

What if we took God at his word? What if we truly believed that all of the seemingly impossible promises the Lord has made to us are actually already ours? What if we believed that just like Jesus, we too are endowed the same powers and abilities to perform miracles? Think of how our lives and those of the people around us would be transformed as a result of such radical belief.

There is a great awakening going on throughout the Earth as people are beginning to accept and embrace a God that cannot and will not be contained within the walls of a building, one day of the week, or the box people try to put him in to make themselves feel safe. There is a restlessness in creation, and a yearning for the true expression of God in all His glory and splendor. There is a hunger and thirst for the freedom that only the Lord can provide.

Out of love for His creation, the Lord has chosen such a time as this to awaken us to the things we have forgotten. We have forgotten the very nature and essence of who God is and that we are created in His image. We have forgotten the immense power of simple, child-like belief in Him. We have forgotten that through Christ, we have been given a limitless inheritance. We have forgotten that we are sons and daughters of a King, and endowed with His power and abilities. We have forgotten that we have been set free to transform this world into the Kingdom that God has always intended it to be.

Simply Believe

Several years ago, the Lord started putting the following scripture verse on my heart, "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father" (John 14:12). He kept asking me to ponder this deeply, and I kept feeling His urge to believe that this is truly possible. He kept emphasizing, "Anyone who believes will do the same things as Jesus and even greater works."

I would go on long prayer walks with the Lord, repeating this over and over again in my mind. Until, one day, in the middle of my prayer walk, it finally hit me. I am one of the people who will do greater things than Jesus did on this Earth. For years, the Lord had me ponder this promise until it became so deeply ingrained in me that I knew with every fiber of my being that it was true and it applied to me. It applies to everyone who will take it to heart and believe that not only is it true but they will come to see it pass in their lives.

Take a look at the life of Peter, as an example of someone who believed and saw his life transformed as a result. In Acts 5:15, it says, "As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by." Peter understood his place in and with the Father to such a degree, that he simply had to be present and the sick were healed. He didn't need to know who was sick or what they were suffering from. He didn't need to speak or conjure the strength to heal. Without effort, even his shadow healed.

There is a similar account of Paul in Acts. While Paul was ministering in Ephesus, it says in Acts 19:11-12, “God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.” Peter and Paul operated out of their place of authority in the Lord. And just like when Jesus healed the Roman officer’s slave, they did not need to be physically present for the power of their authority in Christ to change the situation and bring forth healing. The God-like abilities shown in Peter and Paul stemmed from a simple but firm belief in the promises God made to them, and by operating out of the power that their faith activated.

Our simple, child-like faith activates the incredible gifts that God has placed inside His people. Unfortunately, a long time ago in church history, an idea planted by the enemy, infiltrated our theology and beliefs about God’s gifts. That idea was that miracles and gifts like healing and prophecy were specifically designed for Jesus’ time and that a short time later, those gifts ceased to exist. Over time, people stopped believing in the gifts of the spirit. Ultimately, the enemy was able to so deceive people that these gifts from God became viewed as things of the devil. As a result, miracles and the gifts of God became less prevalent. Because people believed or were told they no longer existed or were inherently bad, they stopped using these gifts.

So, why would the enemy be so concerned about these gifts? Because he knows that if we use these God-given gifts, we will change the world. When Jesus was sacrificed on our behalf, God the Father stripped all of the devil’s power from him. He is powerless. The only power he has over us is the power we give him. We give him power when we believe his lies. By submitting to the lie that we were essentially powerless, the enemy was able to subdue an immensely powerful army of God’s people for many centuries.

The enemy knows we are more powerful than him. He is utterly afraid of God’s people and what he knows we are capable of doing if we simply believe. Performing miracles and operating in all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are the enemy’s undoing. He cannot fight against the gifts of God.

Jesus shared a story about God’s nature as Father. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” (Matt. 7:9-11). The best gift our Father gave us was the Holy Spirit. With that gift, He enabled and empowered us to do His will in the Earth. He gave us the “authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy,” and promised, “nothing will harm you” (Luke 10:19). What good and perfect Father would give us that gift and then take it away? He wouldn’t and He didn’t!

His gift of power through the Holy Spirit is available to His children for all eternity. We simply need to believe again and regain what is rightfully ours in Christ. What gifts are you squelching through fear or unbelief? How would your life improve if you allowed God’s promises to transform you?

I can completely understand and relate to the fear that these words are causing to rise up in some who are reading this. Stepping out of the realm of the norm is being willing to be seen as different. It is coming out of a large flock of fearful sheep and having a light shined on you. You can no longer hide amongst the masses. Once you step out, you cannot go back. Your actions may incite ridicule and confusion among those you hold dear. But there comes a place in your walk with the Lord where the fear of staying trapped where you are outweighs the fear of change. And that is when change occurs.

Freedom is not free. There is always a cost involved. But the cost is nothing when compared to the abundant and victorious life that awaits you. Believing and trusting in God's promises will completely transform your life and empower you. God is giving you permission, and all of Heaven is cheering you on to become the miracle and the gift you are meant to be in this Earth! Simply believe.

Our Inheritance

The inheritance we received when Jesus died, is that God imparted all of the power that was in His son to us. Jesus taught us that his power was from God and part of God, and that, like him, we are one with God. God has entrusted us with His power and taken up residence inside His people. All of God's power and creative ability is available to us to use.

Jesus even referred to us as God, saying, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods"'? (John 10:34). Most people don't take God at his word. If He has said, "you are 'gods,'" then He has made us to be as God and to rule with Him just as Jesus does.

God has endowed us with His power and creative abilities because He trusts us. Jesus told his disciples, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15). He shared with his disciples everything that his Father showed him. Jesus clearly modeled a life of doing only what His father showed him. Which means that God intended to show the people He created how to fully and freely operate in His power.

God is calling us His friends. God is showing us immense trust and faith. He is trusting us with this power because He knows that only those who will dare to believe they have the power of God living inside them will actually activate, through their faith, the inheritance that was given to all of God's children through Christ. Sadly, through fear or religion or misguided theology, most people live their entire lives suppressing their God-given birthright.

Because we are now one with the Father, like Jesus, when we speak, we speak from a place of authority and with the creative power of God. The Lord, speaking through the prophet Isaiah declared, "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:15). We are speaking God's will and His words when we speak in accordance with the Holy Spirit's leading. God's word will not come back void, which means that when we speak with His wisdom and authority, we are now co-creators with Him.

I do not think that most children of God realize the incredible creative abilities that are released through them when they speak. In Genesis, it says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (Gen. 1:1-3). It was God's spoken word that created the Heavens and the Earth.

The power to create or destroy comes from the words we speak. The Bible states we have the power of life and death in our words. Proverbs 18:21 clearly says, “The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.” Because God has given us authority, when we speak, it is a divine command being spoken. When we speak, it releases angels and other Heavenly hosts to bring into being the very things we have spoken.

Have you ever noticed that negative people who only speak about how everything in their life is bad end up leading miserable lives? These people are unwittingly or unknowingly speaking “death” over their lives. Positive people, who speak words filled with optimism and hope, are speaking “life” over themselves and end up leading happier, more successful lives. Our words, and our thoughts, create our reality.

There is an integral link between the things we think and the words we speak to express those thoughts. What we think ultimately becomes integrated into our heart, which is the core of our being. This correlation is clearly stated in the Bible, in the passage, “For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him” (Matt. 12:34-35).

The Lord often uses prophetic promises, in part, to help us think bigger and envision a better future for ourselves. The promise God spoke to Abraham is a good example. It is recorded in Hebrews 6:13-15, “When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, ‘I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.’ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.” It was God’s spoken promise that helped Abraham to start believing that he would have a better life and the desire of his heart, a child. The onus to fulfill the promise was God’s. Abraham’s part was to trust God’s promise and hold on to that promise until it was manifested in his life.

What you focus on becomes bigger and more powerful to your mind. Think on something long enough and it becomes part of you. Eventually, you act out on those thoughts through your words or actions. When you speak the things in your heart, you are prophesying over your life. If you are going to prophecy your future, make sure it is filled with life and what the Lord desires for you.

Not every thought that enters our mind is from God. Just as with spirits, test the thoughts that come to you. If they are not filled with life and hope they are not from the Lord. If they produce fear or a sense of urgency, again, they are not from God. The thoughts that are truly from God will be consistent with His recorded word. You will know a thing is from God, no matter how much it may or may not make sense to you in the natural, when it produces a sense of peace and joy that could only come from Him. Those are the thoughts that you think upon until they become a part of you.

When the things you focus on bring you to a place of such belief that you speak them out in faith, you are going to elicit heavenly and demonic responses. The dark forces of this Earth will be in abject fear the instant you begin to speak out and exercise your authority. They will try to bring about distractions in the natural to dissuade you from continuing. The enemy will try, through your circumstances, to bring about a fear that will cause you to stop.

It is critical in those moments when you feel hemmed in and at your breaking point to continue pressing forward. When you don't see a way through, it is imperative that you continue to speak the words that God has given to you as His promise for your life. When you believe in your heart and declare with your mouth the very things that God has spoken to you for your life, it unleashes the power of God to bring those very things to fruition. You stand on and declare the Truth that God has spoken to you until it becomes a reality in the natural.

God's children are becoming aware of their true inheritance and rightful place in His Kingdom. The words we use determine the degree to which we live out that legacy. What if at this special time in history, there are new words the Lord wants us to speak? Words that bring healing to nations. Words that solve critical problems. Words that create peace. Words that help usher in His Kingdom.

I would encourage you to spend some quiet time with the Lord. Ask Him what He wants you to be speaking. It may be something specific over your life or for something He has given you authority over, such as a spiritual region or nation. You may discover that He has given you authority to speak healing, or against natural disasters, or any number of amazing things. Ask Him, also, what specific gifts are part of your inheritance and how you can partner with Him to use them to their fullest ability.

Sons and Daughters

Now is an exceptionally unique time in history. The Sons and Daughters of God are being revealed in the Earth to do His good will and advance the Kingdom of God. Now is the time of the Kingdom of God on the Earth. Jesus prayed, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10). The will of God for His creation is His Kingdom revealed and set free in the Earth. It is time for the expression of God's love through His Kingdom as manifested through His Sons and Daughters. It is time for the Sons and Daughters of God to wake up the remnant left in the Earth.

And who are the Sons and Daughters of God? They are a people who have chosen God above everything else in this world and at great cost to themselves. God had called and chosen them well before the foundations of the Earth were built for this specific time. He created each one to carry a part of His Kingdom that only they are uniquely gifted to reveal and bring forth in the Earth. They are His song of love to an Earth that has been groaning and crying out to be restored to its former glory. And yes, His Sons and Daughters can actually hear and feel the Earth's groaning.

They have been hidden and protected under God's wings while God has trained them. And it is a training, I assure you, that most would have refused. Because of the weight of their calling, there can be nothing but God in them. They had to be willing to submit themselves to God to such a degree that He could purge out of them, through all-consuming fire, every impurity. He had to, out of love for them and the Earth and all of His creation, fully prepare His beloved to successfully bring forth the Kingdom of God on this Earth.

Under the shadow of God's wings and protection, many have been hidden away from the world undergoing training for decades. Every false system of this world, of men and of the enemy, has to be revealed and removed. When you are born and raised in a truly Matrix-like world, you are often unaware that almost everything you were taught or learned growing up is not part of God's intention for His creation and does not originate from Him.

When they said yes to their training, some of God's Sons and Daughters were stripped of everything. They lost their good names, reputations, sense of security, finances, bearings, friends, jobs, sometimes their health, and in some instances their joy and hope. They were subjected to tests and trials in unending waves for decades.

While they clung to God in the midst of their trials because He was all that was left in their lives, their outer circumstances portrayed an image that they were the most utter of failures. To those on the outside, it appeared as if they were somehow being punished by God for their incorrect theology and crazy beliefs about God. They were openly and secretly ridiculed by friends, families, and strangers. For up to a decade or more, they were tested past the point of breaking, till even after everything they had withstood, they were not sure they could last a moment longer. They experienced in obscurity, the same trials and tribulations as Jesus.

As painful and difficult as the training was, it was very necessary. God had to fully prepare His Sons and Daughters. He had to completely strip them down to nothing and then completely rebuild them in His Truth and Light. This is illustrated in John 3:21, "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

Throughout history, God has always prepared and equipped His chosen people for the time in which they are living. God never starts something that He has not already completed in Heaven. He has chosen this moment in time and His Sons and Daughters to bring forth His Kingdom on Earth. He invested the time and training necessary to properly train His Bride for the victory that He has already secured.

The time of training has ended and it is time for the Sons and Daughters of God to be revealed. And how will they be recognized? In Matthew 5:14-16, it says, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." They will operate out of a place of authority, as demonstrated in their words and actions. The things and cares of this world will not affect the Sons and Daughters in any manner. They will walk and operate in freedom.

God's chosen ones, His Bride, will be completely set apart. You will be able to sense and feel the presence of the Lord within them. Signs and wonders, miracles, and the supernatural will accompany them. The supernatural is the natural state of being for one who is with God. The supernatural occurrences that naturally flow out of the Sons and Daughters will be a part of their everyday life.

It will be so evident, that when you see them, something in your spirit will confirm that they are special. When they walk into a room, their anointing will enter first, people will take notice and realize that they are someone important in God's kingdom. When the Sons and Daughters speak, it will be from a place of authority, and the people who hear them will recognize that and pay attention to their words.

The Sons and Daughters of God will have immense creative abilities. The authority of their spoken words will cause the things they speak to become reality. Through their creative gifts, they will be able to call forth the unseen into being. They will speak over nations, declaring God's will for that region, and see it come to pass. Leaders of nations, those with power and wealth, even Kings and Queens will seek out the counsel of the Sons and Daughters. The wisdom deposited in them by God will bring forth solutions to seemingly impossible situations in the world.

Their greatest collective gift to the Earth, will be to usher forth the Kingdom of God. Through their words, thoughts, and deeds they will embody “on Earth as it is in Heaven.” The example of their lives will be a representation of the Kingdom of God and how it operates.

The Kingdom of God is hard to express using human terms. It is not a system, as systems come from man and God operates outside of man’s understanding and natural abilities. Man’s systems, such as governments, politics, religion, economics, and so on, are all inherently flawed because they are derived of man. All systems are setup to benefit a certain subset of people while excluding or hindering others. Man-made systems are also designed to enrich a small, special group of people at the top, while depleting the resources of the much larger group of the common, everyday person.

All of man’s systems operate out of a mindset of lack. In basic terms, this premise operates out of a belief that there are a limited or finite amount of resources in the Earth. People who operate out of lack feel the need to hoard. They operate out of a fear-based need to get as many resources as possible for themselves, at whatever cost. They want to make sure that they are not left out when the resources run out. It is basically a “take care of my own” mentality.

The Kingdom does not operate this way. God’s Kingdom operates out of a state of abundance. God’s will is for all of His children to thrive. His son came to give us life and life abundantly. It is God’s desire for all of His children to live in a state of plenty, and He has supplied more than enough resources for everyone to do so. In fact, He has vast treasure troves of resources that He is willing to release into the Earth. The storehouses of Heaven are vast, immense, and barely tapped. It is also fully in God’s ability that if a particular resource on Earth were depleted, to supernaturally create more of that resource or create an entirely new and better resource. Man limits God’s graciousness and love for His children and their care by trying to confine Him to the limited abilities of what they can comprehend or see with their natural eyes.

When the Sons and Daughters of God establish His Kingdom on Earth, it will operate out of Kingdom principles. In the Kingdom of God, there is plenty. In the Kingdom of God, all thrive and flourish. In the Kingdom of God there is cooperation for the greater good. In the Kingdom of God, there is peace and joy. In the Kingdom of God, His children are part of a royal priesthood. In the Kingdom of God, people only do what they see the Father doing, just like Christ. Truly, the Kingdom of God is beyond description. It cannot be fully expressed through human means or words.

Set Free

When I was a teenager, the Lord showed me a vision which contained a couple of scenes. In the vision, I saw myself grown up and married with two pre-teen children. My oldest child was a girl and the youngest was a boy.

In the first scene, we were eating in a restaurant. I could slightly hear the conversations of people sitting near our table. From what I could hear, most of those people were in difficult situations. My heart went out to them. Shortly after, we finished our meal, paid, and started walking towards the door. Sitting at a counter near the door was a wearied-looking woman with two small children. Her children were quietly and happily eating their food. She had a cup of black coffee in front of her that she had barely drunk, and she appeared to be wringing her hands. The impression I had was that she struggling financially. I also felt that she wasn’t sure she had enough money to pay for their meal. The instant I stepped past

this woman, money appeared in front of her on the counter. I saw dollar bills and gold coins. It was the glint of the coins that caused me to look her direction. As my husband opened the door for us, I heard the excited and happy voices of the people I had overhead when we ate our meal. All of the problems they were facing had suddenly disappeared or were corrected. The most memorable account was a couple whose phone rang as we were getting up to leave. A family member who lived in a different location was seriously ill and had taken a turn for the worse. I had the impression that their loved one was terminal. Their family had called to tell them that the sick family member had miraculously been healed. They had tears streaming down their faces as they hugged each other, and they started jumping up and down in the restaurant while praising God. We walked through the door of the restaurant. As the door shut behind us, I was immediately launched into the next scene.

In the second scene, our family was walking down the sidewalk. It was a beautiful day with a comfortable temperature and a beautiful, clear blue sky with billowy white clouds. We were in a part of town where most family's struggle to make ends meet. Our family was talking, laughing, and enjoying each other's company as we walked. As we walked, I noticed that certain people seemed drawn to us. In one instance a young man was walking towards us only on the other side of the street. He crossed the street to come talk to us. As soon as he was in front of us, our spirits knew what he needed. We started talking and the Lord orchestrated our conversation in a free-flow manner. He mentioned that there was something different about our family. The young man said he could feel, sense, and see something special around us. That was what had drawn him to us. He felt that we had what his heart had been searching and longing for. We spoke exactly what the Lord put on our hearts to share with him. In the midst of talking to him, I saw his eyes get big and smile covered his face. He had been searching for a powerful relationship with the Lord, like his spirit recognized in our family. Something the Lord had us share with him had made a connection inside him and his face lit up. He thanked us and went on his way. We continued walking, only this time I noticed people giving us strange looks. Instead of coming toward us, some people were walking away from us. The people walking away from us or even crossing the street to avoid us had wary or even scared looks on their faces. I was confused and couldn't understand why people would be afraid of us or treat us that way. Then, I had the sense to not worry about these people and to just keep walking. We continued walking and the vision ended.

Over the years, I have revisited this vision with the Lord. I believe He has shown me that the significance of the first scene relates to living our lives in such a place of connection and intimacy with God, that like Peter, when we walk by people, miracles occur. Or like Paul, upon hearing that someone is sick, they are healed even if they aren't physically present.

We don't even have to think about causing a miracle to happen for it to manifest in the natural. The God in us is fully integrated in our lives, causing the miraculous to naturally emanate from us when our spirit recognizes a need. The Lord showed this in operation in my vision through the money supernaturally appearing and the terminally ill person being healed in another city. The people in my vision never verbalized their needs or asked me for help, yet the very things they needed were provided by my presence.

I believe this is similar in principle to the healing of the woman with blood issues. Her story is told in Matthew 9:20-21, “Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.’” And additional details are given in Luke 8:45-46 and 48, “‘Who touched me?’ Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, ‘Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.’ But Jesus said, ‘Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.’ ... Then he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.’”

The woman understood that all she had to do was access the presence of Jesus and she would be healed. He didn’t even know what she needed but as soon as she touched him, the healing power instantly came out of him to help her. Jesus helped and healed all who came to him. It is the nature of God to restore. One needs merely to come in contact with someone like Peter or Paul or you or me, and the power of God within us will provide what their spirit is crying out for in need. It is a transaction of spirit to spirit.

I believe the second scene of my vision refers to the Sons and Daughters of God being set apart. In 1 Peter 2:9, they are described as, “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” The calling of God on these people’s lives is so distinct and palpable that anyone who comes in contact with them can sense and feel that they are different.

Like the young man in my vision, some people will be drawn to us because their Spirit recognizes that we possess what they are searching for or need. The people in my vision who were scared of us or repelled by our presence were not ready to change; they recognized the light inside of us and were not ready to allow that light to dispel the dark places in them. God never forces us to change, so I believe that is why He instructed us to just keep walking. He knew it wasn’t the right timing during this encounter, however, I do believe that at a future time He could use the memory of our brief meeting to help change those people’s lives for the better. It is the Holy Spirit’s job to reveal the Father; it is my job to do whatever the Father asks of me and leave the outcome to Him. He is extremely good at using a seemingly failed encounter to plant a seed for a future date.

While the people in the vision were my family, I believe the Lord was using us as an archetypal representation for all His children. Just like Peter and Paul, we represented people changed into the image of Christ through His transformative work in our lives. This powerful life is not just for a few, it is God’s design for all His children. God’s people are at the very heart and core of His Kingdom. And His Kingdom is at hand.