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Ice Breakers

- What are you doing for Labor Day?
- Football is back!! Who is your team?
- How are you resting this week?

OPEN IN PRAYER

MESSAGE REVIEW

We know that prayer changes everything! We also know that God does answer prayers! Prayer is a dialogue between us and God, but there is also a conversation we can have that can build our faith. We have the opportunity to:

1. Speak to God
2. Rebuke or enemies
3. Speak to our mountains
4. Meditate

Continuing in Part 3 of this series we will dive into the importance of meditation and what to meditate on in the prayer of faith. Let's dig in!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- **Review (Mark 5:25-34)** The woman with the issue of blood suffered for 12 years until she heard Jesus was coming. Then she began to model the prayer of faith. *Malachi 4:2* says "...the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings." The terms "wings" describes the tassels or the hem of a priestly garment. This is the word that the woman held onto that begin to build her faith.
- **The prayer of Faith** declares what God has already said. And the ability to have faith for a thing indicates the proof that it is yours. However, to declare what God said we must have a Word from God. The woman held onto the word that if she could just touch the hem of Jesus, she would be healed. **Mediation** is to mumble over and over to oneself in a low voice. She knew the word, then she spoke the word until her affliction could no longer rule her. ***What do meditate on when your faith seems to decline? How do you encourage yourself?***
- **Read John 15:7** We abide in Jesus by having His Word abide in us. Whatever your dilemma, the Lord has a word in His Word for us. ***What does God say about your issue?***
- **Read Isaiah 55:8-11** Our faith to move forward with a Word from God may seem foolish to those around us and even to ourselves. But God is so good that he reminds us that His ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are above our thoughts. All promises are heavenly in substance and nature and to get them to the physical realm we must have faith to call the "unseen" to the "seen".
- **Read Romans 4:17-21** God is a God who can create new out of nothing. Abraham believed that he would be the father of many nations though he had no children and was very old when God gave him this promise. This faith brought glory to God and ultimately God counted Abraham as righteous because of it. We do not have room to make other considerations on things that do not align with the word God has given us. Allowing our attention to be focused in other areas immediately produces doublemindedness. ***In what areas are you focusing on your thoughts rather than the Word or promise God gave you?***

Reference Scriptures

1 Corinthians 1:27 “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;”

Mark 11:22-24 “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.”

James 1:6-8 “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”

Hebrews 6:12 “that you do not become sluggish but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

PRAYER FOCUS & REQUESTS

Ask your members if they have any prayer requests or praise reports.
John 11:25-26 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? Ask the question to yourself “Do you believe this?” and how can you share the gospel with people who don’t