Faith is to Believe and Speak

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Having God kind of Faith

2 Corinthians 4:13

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13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,”[a] we also **believe and therefore speak**,

Footnotes:

a. 2 Corinthians 4:13 Psalm 116:10

Jesus speaking to the Fig Tree

Fig Tree, Picture of Self Righteousness

Mark 11:12-24

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12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a **fig tree** afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And **Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever**. And his disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

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

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith ~~in~~ (OF) God**.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this **mountain**, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall **believe** that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

- **Have God's faith, God kind of Faith**
- **Fig tree** : picture of Self Righteousness
- **Mountain** : Rabbinical Expression for a big problem
- 3 times say, 1 time believe

First time Fig Tree mentioned in Bible

Man's Covering

Genesis 3:7
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7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed **fig leaves** together and made themselves **coverings (loin – Up to the waist)**.

- Man's solution/covering is imperfect

God's Covering

Genesis 3:21
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21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of **skin**, and **clothed (fully clothed)** them.

- Picture of Jesus sacrifice
- Perfect Covering
- Remission of sins by Shedding of Blood

Death and Life

Proverbs 18:21

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21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

- God don’t want you to die
- Death is an enemy to God.

Purification of Heart by Faith

- Faith is to Believe and then speak

Matthew 5:8

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8 Blessed *are* the **pure in heart**,
For they shall see God.

Acts 15:9

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9 and made no distinction between us and them, **purifying their hearts by faith**.

Jesus spoke to the wind

Mark 4:39

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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.

Jesus spoke to a man with Infirmity

John 5:8

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8 Jesus **said** to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”

“Let there be light”

Genesis 1:3

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3 Then God **said**, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
