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Hi Partners and Friends

Spring is here and it is looking and feeling like it also. We pray that the things of God continue to come alive and that you experience new and fresh life from your time invested in God's Word and His presence.

This is not a time to just keep sitting and relaxing so to speak when it comes to the will and plan of God. We are here for such a time as this and God has an assignment for each of us individually and for the local church assembly He has connected us to. Your part is very important and as the Holy Spirit said through the apostle Paul to the Ephesians (4:16 ampc)

"For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love"

Each of our parts working together causes the Body of Christ to grow and mature in Him. Our effectiveness is dependent on our being involved and doing the work the Lord has laid before us.

We are soldiers in the army of the Lord and are to rise up and take our place of authority in Him.

Our God is good and His mercy endures forever 😊

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By Jeff Loewen

The Lord had been dealing with me the middle of 2016, actually He was correcting me. "About what" you may ask - about my attitude towards my government. You may find yourself also frustrated because of our government and the decisions they have been making but there is a way to be free from the frustration and still do something about positively changing our governing officials. He said to me a couple months ago "The faithful praying and the frustrated complaining." If this is your desire to work with God please read on and I will share with you what the Lord taught me.

SPEAK NO EVIL

One of the first things that the Lord began to deal with me was what I was saying and or sharing on social media regarding my Prime Minister and Premier. My previous Prime Minister Stephan Harper was an awesome leader who led us to economic strength, peace within our borders and was a supporter of Israel. I had much less positive things to say about our new PM and I was being convicted of my actions.

One of my spiritual fathers said he "could not be trusted with a news report" meaning he listens to the news and gets frustrated. I think many of us find ourselves in the same boat so that is why He is having me teach on this. If you, like me also can't be trusted with a news report TURN IT OFF - don't look at it or feed on it and quit sharing it.

You may be saying "what's the big deal?" Short answer is it hinders God from doing His will and bringing about Godly positive change. So one of the first scriptures He reminded me of was about the apostle Paul in Acts 23:1-5

Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?" And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?" Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

Verse 5 is a quote from Ex 22:28 that says from the Amplified bible "You shall not ... esteem lightly or curse a ruler of your people." So how do we apply this to our lives (fyi - change comes as we apply God's Word to our life and not just hear and know it) we stop speaking and sharing evil about and lightly esteeming our leaders.

God is not pleased when our words are stout against His and in the case of Zacharias (in Luke 1:5-21, 57-66) God through the angel Gabriel shut his mouth till his son John was born. John was a very important part of God's plan and He wasn't going to allow it to be fouled up. So likewise we are in a time, the end of time where Canada has an end time assignment from God that must be accomplished. He is not interested in His body working against Him so it is time for us to take the high road and begin to work with Him and not against Him.

Jesus in Mark 11:23 said we can have what we say if we doubt not in our heart - for positive or negative. When we with passion talk about our government in a negative light we are saying what we believe without any doubt about it and it is coming to pass before our eyes. The devil takes the force of faith and twists it to accomplish his will and plan to steal, kill and destroy. So let's quit helping the devil and start working with God.

In order to do this we need to stop speaking evil of our leaders. If we can't talk bad about our leaders what are we supposed to do when they do something stupid?

PRAY

1 Tim 2:1-4 - *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

The Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul tells us to first of all pray and give thanks for our government. That sounds a whole lot different than bashing and complaining. So why does God want us to do this - so we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. This is number one for our benefit and the freedom of the gospel and number two that our leaders may be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth.

We must guard our mouths and only speak words of faith, love and forgiveness. Mark 11:25 reveals the benefit of forgiveness - we are forgiven also. If we hold unforgiveness towards our government we hinder our own forgiveness. As we speak words of faith, love and forgiveness towards our leaders God is able to work on their behalf and we keep ourselves in the blessing of God.

In Jeremiah 29:4-7 NKJV we find God telling those who were taken captive to Babylon to pray for the peace of where they are so that they may experience peace or the Hebrew word *shalom* - safe, well, happy, friendly, welfare, health, prosperity, peace, favour, (good) health, perfect peace, prosper(-ity, -ous), rest, safety, wholly. In general it means nothing missing and nothing broken.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city

where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

If we pray for the peace of where we are - our town, city, province and country we too will enjoy shalom - if we stay with words of faith, love and forgiveness.

One last thing for this article - who is the problem here? You may point your finger at our governing officials and you would be wrong and sadly mistaken.

God tells us in Eph 6:12 NKJV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

People are not the problem folks. Our enemy is not our government, our boss or anyone else you want to blame - it is the devil.

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt 18:18

Jesus says one of the keys of the Kingdom is that we have been authorized to bind and loose. We can bind satan and cast down his thoughts and lies, the propaganda he is trying to push on our leaders - in Jesus' name. Jesus has defeated the devil and brought him to naught so we can declare through our God given authority that his lies will also come to naught in our government. We loose the ministering angels and make a way for God to move as we speak words of faith, love and forgiveness and pray the Word of God.

THEY NEED HELP

Will you dare take the challenge to be a help to God and our PM and Premiers? Will you be the faithful praying or the frustrated complaining? The choice is yours and what you sow you will reap.

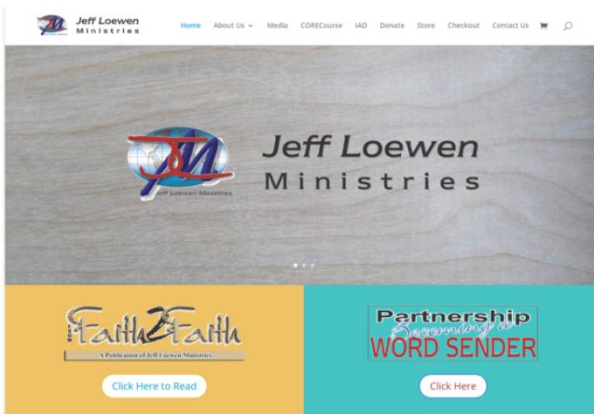
We help by being doers of the Word and we as the body of Christ have been given the authority to make changes through our prayers. Let us not be a hindrance to God and His plan and an ally of the devil for destruction.

I choose to speak words of faith, love and forgiveness and pray over our leaders and bind the works of the devil.

Who will join me?

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- Here I demonstrate a prayer and then teach in more detail what I shared in this article
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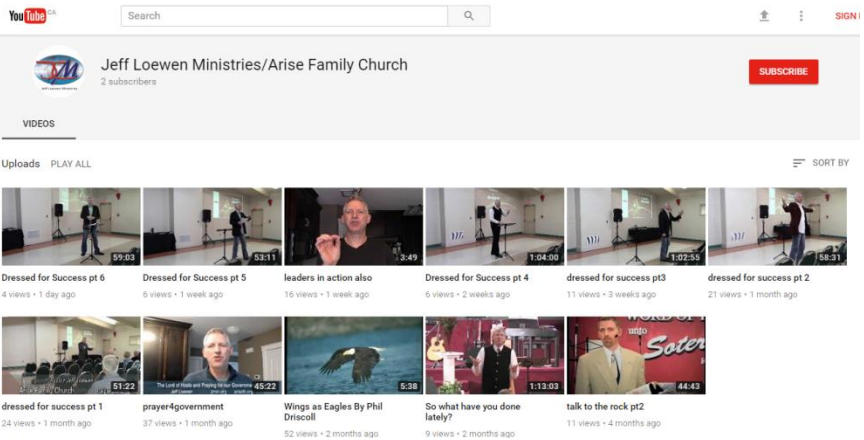
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Do You Believe You Receive?

By Audrey Loewen

Many people believe everything that happens to them is God's perfect will for them and that whatever happens is all up to God. Many people do not want to acknowledge that they have a very important part to play in what happens in their lives by taking responsibility for their actions, choices, thoughts, etc. (they fail to realize that God isn't making you do or believe anything). They would rather take the "it is out of my hands" road and c'est la vie, I am not responsible if something doesn't work or turn out the way I would desire it to be. However, the Word of God does not say anything close to that at all. If you read through the scriptures carefully, how many times were people told if **YOU** do this, then you will receive this, if **YOU** can believe, then what you desire will happen.

Mark 11:22-24 NKJV

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 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. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

You can have faith in God when you know what He has promised in the bible. Do you desire long life, health, peace, wisdom, freedom from bondage, provision, victory? If you can find it in God's covenant then you can have it. However, you don't just get it because God made it available, you have to take it by believing you can have it and you have to make the effort to believe you receive it. Jesus said in Mark 9:23 *"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."* We are limited only by what we can receive.

Jesus told us to have faith (believe) in God and explained how to move those mountains in your life. He told us that if we would

believe that we receive and not doubt in our heart we could have the things we are saying. Receive means to take. You have to take what you desire and make it your belief in your heart. You take it first by speaking it out. Yes God I believe I receive _____ (fill in the blank). Our saying needs to line up with our believing. It won't work if we believe one thing but keep saying something opposite to what we desire to come to pass. We are responsible for speaking to that mountain until it is gone. Jesus didn't say He would speak to the mountain for us. We are told our part is to believe, speak and receive.

If you are a born-again Christian, you made the choice to receive salvation by accepting Jesus into your heart. You took the salvation that Jesus offered and you accepted the price He paid for your sin. You then used your words and confessed Jesus as Lord according to Romans 10:9-11. The choice was yours and the action was yours. God finished His "actions" years ago at the cross. Everything you need right now has already been made available to you and for you. You didn't beg God to save you. You used faith and you used your words to receive your salvation. You took what was graciously offered to you. Well the exact same process is used for everything else you would like to receive from God.

When I desired to have a godly husband, I had to work on my believing in order to get my confession to a place where faith would rise up. I had already seen in the word that it is right to be married. The Lord gave me *Hebrews 10:23 as my faith scripture to stand on. Notice what it says, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful"* NKJV. First of all, I had to settle in my heart that I did indeed want to be married. That was one part of my "wavering." There is no point in God bringing an awesome man or woman into our lives if we are not really interested in being married. If you want to stay single that's fine, stay single and live like a single person. However if you want to be married you need to realize that you will live a married life not a single life. You cannot have both at the same time. Enjoy each one for its benefits but realize they are two separate lifestyles that do not mix.

The first part of the above scripture talks about our confession. Notice that we are commanded (not told to try), **commanded** to

hold fast the confession of our hope. Hold fast refers to restraining something like a ship; you need something strong to hold on to a ship. It also means to keep secure, retain, possess or take. All of these definitions have the sound or implication of working to maintain or keep something. It doesn't necessarily sound easy, it sounds like some effort is needed. Well I needed to put some effort into my confession about receiving a husband. First of all, I needed to be clear in my heart about what I was believing for. It took years for me to make a clear cut decision because I was mostly happy with being single, God took good care of me and my son and we live in times where it can be quite easy to live as a single person. I would go back and forth about whether I really wanted to be married or not. Once I decided that yes marriage is something I desired, I had to keep my words lined up with what I believed. So my confession would be "Lord I believe I receive a godly husband. I thank you for bringing him to me. I thank you for preparing us" etc. I would spend time every day going over my scriptures and my confession and I would watch my conversation. I watched my words throughout the day to make sure that I didn't fall into unbelief in regular conversations. When others found their spouses and I couldn't see anything happening in my life, I made sure to watch my heart and rejoice for them and with them. And in time (as in years) God was able to bring the right spouse (praise God He is faithful☺) and we were married.

It can take time for the promises to manifest between you believing you receive and the actual manifestation. Don't be moved by the amount of time that is going by. Very rarely were any promises manifested instantly in the bible. Most things happened over the process of time, years and as they went. You need to be willing to take the time it takes to build your faith. There is an enemy that tries to hinder us from receiving God's blessings but keep fighting the fight of faith. If something is big you need to buckle down and dig deep like trees grow deep roots to stand in all kinds of storms. The more time and effort we put into our believing and confession the faster we will receive. We just need to stay committed to our faith stand and the desire will manifest.

So the receiving process is the same no matter what you are believing for. God is always faithful to do His part. It is our part that needs work. His part does not need work. Is what you desire promised in God's Word? Then go ahead and ask for it. Choose to

believe it, choose to take it, speak to that mountain that is in the way. You stay consistent with your words; you fight the good fight of faith. Then you will have it. Faith always comes, God's Word does not return to Him void.

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