



Faith Speaks
Sunday February 18, 2024

In recent Sundays we have been focusing on the importance of the words we speak. We shared about “The Power of the Tongue” (Sun Feb 04), and “The Power of the Spoken Word” (Sun Feb 11). Today, in the last message in this series, we would like to focus on what the Lord Jesus taught us and demonstrated for us, about speaking our faith.

If there is anyone, we should learn from and whose example we should follow – we would all agree that it is the Lord Jesus. His earthly life is our example.

Let’s consider what the Lord Jesus practiced and what He taught about faith – specifically about speaking our faith. Today’s sermon title is: “Faith Speaks”.

JESUS PRACTICE AND TEACHING ABOUT FAITH

The Lord Jesus demonstrated and taught us that one of the ways we release our faith in God is through the words we speak.

SPEAKING TO DISEASE

Luke 4:38-39

38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

The Lord Jesus spoke to the fever – the disease, the problem in her body. He rebuked it commanding it to leave. Of course it was more than mere words that were spoken. As we will learn shortly, these were words spoken with faith. These were words spoken by Someone with authority. These were words spoken by One who was anointed. So there was faith, authority and anointing being exercised (or released) through the words that were spoken. We as believers also have and have been authorized (given authority) and anointed to minister as Jesus did.

The point we wish to emphasize is that faith speaks. Faith speaks to diseases.

SPEAKING TO DEMONS

Matthew 17:18-21



18 And **Jesus rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your **unbelief**; for assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith** as a mustard seed, **you will say** to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Jesus spoke to demons rebuking and commanding them to leave.

He then taught that His disciples could do the same, with faith in their hearts.

Prayer and fasting helps position us in a place of faith, removing unbelief from our hearts.

SPEAKING TO NATURE

We see Jesus speaking to storms, the winds, and the waves.

Storms

Mark 4:35-41

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 Then He arose and **rebuked the wind, and said to the sea**, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? **How is it that you have no faith?**"

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even **the wind and the sea obey Him!**"

The Lord Jesus spoke to the wind and the sea.

He then challenged His disciples with the question "How is it that you have no faith?", implying that they could have done this with their faith. They too could have spoken to the winds and waves.



Fig Tree

Mark 11:12-14

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry.

13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14 In response **Jesus said to it**, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And **His disciples heard it**.

Mark 11:20-23

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, **"Have faith in God.**

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but **believes** that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**.

This is the classic text, where the Lord Jesus intentionally demonstrates and then teaches His disciples about having faith in God. This is what He wants us to learn.

With faith in our hearts, we speak. We speak to mountains, diseases, demons, winds, and waves – and Jesus taught that we will have what we speak from a heart of faith in God.

JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus is the Author – the Source or Originator of our faith.



He is the Finisher – the Perfecter of our faith. We have the faith that He gives. The faith that He gives then must operate the way He demonstrated and taught us to exercise faith.

Let us follow Jesus in how we use and exercise our faith in God. Speak your faith.

Remember:

BIBLE FAITH WORKS THE SAME WAY TODAY, AS IT DID IN BIBLE TIMES.

THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 4:13

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, **"I BELIEVED AND THEREFORE I SPOKE,"** we also believe and therefore speak,

Speak what you believe.

Speak your faith in God – of who God is, what He has promised, what He can do in your life.

Things in this realm are affected by the words of faith that you speak.

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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There 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 our [sermons page](#). 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 references: *see discussion below*.

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, The Lord Jesus did the unusual, sometimes what seem counter to our thinking, by speaking to diseases, demons, and natural things. He spoke to winds and waves. Mark 4:35-41. How can we follow Jesus' example in our daily lives?

2, Jesus set up a teachable moment when He cursed the fig tree, and then gave the most succinct and powerful instruction on how to exercise faith in God in Mark 11:12-14, 20-23. Reflect on this passage and review key insights the Lord Jesus presented to us on speaking our faith.



3, Bible faith works the same way today, as it did in Bible times. Consider 2 Corinthians 4:13. Consider examples of people in the Bible, in addition to the Lord Jesus, who spoke their faith, and saw God at work (e.g. David facing Goliath, others)

If time permits, each one can take 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>

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

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SERMON OUTLINE

The Lord Jesus demonstrated and taught that we must speak our faith. Jesus spoke to diseases, demons, and natural elements. He challenged His disciples to use their faith in a similar way. He taught us that one of the ways we exercise our faith in God is by speaking words of faith. Bible faith works the same way today as it did in Bible times. We have the same spirit of faith – we believe and therefore we speak. Learn to speak your faith. Jesus taught us that we will have what we say, when we speak from a heart of faith in God.

KEYWORDS

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