II Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*

- Faith works the same in every area of life (salvation, healing, blessing, victory, etc.) – it works by believing and by speaking
- When you have a spirit of faith, you cannot be ordinary

**Ingredients to the Spirit of Faith**

1. The spirit of faith is **tough** – not fragile or sensitive
   - When you face things in life, you have a choice whether or not to “fall to pieces”
   - II Corinthians 4:8-9
     - Perplexed, but not in despair = you don’t have all the answers, but you have the ones you need
     - Cast down, but not destroyed – just because you have faith doesn’t mean you never get knocked down

2. When you have a spirit of faith, you make a decision to **cheer up** even if you don’t feel like it
   - Acts 27:25
     - In the middle of the storm you’re going to determine whether you’re going to go over or go under – cheer up, it will be as He told me
     - It doesn’t look like it right now, but I still believe God

3. When you have a spirit of faith, you **speak what you believe**
   - Believing is the attitude of faith, speaking is the initial act of faith
   - Always keep the switch of faith turned on, even if it doesn’t look like things are changing

**5 Things to Have Faith In**

1. **Have faith in God** (Mark 11:22)
   - Have the faith of God; lay hold on God’s faithfulness
   - Faith must have an object – not just faith in faith, but you attach your faith to God (expectation, dependency, in God; trust in His faithfulness, plan, mercy, love)
2. **Have faith in the blood of Jesus** (Romans 3:25)
   - “Liquid love that flows from the heart of God and reaches into the heart of man, heals you where you have been broken by life, redeems your life from destruction, and restores peace and joy to your heart”
   - The blood of Jesus speaks of the love of God; while we were sinners, Christ died for us
   - When you have faith in the blood, you attach yourself to what the blood of Jesus speaks of and what it’s done for us

3. **Have faith in the name of Jesus** (Acts 3:16): Jesus’ name on the lips of every believer opens up heaven

4. **Have faith in the power of God** (I Corinthians 2:4-5)
   - When His power is present, His ability is there; you’re not limited by your ability, you have God’s ability/power/energy
   - God is able to:
     - Deliver you (Daniel 3:17)
     - Make you stand (Romans 14:4)
     - Perform what He has promised (Romans 4:20)
     - Keep you from falling (Jude 24)
     - Keep what you’ve committed unto Him against that day (II Timothy 1:12)
     - Succour you (when you’re tempted \(\rightarrow\) He assists/relieves you and makes a way of escape) (Hebrews 2:18)
       - Your confession of faith is what connects you to your deliverance (hold fast to your confession of faith – Hebrews 10:23)
       - Keep saying what God says about you, what Jesus has done for you, what He is doing for you right now
   - Faith activates the power of God.

5. **Have faith in the Word of God**

   There's no such thing as “ignorant faith.” Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The moment you open your Bible the devil is in some big trouble – because faith comes. The Word of God is faith food. You have to take the scriptures that tell you what Jesus has done, feed on them, and then mix faith with them – attach your confidence/dependency to the blood of Jesus.

   “We should have just as much faith in the present day ministry of Jesus as we do in His death, burial, and resurrection.”
Believing is the Attitude of Faith

- David constantly dealt with his attitude – saying “My soul…”
- The most important conversation you have is with yourself.
- Faith has an attitude of expectation

The Attitude of Faith is Released by Speaking

- With the spirit of faith, you do not have the right to remain silent. If you are silent, you will lose by default.
- The spirit of faith will take the whine out of your voice and put victory in.
- The initial act of faith is speaking – and speaking is a continual act of faith.
- If you’re going to live by faith, you’re going to need to get your mouth moving in the morning.

Mark 11:22-23: And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

The First Thing Jesus Said about Faith Started with Saying

- Your “believer” is connected to your “speaker” – your words are going to determine your victory or your defeat
- Your faith doesn’t necessarily prevent all mountains, but it will move all mountains.
- You can’t control everything in this world, but you can control yourself – your own attitude and your own words. And that will be the trial of your faith.

No Such Thing as Unchallenged Faith

- When you decide to live by faith, there is a fight (I Timothy 6:12), and you’re not going to enjoy living by faith if you don’t like to fight.
- You have to enjoy fighting, understand it, and know what the fight’s about. You have to have a higher purpose for your fight than just look good in the fight.
- To win the fight of faith you must have a good profession.
- You’re not fighting for victory, you’re fighting from victory. You take your place in Christ, redeemed by the blood.
- You never enter the fight as the challenger (trying to get something), you enter as the champion (knowing that Jesus has already gotten it for you).
• Hebrews 4:10: he that believes has entered into rest.
  o Sometimes the biggest fight to faith is the fight you have to fight to keep from fighting.
  o Once you’re fully persuaded and you enter into rest, you know that God’s going to take care of business for you.

Jesus Said Anyone Can Do This (Mark 11:23)
  • You need to hear your pastor’s voice, but your mountain needs to hear your voice.
  • The mountain represents anything that looks too big for you or looks impossible – any situation that is so gigantic you wonder, “How can I ever deal with that?”
  • Don’t talk to God about the mountain; talk to it.
  • Identify what you’re dealing with – your words will give dominion over demons, disease, and circumstances.
  • The devil doesn’t have the authority to kill you. He can come against you, lie to you, deceive you – but he doesn’t have the power. That power is in your mouth, in your words.
  • So you can say, “Devil, I’m not cooperating with you. I’m not cooperating with your depression, with your shame, with your sickness, with your lack. In fact I’m going to say, ‘The Lord is my shepherd – I shall not want...’ ”
  • The devil cannot make a bondage that your faith cannot break off of you.
  • The devil challenges your faith because he knows that when you act in faith and act on the Word of God, it opens up the supernatural.
  • Believing and speaking open the door of the supernatural. Instead of being stuck with natural results, you have an open door to God’s ability/power.
  • Say to the mountain, “Mountain, I’d like for you to meet Jehovah Jireh.”

Your job is not to move the mountain – your job is to open the door to the supernatural, to arrange the meeting between your problem and the blood of Jesus and what Christ has done for you.