

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - 2
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REVIEW:

- The great confession. **MT. 10:32**
- Confession – To say a conclusion, to affirm, testify, and witness.
- Jesus is the High Priest of our confession.
- Confession unto salvation, forgiveness, of praise, unto faith, of faith.
- David confessed a conclusion to Goliath based on knowledge and experience.

CONTINUE:

1. Our confession must be rooted in what God says. **HEB. 13:5b-6 (AMPC)**
 - A. Ringing phone and African parrot.
 - B. Jesus is the Author of our faith. **HEB. 12:2**
 - C. **ACTS 27:18-25 (NLT)** – Paul’s confession was rooted in what the Angel said.

2. What we confess will be challenged. **ACTS 27:29-32 (NLT)**
 - A. Paul didn’t waver, knowing God is faithful. **HEB. 10:22-23**
 - B. **LUKE 22:31-32** – Satan doesn’t know if we are parrots or people of faith. If we waver, our faith can fail to produce results.
 - C. **GAL. 6:9** – If we stay the course, we’ll reap our harvest.
 - If means our actions can disrupt the harvest.
 - Faint denotes a relaxed mental state. One becomes so weary that he gives up.
 - It’s exciting to plant the seed, and when it’s harvest time. But to reap the harvest, we must hold fast to our confession of faith.

3. There’s a miracle in our mouths. **MT. 17:20**
 - A. John Osteen’s daughter Lisa was born with a condition similar to cerebral palsy. She had no muscle tone or sucking reflexes. She couldn’t lift her head off the bed until 5 months old. Osteen put away his Baptist teachings and read the Gospels. He saw Jesus as a compassionate healer. He began to confess **IS. 53:5, MK. 16:18** – declaring “she is healed”. He learned that death and life are in the power of the tongue and that God watches over His word to perform it. He sowed the seed, held fast, and the harvest came. Today Lisa is grown, married and in the ministry.
 - B. Do we need a breakthrough in a relationship, a physical or emotional healing, a financial need met, strength, power to forgive or overcome a storm?
 - **LUKE 17:6** – It’s time to speak up for our ourselves and say what God says and hold fast until we reap our harvest.
 - **MATT. 24:35** – We must find God’s word, confess it day and night and trust God for the Harvest.
 - A woman greatly suffering with a cancerous tumor discovered this truth. Day and night she stated “with His stripes I am healed”. She passed the tumor, was restored to health and wholeness. Her confession rose past the stars, reached the portals of Heaven and throne of mercy and grace where the blood of Jesus speaks better things than Abel’s.

CONCLUSION: MT. 15:6b-11 – The heart and mouth can be miles apart. To put them in sync, we must rid the heart of religious tradition and fill the heart with the Word.