

# Caught

## Between a PROMISE and a MANIFESTATION!

The Bible is a book of record of what God has done, what God has said and what will be. So as a Christian, a believer we must choose on purpose to make God and His Word the final authority in our lives.

In the days that we live one of the things that is on the rise is identity theft. Again as a Christian, who has received the gift of eternal life and has been made a new creation (II Cor 5:17) we were given a new identity in Jesus. We must be on guard to not let anyone, especially the devil take from us or try and convince us that we are someone different than what God has said.

OK, lets build a simple foundation from God's word. II Cor 1:20 says that the promises of God are yes and amen. Which simply means God says what He has promised is YES and AMEN, translated, YES, SO BE IT. Using this one verse alone should give us enough foundation to stand strong in our belief, (Faith) that what God has promised is a done deal.

But alas, we must need more because too many of the body of Christ are still not walking in the manifestation of the promise of God but still walking in just the promise.

II Pet 1:3, God has (past tense) given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, and given us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these (promises) we might be partakers (receivers) of the divine nature.

All right then, if God in His love and mercy has already given unto us everything that we have need of and everything that we could possibly

imagine then we must not be understanding how we get from promise to manifestation.

So we get caught in the middle somewhere struggling to believe and not really walking in the victory intended for us to have.

Let's back up a little, to the Garden of Eden, Gen 3:8. God came down in the cool of the evening and talked with Adam and Eve, but this day they were not out waiting on Him. So God called out, Adam where are you. Adam hiding amongst the trees responded, we hide ourselves because we are naked. God said how do you know you are naked? And so forth we all know the story. Satan has come along and through deception and lies convinced Eve to eat and Adam with her and they lost their identity, or better said, they lost their position, in God.

We must understand that God had set them in this place, just like God has set you and I in a place in Him. A place of authority, place of responsibility, a place of inheritance and so forth. We are set, positioned in our Christian walk by God. But we allow the devil, others and/or ourselves to talk us out of that wonderful, victorious place. We let things, situations, circumstances move us from our God given place in Him. I believe this is the number one way that the devil causes us havoc is to get us by hook or crook to move from our place in God.

Let me give you a easy example of moving from our position, our identity in God. If I ask you the question, are you saved, your answer would be a quick and positive, yes. But if I ask you the question are you a saint, a child of God, are you healed, delivered, are you free from all

Bondage, would your answer be the quick and positive, yes? I would pray that this is the case but I have found that many do not walk in the full victory of the Word of God in every situation or circumstance. If the devil with his strategies can get you and I to move from our position in God then he can cause us to lose our faith grip on the promise. How can this be you ask, simply, we move from faith into a position of doubt. We receive the promises of God by faith, this is a spiritual position. If we move back into the natural or the flesh and begin to think about or entertain the time factor or other influences in the natural we can begin to doubt the manifestation of the promise. We begin to wonder if it will every happen. The thoughts come, I have been waiting for so long. I have been standing in faith for all this time, when will God move, will God really move.

Lets shift over to the other thing that causes us to move out of position in God. That is our mouth. The words that we speak about the promise that we were given are very important to us and to God. Take a look back at Ezekiel 37, here we find God taking Ezekiel into a valley of dry bones. And God asks him, can these bones live, Ezekiel replies, only you know. In verse 4 we find a key to our daily walking in the position and in the victory that God desires for each of us. "God said prophesy and say to the dry bones, Hear the Word of the Lord." We all have dry places in our lives. Places where the moisture had dried up, where the life flow has waned. These dry places must be told, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD. We must speak God's word over every area of our lives, daily. But importantly, in the area of the promises that God has given. Speak those promises, speak those prophecies, speak the revelation we receive in prayer and study. Tell yourself, spirit, soul and body, HERE THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Remember the Word of God must be the last and final authority in our lives concerning everything. We must speak this Word in all of our lives, in every trial, victory, every trouble, thought, action or deed. The Word of God clearly states who we are in Christ. God has set us in position of sonship, and covenant that will not change. We must never let any internal or external force move us from that place.

When we allow ourselves to accommodate, tolerate unbelief in our lives it brings destruction of the promise of God. When we lose sight of the promise we cannot see the manifestation.

Mar k 11:24 states, when we pray and believe that we have received what we prayed we will have what we prayed.

To sum it us, God gives us a promise, we receive the promise and the manifestation of the promise at the same time, at the point of faith. This means that there is no time in the spirit between the promise and the manifestation. We already have what God has said. Bringing the promise into manifestation in the flesh or the natural world is to stand in faith not seeing any time, but receiving what God said right now in its fullness. Continuing to speak forth the Word of God, standing strong in faith, nothing wavering, not moving one inch from where God intended for us to live. The place of promise, the place of manifestation.

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