



Sunday February 03, 2019
God's Word Works
Part-4 : Speak, Act, Stand Firm

Review:

There are two truths we emphasized as we began:

- 1, God works by His Word
- 2, God's Word carries God's power

In Part-2, we considered several ways the Word of God produces in the life of a believer:

- #1, The Word sets us free
- #2, The Word cleans us out
- #3, The Word heals us
- #4, The Word renews our mind
- #5, The Word enlightens us (brings revelation, guidance)
- #6, The Word builds faith
- #7, The Word empowers us

Last week, in Part-3, we discovered how we get God's Word into our lives so that it can produce in us. We discussed:

The Parable Of The Sower (Mark 4:1-20), and
Meditation – Sowing, Germinating and Nurturing - God's Word

Today

In this concluding message in this series we share three simple practices we must maintain in engaging with God's Word, to see His Word work in our lives.

Speak, Act, Stand Firm

As we sow the seed of God's Word into our hearts, through meditation in God's Word, faith grows within us. Now that we have faith in God and in His Word:

- We must SPEAK the Word
- We must ACT ON the Word
- We must STAND FIRM in our faith in the Word

When we do these with faith in our hearts, we will see God's Word work in our lives.

There are many Scriptures and examples in Scripture that teach us these three practices, but for our learning today, we will look at these through three stories in the Bible.

SPEAK THE WORD

Numbers 13:1-33; Numbers 14:1-9

(Please narrate the story based on the Scripture reference. No need to read the entire passage)



God had already promised that when His people came into the Promised Land He would enable them to conquer nations greater and mightier than themselves (Deuteronomy 7:1).

Joshua and Caleb spoke in line with what God had promised. They spoke the Word. The other 10 spies, allowed what they saw (the giants) become more significant than the promise of God.

Speak the Word. God's Word is truth. God is watching over His Word to perform it.

ACT ON THE WORD

Luke 5:1-6

- 1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,**
- 2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.**
- 3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.**
- 4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."**
- 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."**
- 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.**

Peter acted on the Word of instruction that Jesus gave, despite his recent experience of having toiled all night and having caught nothing.

STAND FIRM IN FAITH IN THE WORD

Hebrews 6:12

that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

We are familiar with the life of Abraham. He believed God for 25 years, before he actually saw the promise materialize (fulfilled). The Bible points us to his example, teaching us that we also, through faith and endurance, must inherit the promise.

CONCLUSION

In this series we have desired to bring our attention to the fact that God works by His Word.

His Word carries His power, and can produce everything He promised in our lives.

We must receive His Word with a good heart so that it can produce in us.

We must speak, act and stand firm in our faith in His Word to see it work in our lives.

God's Word works - all the time, and in every one who believes!



1 Thessalonians 2:13

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

MINISTRY TIME
SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Luke 5:1-6, Hebrews 6:12*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) We considered three Bible stories in relation to three practices we desire to develop and maintain: Speak, Act, Stand firm. Discuss each of these three stories and consider parallel scenarios in our day/time that you may be faced with - and how you can speak, act, stand firm on God's Word in these current day situations.

Speak (The Twelve spies)

Act (Peter and the great catch)

Stand firm (Abraham)

2, God is sovereign and all powerful. He just has to say the Word and things happen. And yet, why does God want us to actively engage with His Word (read, meditate, speak, act, stand firm) in order to have His Word work in our lives?



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>