

Waging War To Get Results

Mark 9:23

Objective

The spiritual attack being launched against families must be fought with the Word of God, Faith and our Belief System.

Introduction

This lesson is designed to teach you How to Believe. A person can believe with you, but eventually you have to believe for yourself. The bible tells us; All things are possible to those that Believe.

- I. Belief System is the reference point by which I judge all things. It is the heart of the decision making process.**
 - A. To have a renewed mind is to function in accordance with a new value and belief system.**
 1. The most potent impact on your belief system is your own personal experiences.
 2. You tend to automatically block out things that are contrary to your belief system.
 3. Therefore your belief system controls your life.
 - B. The deep-seated beliefs that you and I have about life, about who we are, and about what is possible for us actually controls our lives.**
 1. The cause of pain or pleasure is recorded in the belief system to enable us to make more intelligent decisions toward or against the cause in the future.
 2. It is time to believe God so that you will get the results you desire.
 - II. Four Influences that Shape Your Belief System:**
 - A. Environment**
 - B. Credible People**
 - C. Repetitious Information**
 - D. Life Experiences**
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III. How To Believe:

A. You must be taught how to believe.

1. **Luke 1:26-31** The angel tell Mary she will be Jesus mother, and he stayed with her to help her belief.
2. Until I believe it's not possible for me
 - a. **John 5:44** *How is it possible for you to believe [how can you learn to believe], you who [are content to seek and] receive praise and honor and glory from one another, and yet do not seek the praise and honor and glory which come from Him Who alone is God?*
 - b. **John 6:69** *And we have learned to believe and trust, and [more] we have come to know [surely] that You are the Holy One of God, the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of the living God.*
 - c. The promise can't become yours until you believe; therefore you must learn how to believe.
 - d. **Mark 9:23** **If** Jesus said if you can believe all things are possible.
3. Believing controls the state that I'm in.
4. The devil will deceive you and get you to believe something that's untrue.
5. Believing is a part of my will, I control what's possible for me.
6. If I believe it's not possible, it's a part of my will.
7. I'm in control of my belief no one else.
8. Believing can control a relationship.
 - a. If the person believes you love them you won't have problems.
 - b. If not you will have serious trouble.

B. Regiment of Believing: Reinforces belief

1. Revelation – validate information; understanding at the level of your comprehension; validate truth. **John 17:17**
 2. Saturation – hear repetition, If you hear over and over and over again your will is prone to believe it.
 - a. Repetition causes me to believe
 - b. Consume yourself with pictures, words, and listening
 3. Consecration – I decide that's what I'm going to do. You make a decision to live a certain way from now on. It will reinforce what you believe.
 4. Affirmation – choose to say it out of your mouth.
 5. Elimination – Get rid of everything that's contrary to what you choose to believe.
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- a. Environment – surroundings and friends will change you before you change them.
- b. Redefine relationship – get from around negative people.
6. Regimentation – Accountability, set up a lifestyle that keeps you on track.
 - a. When I stay on track I'm discipline (enforced obedience).
 - b. It is not based on how I feel.
 - c. The reason people fall off is because they don't have the right regiment set up.
7. Celebration – do it with joy, find joy in the process.

IV. Biblical Example:

A. Luke 1:26-44 Mary the Mother of Jesus

1. The angel comes to Mary and tell her God has a plan for her life.
2. He didn't give the message and leave. He stayed there and talked to her to get her to believe.

B. Three things the Angel used to help her belief:

1. Truth factor – he was referring to the prophecy in *Isaiah*. There is a power in the Word that makes me believe it. *Ephesians 1:13, Romans 10:14*
 2. Typeology – If I can get something to reference where I'm going so I can see myself with the promise, the word coming true, I'm prone to believe.
 - a. Abraham – Father of Multitude, God said count the stars
 - b. Jacob – tree limbs, looking at the end results could believe God.
 - c. Mary – He will take away sins of the world.
 3. Testimony of Others – The angel told Mary to go see Elizabeth
 - a. When you hear the testimony of reliable others, you're prone to believe based on their testimony.
 - b. The Woman at the Well – *John 4:29* “Come see a man”
 - c. The men believed because of her testimony.
 - d. The angel sent Mary to Elizabeth house to be around someone with a supernatural testimony.
 - e. Elizabeth was barren, and old, however now she is supernaturally having a child, John the Baptist.
 - f. Mary got to get faith and believe
 - g. Elizabeth telling her testimony, strengthen Mary to believe.
 - h. Hang around people with supernatural testimonies, because when I hear it, it causes me to believe He can do it for me.
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- i. People need to hear testimonies again and again because it will cause them to believe.
 - j. The Lord will remind you in your situation about that person testimony.
 - k. A testimony will cost you something. It carries weight, it's tried and proven.
 - l. Give me a person with a testimony over a person with a title.
1. Pharaoh had a title, Moses a testimony
 2. Goliath had a title, David a testimony
 3. Jezebel had a title, Elijah a testimony
 4. Pilot had a title, Jesus a testimony

V. Four Effects of a Belief that is not in Line with The Word of God:

A. It steals the Word from my heart

B. It keeps me from taking the next step toward God's best.

C. Enslaves me to the low-life of limited human potential and purpose.

D. Cripples my thought process and truth is rejected.
