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Sermon Title: Speak the Promise not the Problem

Foundation Scripture: Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. (what you sow is what you reap)

Pretending vs. Believing

POWER AND PROMISE OF GOD'S WORD.

Biblical faith involves a balanced perspective; believing God's Word in the face of one's circumstances, while not ignoring circumstances or pretending no problem exists. Faith recognizes the problem, then presents it to God, acknowledging Him in the face of that problem and declaring His truth and promise as the greater "word" on the subject.

Abraham is used here as an example. He did not deny his or Sarah's natural condition, but rather believed God's ability to change circumstances by calling those things that did not exist as though they did. (in agreement with God's Word) Notice, this verse does not say God calls things that are, as though they do not exist; but rather, that God calls those things which do not exist as though they do exist. Thus we see that authentic (Strong) faith does not deny the obstacle at hand, but declares that God is greater than the obstacle. Faith does not deny that a sickness is in the body, but declares Jesus' ability to heal the body (see Mark 5:23). Faith does not deny financial need, but acknowledges Jesus' ability to meet our needs (see Matt. 17:24-27).

"Let the dead bury their own dead. You go and proclaim the Kingdom of God"(GNT).

There's a lot of stuff you can spend the rest of your life doing that isn't going to matter at all when you get to Heaven. But there is something you can do that will make an eternal difference. Is anybody going to be in Heaven because of you? What kind of legacy are you going to leave? The greatest legacy is having somebody come up to you in Heaven and say, "I'm here because of you." That's using your life in a valuable way.

Talk It Over - What does it mean to be indispensable as a Christ follower? What steps can you take today to do fewer things that won't matter in eternity and more things that make an eternal difference?