy Word is truth".
God's Word is truth.

Because God's Word is truth, I have to make a determined choice to believe what I see in the Scriptures and discard any thing that contradicts the Word.

- Religion / religious beliefs / traditions that contradict the Word have to be discarded.
- Reasonings, conclusions that I may have arrived at based on my experiences, observations and what others have told me – if these contradict the word – these have to be discarded.

2. God has already said a lot of things concerning different areas of our life

When our experience does not match up to what the Word of God says we can experience – most people tend to reason out/dilute/misinterpret Scripture to accommodate our low level of living. This is not the right thing to do. What we must do is to raise the level of our experience to the level at which God's Word says we can walk.

Our experience can change, but God's Word cannot.

Consider several areas of life and compare our own ideas, experience, etc. with what the Word says.

Prayer life

John 15:7, 16:23-24, Mark 11:24 Matthew 7:7-11

Based on experience people have taught us that God some times say's "yes", "no", "maybe", "wait", etc...in answer to prayer. But this is NOT what the Word teaches. Jesus always said that we can receive whatever we ask in prayer. This is the level to which we must seek to raise our prayer life, rather than accepting a compromised version of what God has for us!

Walk free from sin

Romans 6:14

Some times our experience may tell us that we can never walk free from sin. However God's Word says that sin will not have control over us. This means that every believer can live free from bondage to sin.

You can love

Romans 5:5, Galatians 5:22-23

Our feelings may tell us that we can love some people and the others we can never love. However, God's Word says that the love of God has been poured into our hearts. This means that we have the ability to love every one!

You can have joy & peace

John 16:23, 24 John 16:33

Family

Your family does not have to fall apart. Proverbs 3:33, 12:7 Psalm 118:15

Children



Your children can be raised up to be godly people who are mighty (successful) on the earth. Isaiah 54:13, Psalm 112:2

Work / Career/ Profession

You can be a success in life and prosper in what you do Psalm 1:1-3

No need to fear

You do not need to be in bondage to fear 2 Timothy 1:7 Proverbs 28:1

Long Life

You can have long life Psalm 91:16 Job 5:26

Divine protection

You are divinely protected Psalm 34:7 91:10,11 Isaiah 54:17

3. Important Facts

My circumstances can be changed and raised up to the where I can experience what God's Word says I can experience.

I have to make a determined choice to bring the level of my Christian experience (experience in life) up to the level of what God's word says I can experience and walk in.

Understand that God's Word will not automatically happen by itself in my life. I have a part to play in allowing the "Word to become flesh" in me.

When the Word becomes flesh in me (that is when I live out the word in everyday life) then I will walk in what God's Word says I can walk. I will also begin to manifest forth the sonship glory that has been given to me and show forth His praises (1 Peter 2:9).

4. How can I make God's Word my experience?

A. Sow the seed of the Word

God's Word is like seed (Luke 8:11).

Every seed will reproduce after its own kind only when it is sown.

The Word has to be sown into our hearts through meditation in the Word.

B. Change your thinking

We are transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

Only when we change our thinking are we going to see change in our way of living.

C. Exercise faith in the Word

Hebrew 4:2

The Word has to be mixed with faith if it is going to produce in our lives.

D. Walk with Wisdom

Live life with wisdom. Conduct yourself with Wisdom. Don't blame God for your own foolishness.