

Sermon for Proper 5 – Year B

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And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke”. We also believe and therefore speak.

2 Cor 4:13

Every believer has been given a measure of faith. In order to see the promises of God come to pass in your life, you need to give your faith a voice. You must declare what God says about you in his Word. Those seeds of faith inside you are activated when you speak them out into the atmosphere. That’s why scripture tells us – let the weak say “I am strong”. When you give your faith a voice and send forth the Word of God, the Bible says that God watches over his Word to bring it to pass in your life.

Every word you speak is a seed. Don’t dig up your seed by speaking against your faith! Don’t allow words of defeat or negativity to come out of your mouth. Instead, water your seed by continuing to declare the Word of God. When you wake up every morning, thank God that his promises are coming to pass in your life. As you do, you will see those things come to pass and you will live the life of victory God has prepared for you. Words have creative power. When you speak something out, you give life to your faith. One of the best things you can do is to take a few minutes every morning and make positive declarations over your life. Declare everyday “I am confident. I am valuable. I am one of a kind. I am a child of the High God” and you will see God release his promises in your life.

Who are my mother and my brothers? Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 3:33-35

God chose us. He wanted us in his family to live forever. He claimed us and promoted us as his royal family. And He desires to work through us to spread his Word to the world. We were born into darkness and sin. But when Jesus entered our hearts and we became part of the royal family, we moved into God's marvelous light and joy, and became seated with Him in the heavenly places. We can step into our destiny as his children today, knowing that being adopted into his family makes us children set apart for his good purposes. The world or our natural heritage no longer defines who we are. Rather we are defined by the family of God and our identity is in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray:

Father, we praise you because you are a good and faithful God. Today we humbly come before you submitting our thoughts, our actions and our words to you. Show us when we speak words of doubt, discouragement and negativity how we can change. Help us give our faith a voice by speaking your Word daily. May our words and our thoughts be pleasing to you always in Jesus' name. Amen

Thank you for your gracious gift of adopting us into your family. Thank you for making us part of your kingdom. Help us to live out our God given identity. Thank you for setting your love upon us and choosing us to be part of your family. Amen