

## What Are You Believing For?

Jesus came to save those that need a physician, the sinners, the lost. We don't need to prop our lives up with our attempts at making a good life. When things aren't working out for us, waiting to hear what God wants you to do is better than going ahead with some second-rate substitute for a lack of anything better. The Bible is full of directives and promises. If you are dissatisfied in any aspect of your life, there's a way out by laying hold of the promise (Matthew 6:33). Settling for anything less than God's best is disobedience, or disrespect for the price Jesus paid to deliver you from trouble (Romans 8:32, Psalm 91:15). God still loves you, but you're living below your means (Ephesians 2:6).

Lest there be any misunderstanding, in this world the godly shall have tribulation, but God has overcome the world. Persecution will arise as we confront evil, yet the Lord gives us peace, strength, and power to stand and tells us to be of good cheer (John 16:33, Ephesians 6:10,11).

Even being able to believe comes from God. The faith we have is His faith. If we are wondering if something we are believing for will happen, it's an encouragement to know that you are believing with the faith God has given you (Galatians 2:20 says the faith *of* the Son of God, not faith *in* the Son of God). So as we see a provision for us in the Bible for our need, we please God living by faith to see that need met through Him.

For an example, someone sees in the Bible that "*The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it*" (Proverb 10:22). If things get bogged down, that is not what the Bible says, so that person has a foundation to stand on to resist anything contrary. It's not a casual resisting. It's with your whole heart:

*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*  
(Jer. 29:13)

It's believing without doubting, and in forgiveness:

*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.* (Mark 11:22-26)

For another example, someone's life is not full, and they see that is contrary to God's word:

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)*

What might they do? Recognize the disparity between their life and that described in the Bible, and believe the Word instead of what their situation tells them. If they know Jesus gives us abundant life, they can believe for that. God is not a liar (Romans 3:4). *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he* (Proverb 23:7). Through changing their thoughts, they can transform themselves. In fact, the Bible beseeches us to do that:

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*  
(Romans 12:2)

What a wonderful plan God has for us. We achieve His best by seeing what He has purchased for us at the cross and then believing for it with the faith He gives us. None of us can boast. Jesus came to save the needy. That's all of us. As the hymn *Joy Unspeakable* goes,

I have found His grace is all complete,  
He supplieth every need;  
While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet,  
I am free, yes, free indeed.  
Refrain:  
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
Full of glory, full of glory;  
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
Oh, the half has never yet been told.  
I have found the pleasure I once craved,  
It is joy and peace within;  
What a wondrous blessing, I am saved  
From the awful gulf of sin.  
I have found that hope so bright and clear,  
Living in the realm of grace;  
Oh, the Savior's presence is so near,  
I can see His smiling face.  
I have found the joy no tongue can tell,  
How its waves of glory roll;  
It is like a great o'erflowing well,  
Springing up within my soul.