



Do You Reign in Life?

What is the secret to Christian expression in this life?

You and I are supposed to rule and reign in this life now! You may say in your heart,

“Jesus did not mean that we are supposed to rule now; . . . did he? Surely we have learned that we are supposed to wait until the Millennium comes and once we have been given a new body of spirit composition, then we will rule during the Kingdom of God!”

First, we better find out what the Bible means by the phrase to “reign in life.” Surely we are just supposed to rule over our own flesh now. After Jesus returns we will be given city(s) to rule over during the reign of Christ. Before we jump to conclusions, we better find out who we should look to as an example regarding rulership in this lifetime.

Paul claimed that we are supposed to look to him as our example, “Be ye *followers of me*, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor 11:1). Beyond merely following Paul, notice the last part of that verse, “even as *I also am of Christ*” (1 Cor 11:1)! If we are followers of Jesus, realize that it was He who told us, “*What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them*” (Mark 11:23-24). How can we receive our desires?

Now, let’s get realistic here, it seems that Jesus might have gone just a little too far. He said, “*What things soever ye desire!*” Now, that covers an awful lot of ground! There are lots of desires in the hearts of lots of people! I know because I have a lot of desires in my own heart! How can all of these people actually receive what they have prayed for just by believe in their hearts?

One of the keys to releasing our Christ based desires is through understanding that our beliefs are just like seeds. Let’s notice a secret in the planting of a human seed. What does a woman do as soon as she discovers that she has become pregnant? . . .

Now, I want to give you an opportunity to think about that question for just a few seconds before we continue! The pregnant woman begins by announcing to the world, “I am pregnant; I am going to have a baby! I am so excited!”

My brother-in-law Neil Jones has recently proclaimed that he has birthed the belief that his home will be supernaturally paid-off! I suppose that means to him that he expects to be delivered from debt, “Owe no man any thing” (Rom 13:8). The scripture also tells us twice in Deuteronomy, “and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow” (Deut 28:12) & (Deut 15:6). Neil believes in his heart; therefore according to Jesus, he will receive whatsoever is conceived in his heart! Further, Neil and I are in agreement concerning his delivery from debt, “if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt 18:19)!



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Some might scratch their heads and ask, “Isn’t Neil acting and speaking just a little bizarre and impulsive?” How can he rashly claim that his house will be supernaturally paid-off? Surely his belief system (*his form of religion*) has gone to his head! After all, nobody gets his or her home supernaturally paid off! . . . Right? . . . **WRONG!** Neil has conceived that desire in his heart and he has seen the vision of freedom from debt, “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Cor 3:17). He has impregnated his heart with the seed of believing that his house will be supernaturally paid-off, “it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the Land . . . to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not” (Deut 6:10-11).

Neil has seen in his heart these promises for his family, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for *out of it are the issues of life*” (Prov 4:23). Neil has seen the unseen before it comes to pass! In the spiritual realm, our heart sees before our eyes do!

Back to the question, “Are you and I supposed to rule and reign in this life?” What does the bible have to say about this issue of reigning during this lifetime? Where can we find that whole concept in the pages of the Bible? And, how does reigning relate to faith?

We have previously studied the Biblical concept that the Christian has already become “the Righteousness of God!” --- If you are not familiar with that topic, you may obtain a copy of that Rivkah Ministries Bible Study from the World Wide Web at: <http://www.rivkah.org>

This Bible Study will focus on one specific passage out of the book of Romans, specifically, Rom 5:17 which says, “For if by one man's offence death reigned (*ruled*) by one; much more *they which receive* abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall *reign* (*rule or have dominion*) in life by one, Jesus Christ.” Most of us read quickly over that verse and just kind of say to ourselves something like the following; “Well, that verse mainly teaches that Adam sinned and therefore all of us must receive the sacrifice of Jesus Christ!” The verse does say that; however, it has so much more information to convey. Notice the following table as it seeks to expound that verse more thoroughly by means of the eight specific segments contained in the verse!

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(1) For if by one man's offence	Adam was that “one man” who brought death into the world, “For as in Adam all die” (1 Cor 15:22). One might ask so why should Adam’s sin affect me personally. However, we all sinned in Adam in the same sense that, “Levi also, who receiveth tithes, <i>payed tithes</i> in Abraham” (Heb 7:9). Levi had nothing to do with paying tithes nor did we have anything to do with Adam’s sin; yet in God’s economy the seed within the father experience the blessings/curses of the father. Through our father Adam, God’s “Law of Sin and Death” became apparent.
(2) death reigned (ruled or had dominion) by one;	Death has ruled, “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam” (Rom 5:14). Death is the victor over every sinner, “sin hath reigned unto death” (Rom 5:21). Do you realize that the Bible speaks of two <i>opposite</i> laws regarding life and death? We all know what laws are; they are invisible regulations out of God’s wisdom that everyone is subject to. For example, there is the law of gravity. No physical thing known to man can break that law. Jump off a tall building onto the street and you will die! Everything on earth is subject to the law of gravity.



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	The Bible teaches two <i>opposite</i> laws regarding life and death, "For <i>the law of the Spirit of life</i> in Christ Jesus hath made me free from <i>the law of sin and death</i> " (Rom 8:2). These two <i>opposite</i> laws will be covered in a future Bible Study.
(3) much more	<p>Adam sinned and he began the death cycle! "The law of sin and death" took over. Just think of all of the grief and all of the sins that Satan and Adam have brought upon the world! It is very powerful to think about all that sin; however, "Much More" – has Jesus has brought to us, "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom 5:20)!</p> <p>We must realize that the "sin consciousness" that Adam brought is not anywhere near the same level or anything on par with what Jesus brought to humanity! Jesus brought "much more!" What God did in Jesus is "much more!"</p> <p>There is something in those who are "the righteousness of God" that bondage cannot stand. There is something in those who are "the righteousness of God" that poverty cannot abide. There is something in those who are "the righteousness of God" that even the foul elements of nature cannot conquer.</p>
(4) they which receive	The key to righteousness is that it must be received! This cannot be emphasized enough. There is a sad story of man who killed someone during President Andrew Jackson's administration and there arose a great cry from the people of his hometown for the president to pardon his death sentence. However, when the warden offered him the pardon, he would not receive it! The Supreme Court ruled that he should therefore die as planned and he did; all because he would not receive what had been offered! There is power in receiving , while there certainly can be great loss to those who fail to receive!
(5) abundance of grace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). • "the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift" (1 Cor 1:4-7). • "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (Eph 4:7). • Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" (2 Peter 1:2)
(6) and of the gift of righteousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2 Cor 5:19-21) • the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe" (Rom 3:22)
(7) shall reign in life	There is no getting around the concept that we are supposed to reign in this lifetime! We will examine scriptures in this Bible study which prove this concept. However, for now consider the following: "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? " (Mark 4:38-40). Why would Jesus ask them, " how is it that ye have no faith? " Obviously, Jesus expected that through faith they should have been able to rebuke the wind and calm the sea themselves! Matthew's account says, "O ye



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(8) by one, Jesus Christ	"as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor 15:22). "But we see Jesus, who . . . by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb 2:9).

The key  to ruling and reigning in life is through the **receiving** of the free gift of righteousness, "But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12)! We must **receive** the free gift from God! Our Key to success is to **receive**. How do we know that we have **received** the free Gift? If we **receive** our gift from Jesus we will reign, "death (*another name for death could be "satan's way of life"*) reigned (*ruled*) by one; much more **they which receive** abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **shall reign in life**" (Rom 5:17). We will return to the topic of receiving later in the study.

There is no way that we can really believe that we have received something from God unless we become pregnant with that which we have received and we intend to give birth to it! Our job is to nurture our belief unto a delivery; or to give birth to our belief. **Remember satan's goal is to get us to abort our beliefs!** He is seeking after the destruction of the seed, "then cometh **the wicked one**, and catcheth away that which was **sown in his heart**" (Matt 13:19).

We should tie this **wicked one** directly to the Biblical stories that illustrate the killing of babies! In both stories there is the imminent birth of powerful Sons of God! These stories include the births of both Moses and Jesus, "**Pharaoh** (*a governmental leader*) charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river" (Ex 1:22) and "Then Herod (*another governmental leader*), when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under" (Matt 2:16)!

Satan works in patterns! Notice that whenever powerful Sons of God were about to be born, he has become furious and **moved through governments to kill many children!** Through (*another governmental function*) the Supreme Court decision known as, Roe v. Wade, which was made in 1973, 42,036,175 total abortions have taken place in the U.S. since that date! This means that for every 1,000 live births, there have been 306 abortions! It is hard to comprehend but almost one in every four children conceived in the United States since 1973 has been put to death! These satan inspired deaths have occurred once every 24 seconds since 1973! This accounts for more deaths than during the time of both Moses and Jesus combined. The only thing that we can conclude is that satan once again is aware of and fears the imminent birth of many powerful Sons of God! Get that concept. In other words, satan himself is telling us that the Sons of God are about to be delivered!

Now let's examine a story regarding dominion during the life of Jesus, "And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to



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it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. 14 And Jesus **answered** and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it”

(Mark 11:12-14).

Notice in verse 14 that Jesus **answered** the tree! He obviously spoke to it! The tree must have said something to Jesus that provoked Him answer it! One does not answer unless they have first been addressed. What on the earth did the tree tell Jesus? In order to understand you must first acquire a botanical fact concerning the fig tree. In essence, a fig tree develops its fruit at the same time that the leaves grow on the tree. In other words, the fruit and the leaves grow out at the same time! Therefore, whenever one sees a fig tree that has leaves they should also expect to find fruit! Notice the end of verse 13 “for the time of figs was not yet” (Mark 11:13). Jesus knew that time of figs was not yet; however, since the tree had leaves it was not the time for leaves either. Therefore, the tree lied to Jesus; it was telling anyone who would listen, “I am an early bloomer; come and partake of my early fruit.” In the same fashion that the tree talked to Jesus so, things speak to us!

Continuing in verse fourteen with the concept of dominion, “And Jesus **answered** and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And **his disciples heard it**” (Mark 11:12-14). The disciples heard Jesus curse the tree but they did not really think anything about his words. He spoke the curse and they heard Jesus’ words. The next day they observed firsthand the results of Jesus’ words! Mark finishes that story, “And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God” (Mark 11:20-22). Why did Jesus even bring up the concept of faith at that point in time? Because the dominion (*rulership or authority*) which Jesus exercised over that tree required faith! Remember Jesus’ words during the storm, “how is it that ye have no faith?” (Mark 4:40).

We should recognize the three-step process observable during the story of the fig tree:

- 1) Jesus Said;
- 2) They heard it;
- 3) They saw it!

You might remember from last week’s Bible Study entitled “Spiritual Perception” that we observed a slightly different three-step process to spiritual perception; however, the principle is the same. There is (1) speaking on the part of God; (2) there is hearing on the part of man (*in last week’s message we included that the man also obeyed in the course of step two*); and then step (3) they saw! By the way, notice step (2), since Jesus spoke to the tree out of his authority over the plant kingdom, the tree had to obey!

The main concept that we ought to understand is that Jesus fully intended that we also would possess that same authority to speak dominion over the plant kingdom (*like the fig tree*); and over the mineral kingdom such as the case of a mountain, **during this lifetime**, “Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever** (*you and I are part of “whosoever”*) **shall say unto this mountain** (*“saying to a mountain” or a fig tree is to be taking dominion or authority over them*), Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in



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his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:21-23).

In essence, Jesus is teaching us through the Bible to *exercise* the same faith that He possessed! Let’s recall Paul’s teaching, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” Jesus’ clear example through the fig tree is that we too might exercise that authority! Sadly, we possess authority that we do not exercise. We must change!

I am going to introduce and define two new symbols that we will use through the remainder of this study:

Our converted heart (⌒) is symbolic of the heart that we obtained from God during

conversion; and secondly, the Egyptian eye (👁️) is symbolic of man’s natural vision which most men possess from birth!

With the understanding that we can see in our hearts as well through our eyes, let us use the two preceding symbols in the following portion of the study as helps that we may identify exactly which kind of vision we are talking about in each instance. Jesus spoke of individuals which, “shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:21-23). Whether or not we believe it, here we are given authority from Jesus to possess those things that we speak into existence, “whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:23).

However, here is the key to exercising that authority from Jesus: You will ultimately

possess the vision of (👁️) what you say, if you first possess in your (⌒), when you

speak out your desire! In other words, you must have it here (⌒) before you will ever

have it here (👁️)! “The Law of Sin and Death” has trained us that we need to have it

here (👁️) before we can claim it in our hearts (⌒)! On the other hand, God’s law of

faith teaches us to have it here (⌒) before we have it here (👁️)! In order to birth

something that has been developed in the spirit realm, it must be born in the heart (⌒)

before it can be observed through natural vision (👁️)!

Because you had it here (⌒) before you said it, you will eventually experience it here

(👁️)! Stated in simplest of terms: to birth something out of the spirit we must impregnate our heart and thereby experience the invisible before it ever becomes visible.

How many of you desire something in your life? If you believe Jesus, then you should be like the man who does, “not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he



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saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:23). We all can essentially have the desires on the outside that we first birth on the inside! Notice how the scripture confirms this, “(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)” (2 Cor 5:7). You can always remember that verse because it is one of the verses where the KJV displays a happy face at the end of the verse! → :)

When we first birth something in our heart we are much like a woman that is just a few months pregnant. No one else would even know that she is pregnant unless she tells them! Nonetheless, ***She Knows that Seed has been Planted!*** She and her husband were the only ones present during the implantation and even he must be told!

In essence the recently impregnated woman must announce her pregnancy! So too, must we Christians announce the conception of our inner visions. As the outside world begins to see manifestations of our spoken inner visions, they will come to recognize that we have obviously developed a special relationship with our God! This will make them more inquisitive at the same time that it brings Glory to our Lord! Announce it! Say listen here, “I am pregnant with freedom from debt;” “I am pregnant with freedom from poor health;” “I am pregnant with more-than-enough finances;” etc, etc.

What about the “day of adversity?” Doesn’t Solomon teach, “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small” (Prov 24:10). Doesn’t the Bible teach, “she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered” (Rev 12:2)? Isn’t it true that every birth has a day of adversity? We need to learn from the natural, the hardest day is always the day of delivery! When we experience the greatest day of adversity this is never the time to quit; rather it is time to push!

Jesus taught, “believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:24). That is simple, “believe that ye receive;” “believe that ye receive;” “believe that ye receive!”

Notice Matthew’s account of the same story that we have been studying, “Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. 19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ***ye*** (clearly, “ye” includes every disciple of Christ) ***shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree***, (by these words Jesus fully intends that we are empowered to perform the same miracles and even greater!) but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.” (Matt 21:18-21).

Jesus’ words should be ringing in our ears, “believe that ye receive;” “believe that ye receive!” What does it mean to ***receive*** something? It means that you ***contain*** it. It means that you ***take*** it. It means that you ***accept*** it. It means that you ***embrace*** it. It means that you ***hold*** it. Are you ***containing, taking, accepting, embracing, and holding*** the seed in your heart? Whenever we really get something in the spiritual realm we embrace the unseen! Next we must nurture and declare that we contain this thing that others cannot see! Our ultimate success is contingent on our heart manufacturing that which has been birthed within!



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Here is another key : **Shout for joy** when you believe that you receive it! On the natural level (*in the world*) they celebrate during the birthing stage of a child while in the spiritual realm we are supposed to celebrate during the planting of the seed stage! The reason is that one always celebrates when they receive!

We cannot bring to term that which we have not nourished within! The church is the bride of Christ! The bride is a woman and it is the woman who receives the seed and brings it to term! In essence, that is our job. We should be getting pregnant with seeds of the word.

We nurture the seed by meditating on the object of our faith. There are two kinds of mental processes that take place within the human mind with regard to faith:

- Meditation is pre-playing your future in your mind;
- Memory is re-playing your past in your mind!

Now that we are living under a new law, we must pre-play the future not re-play the past! Pre-playing is God's way of faith, while re-playing the past is satan's way of death. David was so successful because he continually meditated on God's word; we see this as he wrote concerning the righteous man, "in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps 1:2).

Simply close your eyes and you can see with the mind's eye the thing that has already come to pass in your mind! About eighteen months ago prior to retirement, while I was still working as an administrator in the Pueblo Schools, two office mates asked me what I had planned after retirement. I hadn't given it much thought so I simply closed my eyes and envisioned myself in the future. I told them that I see myself sitting at a computer and looking out of a large window as a cool breeze blows over a wooded area with mountains in the background and a great view off in the distance. Right this minute, as I am writing this bible study, I am enjoying the outcome of that exact vision except for the breeze! If you could somehow possess a time and space machine which could place you in the position to observe me as I am writing, you would realize that the vision that I saw and expressed to my workmates is exactly what I am now experiencing! I did not fully comprehend on the day of my mental vision that I would be here in Colorado today; in fact I thought I might actually be living in California (*where my then wife-to-be lived*); however, my heart's deepest desire was to remain in Colorado!

I totally forgot about that conversation and my vision until just a few weeks ago as I was thinking about this specific Bible Study. During the long process while my wife and I were looking for a house, the only stipulation that I required of the real estate salesman was that I desired a good view. We ended up in the house that actually supplied the vision that I had shared eighteen months earlier and which I had forgotten that I had shared with others!

Do you see yourself possessing your future? If you don't then you are not doing what Jesus wants us to do! We must display the vital signs of a pregnant woman! Faith people, "callesth those things which be not as though they were" (Rom 4:17)! We are faith people. What are you pregnant with? Once you know then have the celebration service all by yourself! Then you can go outside of your prayer closet and announce your vision to those around you; even to the unbeliever! You should probably expect ridicule on the part of others. However, when those around you see your vision come to pass they will experience a change of heart!



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Are you speaking out those things which are impregnated in your heart to other people? If you don't others will never know! Further, according to Jesus, your speaking them is part of the process of receiving them, "he shall have whatsoever he *saith*" (Mark 11:23).

When the thing that you are believing for becomes real in your mind you will naturally talk about it and you will begin to act like you already possess it. Dr. Yon Chee Cho (?) the famous Christian Pastor in Korea, who is the leader of the largest church in the world, began with just a simple dream in his mind. He simply believed through faith that he possessed a desk and an American bicycle. He announced those things which he had in his heart to others. However, he spoke of them as if they already existed. The people called him on it. When the people asked to see his possessions he replied that one day soon he would show them; not long thereafter he proudly showed the objects of his dreams.

When I was in my twenties I planted a garden and I knew exactly where everything had been planted. I knew this because I taped the packet of seed to a stick and placed it in the ground at the head of each planted row. With time, the sticks were knocked down by the dog, kicked during watering, or taken away by the children. However, I already had developed a clear image of exactly what the garden would look like. I was alone during the planting of the seed. If anyone were to have asked to see the fruits of my garden, I would have told them with complete confidence and expectation, "wait just a little while and you will taste those juicy fresh vegetables." I was actually amazed; every seed brought forth exactly what it had promised.

In the spirit world, we must see the unseen before we can see the seen! Nothing just happens; from the beginning God established the process, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen 8:22). God made the world to operate under the principle that planted seed brings forth a harvest *after a season!*

Even the greatest event of all time required the planting of a seed! Notice how Luke the physician expressed his narrative concerning Joseph the legal father of Jesus, "Mary his espoused wife, *being great with child*" (Luke 2:5). Mary became great with child; but how did the conception take place? Matthew fills in some of the details concerning Jesus, "his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child" (Matt 1:18). That still does not answer how the conception took place. Obviously Joseph did not place his seed in Mary. Remember we are studying about conception and the planting of seed. Notice Luke's account, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, *thou shalt conceive in thy womb*, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS . . . Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing *I know not a man?* 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For *with God nothing shall be impossible*. 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; *be it unto me according to thy word*. And the angel departed from her" (Luke 1:30-38). We have learned that the



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birthing of any seed in the spiritual realm requires a word from God followed by faith and speaking on the part of the believer. However, we cannot overlook the most important

factor in the story of Jesus' conception, "***The Holy Ghost*** shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee" (Luke 1:35). Just as in Mary's conception of Jesus, it is the power of ***the Holy Ghost*** in us which brings to pass our hearts desire!

It is the God in us that brings about the fulfillment of our desires! God in us impregnates the seed planted in our hearts and brings it to fruition!

Just like the Virgin Mary, due season will arrive for us! We should be saying, "be it unto me according to thy word!" When Mary used those words she became impregnated!

Repeat out loud after me, "be it unto me according to thy word!" We have to receive! Receiving is the important component! Say it out loud, "This is my receiving day!" When you wake up in the morning say to yourself, "This is my receiving day!" It is okay to let every devil in hell know that you are getting yourself into position to receive from God!

Peter says, "***Receiving*** the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:9). Let's remember what ***receiving*** is! It means that you ***contain*** it. It means that you ***take*** it. It means that you ***accept*** it. It means that you ***embrace*** it. It means that you ***hold*** it.

If we fail to receive, we cannot blame God for not getting something from Him! We must receive! When we receive in the spirit, we should celebrate the reception just like the natural mother celebrates when her child is born! But we are not natural when we operate in the supernatural! Therefore, we celebrate before it comes to pass, during receiving.

God declared the end from the beginning! Don't you get it? Satan has tried and tried to stop this creation thing of God for six thousand years! However, God finished the process from the beginning, "I am God, and there is none like me, ***10 Declaring the end from the beginning***, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isa 46:9-10). God finished His project during its foundation!

Now the powerful part; God decreed that He would produce many children through Jesus, "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in ***bringing many sons unto glory***" (Heb 2:10). The point for us in this study is that God's children are beginning to discover exactly who they are. They are beginning to act like offspring of God! They are beginning to declare those that they want to bring into existence! They are using faith as they "callesth those things which be not as though they were" (Rom 4:17).

We, you and I are the Sons of Almighty God! I am made like God Almighty; I am His Son! I am the Righteousness of God!

You see, I have spent time on vacation in several distant places: Hawaii, Cabo San Lucas, the Grand Canyon; the Continental Divide; Florida; Georgia; South Dakota; Tennessee; Texas; Oklahoma; New Mexico; California; Arizona etc. etc. God tells me, "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours" (Deut 11:24). As a Son of God, I am expecting to go back to visit all these lands, portions of which I own!



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Whenever any problem shows up, claim your redemption from that problem! Talk it out. Then we must **go through** our problems:

The path of victory is through **Our Problems** 

We must emerge out of the other side of our problems. If we get pregnant with the good life we will give birth to the good life! Get pregnant with the “*sperma*” of God’s word instead of the worries of the world! After that pregnancy, announce it! God wants you and me to have dominion over the earth, “after our likeness (*the God kind*): and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Gen 1:26)! That word of instruction was given to Adam and Eve; however they did not take dominion. God’s command still remains for the Sons of God who will take hold of it, claim it, speak it and go through the birthing process!

Get a vision of your faith and turn up the heat! Keep the pressure on your belief until you give birth to it! Be intense about your belief! Get violent in your speaking the thing into existence, “the violent take it by force” (Matt 11:12). Announce it, I am pregnant with prosperity, health, whatever your dream is! Do not stop crying out your belief until you see your dreams manifest with your physical eyes!

Now, let’s observe one last story of a man who learned to see into the spiritual plane before the physical. This man got a vision of his dream and he immediately began to act upon his spiritual vision! Then, when Jesus saw it he acted upon it. We start with the story of Bartimaeus, “As he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: **but he cried the more a great deal**, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50 And **he, casting away his garment**, rose, and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; **thy faith hath made thee whole** (*Bartimaeus’ faith made him whole*). And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way” (Mark 10:46-52).

You might not get the real significance of that story because it is hidden in a cultural context. Let me attempt to explain by using our modern American culture as an example. If you are driving down the street and you come upon a man with a white cane who is ignoring your car as he crosses the street in front of you, what would you think? & Why?

We all should know that a white cane is indicative of a blind man. The color of the cane is sign to all in our American society that the man is blind. So too in Jesus’ day, the type of a garment that a blind person would wear identified him as blind. Now, notice what Bartimaeus does immediately upon being summoned by the Lord, “And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50 And **he, casting away his garment** (*Bartimaeus received his spiritual sight through the act of casting off his*



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garment. In essence, he began to see himself as a man of vision.), rose, and came to Jesus” (Mark 10:49-50). You must realize that Bartimaeus stopped identifying with his

personal blindness (*and he began to see into the spiritual realm*) as soon as he knew that he was going to see Jesus? Jesus did all of the rest as he gave the word, “And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; **thy faith hath made thee whole** (*Here, Jesus recognized the man’s faith through his act of casting off the garment of blindness and seeing through his inner vision*). And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way” (Mark 10:52).

Are you still wearing your old blind man’s garment? Do you say, “I am unworthy!” “I am just a sinner!” “I still have my sickness!” **CAST OFF THOSE GARMENTS!**

Like Bartimaeus, you and I need to develop our inner vision! If you don’t have **IN SIGHT** (*inside of the heart*) (U) you will never experience your dreams with your **EYE SIGHT**



What is that specific thing that you desire in your heart? Write it down on the blank line below: _____

Now repeat after me: _____

“In the name of Jesus, I believe that I have received _____.
In the name of Jesus Christ, according to your word, if I believe that I receive and then I have! Therefore right now I have what I believe! I have received it and from this day until it is born into the world I will nourish what I believe I have received! Be it unto me according to thy word.” At this moment, I have conceived; and I shall give birth!”

Now let me ask you a question, “What would you do, or how would you act if you actually saw the physical manifestation your dream right here, right now?”

Then shout for joy; your joy expresses your belief that you have received your dream!

Take dominion over your circumstances, over your bills, over your health, over your family situations, over your relationships, and even over fierce storms whenever needed!

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