

CALLING THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE #2
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REVIEW: ROM. 4:17

- Calling things that are not as though they were is a biblical principle that involves exalting what is not seen above what is seen.
- There's a difference between calling things that are not as though they were and calling things that are as though they are not.
- God said "Let there be light," not, "there is not darkness." The woman said "all is well" not, "my son's not dead." Elisha said "they that be with us are more than they that be with them," not, "there's no army surrounding us!"
- By speaking God's Word we set in motion a cycle of events that leads to life.

CONTINUE: MT. 13:18-19

1. Biblical principles must be understood to be effective. If not, Satan will talk us out of them.
 - A. **1 COR. 2:14** – Kingdom principles need discerned, not just learned.
 - B. **MT. 13:15** – We must hear, see, understand and convert!
2. Four conditions of the heart. **MK. 4:14-20**
 - A. Hard - Has no clue how kingdom principles work.
 - B. Stony - Enthusiastically receives it, but isn't rooted in it.
 - C. Thorny - Choked by cares, deceit, lust.
 - D. Good - Understands, receives, guards it with patience.
3. Prayer of faith connection. **MK. 11:24**
 - A. "Therefore" means to refer to what has just been spoken. The law of faith was just revealed.
 - B. The desire must align with God's will. **1 JOHN 5:14-15**
 - C. Believe we received when we prayed. "I asked for strength, I received strength, I call myself strong!" "I call myself arthritis free, cancer free," etc.
4. Commit, trust, and let God perform. **PS. 37:5**
 - A. Commit means to consign or hand over to another.
 - B. Trust means to rely on another's integrity, ability and power.
 - C. God will do His part.
5. The time lapse.
 - A. **GEN. 13:16, 15:5** - God gave Abraham and Sarah vision. Something to look at and consider. Both are impossible.
 - B. **GEN. 22:17** – Dust, stars, and now sand. This refers to his natural seed and spiritual seed.

CONCLUSION:

When Jesus taught the law and prayer of faith, He revealed to every believer his or her potential to participate in demonstrating power that goes beyond human scope. Calling things that are not as though they were is operating in genuine biblical faith. Through faith ordinary individuals did extraordinary things.

Joshua spoke and the sun stood still. **JOSH. 10:12-14**

Isaiah spoke and the shadow went back. **2 KGS. 20:8-11**

Three Hebrew boys spoke, and defied fire. **DAN. 3:27**

Caleb spoke and got his mountain. **JOSH. 14:10-12**

David spoke and slayed his giant. **1 SAM. 17:45-51**

What will we do?