

HOLD FAST TO YOUR CONFESSION by Pastor Jarrod October 17, 2021

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Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.

GREAT AND MIGHTY IS THE INHERITANCE THAT GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS GIVEN US.

HERE IS SOME ADVICE ON HOW TO HOLD ONTO YOUR CONFESSION

1. REALISE THAT WHAT YOU SAY DETERMINES YOUR OUTCOME

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

What words are you speaking over your life?

I'm so stupid, I cant do this, I'll never make it, Im always tired, Im always sick

OR

I can do all things through Christ

I have the mind of Christ

No weapon formed against me will prosper

My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches

So many people are negative and it seems very little works out for them. I want to encourage you to live a life of faith, living in the spirit with the gifts of the spirit and walking with fruit of the spirit in your life

But to do that you need to speak life.

Mark 11:22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **23** 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. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*."

It's important for us to realize that after we've prayed, an apparent delay in the answer doesn't mean that God hasn't heard us. It doesn't mean that help is not on the way!

2. HAVE CONFIDENCE IN WHAT YOU ASK FOR

1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will

WHAT'S HIS WILL - No 1 Things found in HIS WORD-

HEALING-By the Stripes of Jesus I am healed

PROVISION-My God shall supply all my needs

PROTECTION-Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

WISDOM-I have the mind of CHRIST

SUCCESS - Meditate in His word day and night, I will have success

SPECIFICALLY

-MINISTRY

-BUSINESS

-LIFE: mortgage, school fees

He hears us. **15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God

I know what the Lord has called me to do in Eternity Church and Save the World Foundation. So with this I make bold requests of the Lord buyt for Him it's not difficult.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3. TAKE NEGATIVE AND EVIL THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

You are going to have opposition to your mission and life in general. This is because we have an evil enemy who wants to steal, kill and destroy us. So don't let it take you by surprise when you feel depressed, dejected, under attack etc.

Satan will attack you

1. In dreams
2. In Church
3. Just about any time

YOU CAN'T STOP A BIRD FLYING OVER YOUR HEAD, BUT YOU CAN KEEP IT FROM MAKING A NEST.

JESUS SPEAKING: **John 8:44** You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

HE WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE THE LIE

TAKE YOU OUT THE FAITH ZONE INTO THE FEAR ZONE

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3** but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

4. WHEN SATAN ATTACKS SPEAK THE WORD

Let's look at what Jesus did and said when Satan attacked Him.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. **3** Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,'

and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' "

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

There will be times in your life when you are feeling weak, tired, discouraged and maybe even neglected and discouraged. This is when Satan attacks.

I'm from Africa and you will notice a lion will follow a herd and wait for a vulnerable animal to lurk behind and then attack.

When Satan attacks you himself or his demons or people, SPEAK THE WORD.