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To my daughter
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Preface

The Bible Tells Me So is organized into four parts. "Freedom From Bondage," "What We Believe = What We Are," "Physical and Spiritual Wholeness" and "The Word in Our Minds." Within each part are chapters, each chapter having been researched and originally written as an individual study. By loosely grouping the studies into general topics, a person can get a broader perspective as the parts fit together to make up the larger whole.

However, because the chapters were written as individual studies and then put into topical units, occasionally a reader may find that all facets of the topic are not covered; however, they have been covered in other research writings. I know the contents of Volume I of *Studies in Abundant Living* will not only open up more of God's Word for you, but will also uplift you — mentally and physically and spiritually.

Let us put God's Word in our hearts and minds for it alone can give us complete deliverance from the darkness of this world.

Part I

Freedom

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Freedom from Bondage

In order to live an abundant life, a person must first be free from mental bondage. The chains which bind one's mind are more painful and defeating than any other. As Christians, however, we have a personal liberator. Christ has delivered us. We must simply accept the freedom, once we know what He has done for us and how we are to go about receiving it.

“Release from Your Prisons” and “How to Avoid Being a Failure” tell us what has been done and how to receive the freedom which is ours. “Are You Limiting God” then focuses awareness on the truth that what God has promised He can give only if we allow. It is we who must appropriate the freedom from bondage which is available from God.

Release From Your Prisons

It is the absolute will of God for every person to be released from every prison or fetter which encases and binds. John 8 pointedly states God's will.

John 8:31,32 and 36:

... If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

These three short verses contain the key to release: we must believe the Word of God which is Truth and then we must know the Son who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In following God's Word and in knowing His Son, we will not only be free, but we shall be free *indeed*.

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God's will is for every one of us to be released today from whatever prison is holding us. Prisons are not only made of bars of steel. The prisons of our secret sins, things in our lives which we don't want to share with any other person in the world, are the most frustrating and defeating. The thoughts of self-condemnation that have been gnawing in the back of one's conscious and subconscious mind for years and years – thoughts of sickness and disease, fear, worry, anxiety, suicide, death – are the most tormenting and wretched kinds of prisons. It is not God's will for us to be so mentally bound; God's will is just the opposite as He has given total release from all negatives.

Psalms 103:11,12:

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear [respect] him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

It is the will of God that all self-condemnation be gone because He wants to make us free indeed – not just half-free, but wholly-free persons.

Not only does God want us free of all the secret condemnation, but He wants us to be free from all

the powers of darkness in this world. He desires that we be free from resentments, from pride, from envyings, from jealousies, from obsessions and oppressions which have been eating away at us. He wants us to be released from these prisons, too.

Mankind has lived in the midst of evil ever since the devil received the power of this world.* Man has brought upon himself the evil with which he is surrounded. But, God so lovingly provided a way by which men might recognize and receive a greater and more wonderful power than they have ever known, that those who will to believe might be released from every prison enslaving their lives.

In Matthew 15:13 Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Every influence which is not based upon the accuracy of God's Word shall come to naught. Such influences lead only to imprisonment.

Hebrews 4:2:

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith [believing] in them that heard *it*.

*Luke 4:6: "And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."

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We must not only hear that Christ sets us free, we must believe and live accordingly.

A camera offers an appropriate analogy of the means by which you can get results to prayer and find release from your prisons. If you want an answer to prayer, first get your object in mind. You select what you want in your picture. This is step one: you're *clear* on what you want. Secondly, you use the range finder and focus the subject properly. Then consider the length of exposure of the picture so that all factors may work together for a perfect picture. After all of this, shoot the picture.

When you are focused on the picture of what you want, keep your mind stayed on it. If you allow something else to come in and take precedence over that picture you will get a blurred answer to prayer; you will not get the results you desire; you will not get release from the prison which is encasing you.*

If you want to get rid of something today, you must focus, dwell on what you want. It is the introduction of light that dispels darkness, not the dwelling on the darkness that introduces light. If you

*James 1:6,7: "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

want more business, better relations between employer and employee or a better job, get your desire in mind, focus on it and then determine the exposure time needed to accomplish the task.

If you want to get out of your prisons today, immediately change your thinking about your situation; change your subject of focus. As you change your thinking, you will draw a mental pattern for the things you *do* want in your life, which in turn will dispel and root out those things you do not want. You may say, "Well, that is not an easy thing to do, but I am going to try it. With God's help according to His Word, I am going to get out of this prison." However, if within half an hour you have forgotten to keep your thinking changed and you fall back into your old negative rut, you will be back living the same way you were before. Then don't wonder why you can't get an answer to prayer, why you cannot tap these resources, why the answer is not flowing as easily for you as it is for others, why you cannot have your release. The answer is that you only momentarily changed your mental image; you did not keep your picture in focus and allow proper exposure time.

The release from one's prisons depends upon two things: clearness and concern – the two "C's" of release. Get clear on what is wanted and then become

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concerned about receiving it. Get God's Word of deliverance and release into your mind and into your heart; eat it, drink it, sleep it and walk with it. Every time you take a step or every time you think about your situation or condition, thank God that the answer and your release is coming. Soon the negatives drop off and the positives become yours, the result of which is release from any prison you are in. It can be done; it will be done for as Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

How have you mentally pictured yourself for the past week, month, year, ten years? The picture that you carry of yourself with clearness and with concern is what you are. This law works for positive and negative thinking alike.

Most people believe that in order to gain the spiritual heights in life where they can tap the resources of God, it is necessary to strain and strive and struggle. They think that gaining spiritual results is like an air hammer — the harder one presses the hammer, the quicker he gets the job done. However, this is not the case. When we have stress and strain, we tie ourselves into knots. We will never get out of our prisons that way; just the opposite occurs — we bring more and more frustration to ourselves. It is not stress and strain, but believing and acting on The

Word that bring release.

James 1:21:

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

To "lay apart" means to "put off." We are to put off filthiness, the works of evil from the least to the worst form, and subjectively receive God's Word in the sense that we look to it and desire it because His Word is greater than we are. The "engrafted word" is the total implanted Word of God which He planted so close to us that we can absorb it until it becomes a part of us.

I do not care who you are or in what prison you may be, God will hear your prayer. Change yourself by changing your thinking patterns, and then the circumstances will change. Study God's Word and you will learn to know the Christ who has made you free. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Outside of Christ we cannot be free. Jesus Christ was the liberator who set us free. He is the head of the Church.

The truth of The Word and of Christ is our light and power in life; this is our release from fears,

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worries, anxieties, frustrations, heartaches, headaches and everything else that comes along. This is our means to get out of the negative prisons of self-enslavement into the glorious liberty of children of God.

When you find yourself in one of life's prisons, get a positive, clear picture of your freed self. Focus in on the positive image and thank God that right now you have the answer. Keep confessing and believing positively according to The Word, and your release will absolutely follow.

How To Avoid Being A Failure

The simplicity of the Word of God, the Bible, is astounding. Most of us have too much complicated theology and not enough simple believing. We are encased in so many negatives that even the positives are shrouded in darkness. We make God too difficult. Nobody wants to be a failure. God wants no failures – then, why be one? You don't have to be, if you don't want to. This is the exact meaning of this study.

Remember the story of the woman who lost one of the ten pieces of silver. Diligently she searched until she found it. After she came upon it, she called in all the neighbors and had a celebration because having lost a little piece of silver worth a few cents in United States currency, she finally found it. All the neighbors rejoiced with her. Can you imagine a little town in your section of the country getting excited over a few cents – let alone all the neighbors becoming so animated about it!

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How did this woman avoid being a failure?

Luke 15:8–10:

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

There are three interesting stories in the fifteenth chapter of Luke and all three deal with the same major subject. The first pertains to a shepherd having one hundred sheep, only ninety-nine of which were safe and sound. The third story is the one most people have erroneously called, "The Story of the Prodigal Son," more appropriately, "The Story of the Forgiving Father." The second is a story of a woman who avoided being a failure because she found one little piece of silver. You may laugh but it is true — her husband would have put her out of the house had she not found the lost piece of silver. Thus

she would have been a failure as far as the whole town, including men and women, was concerned.

The pieces of silver are not merely ten ordinary pieces of money or ten coins with little significance; they are the most precious gift the bride receives from her bridegroom at the time of their marriage.

Each piece of silver is approximately the size of an American quarter. On one side of the piece of silver is engraved the insignia by which that particular family is known. If the family crest happened to be a sheep, well fed, protected and safe, that picture would be engraved on one side of all ten pieces of silver. On the other side would be stamped the year in which the piece of silver was made.

The husband gives his special dowry to his wife during their betrothal. As for dollars and cents, it isn't worth much, but the sentimental value is priceless. Money is no replacement for the lost piece of silver.

Both now and during the lifetime of Jesus, women in the Orient often receive lavish gifts of jewelry at the time of marriage. All the jewelry a woman receives becomes her own property and possession with the exception of the ten pieces of silver. She has all the legal rights to all her jewelry; the husband has

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none. He cannot take her jewelry away under any circumstances, with one exception — the one jewel called “the ten pieces of silver.” This jewel, in the event of the husband’s death, must be handed back immediately to the husband’s side of the family.

The jewel called the ten pieces of silver is worn by the wife only on very special occasions. Because of her love for her husband, she may put them on while her husband is away at work and gaze at herself in a mirror, appreciative of her husband’s gift and love. Because they are so precious to her, she seldom wears them for fear of losing one. The twenty-fifth or fiftieth wedding anniversary would call for their wearing. Nothing less than the most special occasion.

When the wife does wear the ten pieces of silver jewelry, she wears five pieces of silver on one side of her head, towards the front of the head, and the other five pieces on the other side of her head. Each piece of silver has a little hook at the top. With these hooks the wife fastens the pieces of silver in her hair. Thus, you can understand how easily one piece, or a number of them, might become unhooked and, without her noticing it, she could lose them. *

If she loses any of the pieces of silver, she will be put out of the house by her husband. The husband will not divorce her or be angry with her because of

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this, but simply expels the wife for she has disgraced him and his house and has brought reproach upon his family. The husband disposes of his spouse not because of the monetary value of the ten pieces of silver, but because losing one of the pieces of silver means the withdrawal of God's favor from the family. The loss of a piece of silver is looked upon as a curse on the whole family. Neither the husband nor the parents have spitefulness for her; but the wife will receive no sympathy from her husband, his parents or her other in-laws. A million dollars, given by the wife's family to the husband, would not rectify matters.

When the wife loses a piece of silver, the whole town is concerned about her for they know the consequences of being dishonored and expelled. The women of the entire city know what she must endure. Therefore, when the wife finds the lost piece of silver and knows that it is safe and secure, she calls in all her neighbors to rejoice with her over the piece of silver which she has found. She avoided being a failure.

We too can avoid being a failure by putting first things first.

Matthew 6:33:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his

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righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Seek anything else first and all things will be subtracted from you.

We are God's most precious creation. He wants no failures and He makes no failures. His will for us is success in everything.

The first step in this ladder of success is for a sinner to repent. Repentance is for unsaved sinners; confession is for saved sinners. God's love, the Father's heart, so yearns for the lost one that the Church will spend itself unreservedly, leaving nothing undone in order to find the one precious lost jewel. Who is that "jewel"? Each one of us is if we have not accepted Him.

You say, "What must I do?" The Father says, "Repent." How do you repent? Repentance is doing the will of God. It is not crying your eyes out, singing hymns or running to an altar. All these may or may not be involved, yet they are not repentance. Repentance is to do what God says; and He says in Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Repentance on your part is to confess with your

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mouth the Lord Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. It is to believe in your heart, your innermost being, that God has raised Jesus from the dead, that Jesus is resurrected and alive, yes, living *for* you and *in* you. That is repentance. It brings joy, not only to the angels in heaven, but also to the Father's heart for a most precious lost jewel has been found; one more life has avoided failure.

But you say, "Can I still do this? Can I rise up beyond all failure? Can I be sure?" Yes, you can be as sure as God Himself. For He stands behind His Word; He backs up His Word; He sees to it that His Word is performed.

In Him you are complete. You are a son of God; a joint-heir with Christ Jesus. You have resources unlimited. With Him you cannot fail, only succeed. Without Him, you cannot succeed, only fail. His invitation is to you, for it is to all, "Come unto me ... and I will give you rest." "... Lo, I am with you always" "... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Come! Avoid being a failure!

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You are the one to now decide
Whether to believe Him or toss Him aside.

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You are the one to make up your mind,
Whether to accept Him or linger behind.
Take Him or leave Him, which will you do,
Believing is assurance of no failure for you.

Are You Limiting God?

Jesus Christ is the sweetest name I know, for it is in His name, and His name alone, that I see the unlimited possibilities in man. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that men and women are saved, born again, converted. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that the sick are healed to rise up again and declare the glory of the Lord. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that devil spirits are cast out and people are forever freed in body and mind. Unless we know that name of Jesus Christ as a vital living reality in our lives, we are most definitely limiting God.

The spirit of God is born within us the very moment we accept and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and that God raised Him from the dead. This is a supernatural miracle of God. We have nothing to do with this new birth except to allow it to take place in our lives. God is the miracle worker. He is the one who creates a new spirit within us and makes us His children. From then on, we are God's children, we

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belong to the family of God, we are children of God, sons of God, and joint-heirs with Christ Jesus. Then we are no longer servants who know not what their Master is about to do, but we are sons, sons of God. Satan then has no further legal rights over us unless we permit him to usurp authority which he does not rightfully possess. We may limit God in our lives by not knowing what is legally ours as sons of God by Christ Jesus.

When Christ died on Calvary, He was our complete substitute for sin and the consequences of sin. Nothing was left undone in His substitution for us. When we begin to see this truth and we accept the work Christ accomplished as a finished reality, we become spirit-filled men and women who are well-pleasing in God's sight.

When this great transformation takes place and we do not limit God, then we will not talk about worry, fear, anxiety, sickness and want. We forget those negatives for we are sons by the One who overcame. We are men and women who refuse to limit the power of God in us because we desire to bring to the world the knowledge of the living Christ. When we do not limit God, we will be living in The Word and The Word will be living in us. Our life will be the story of the vine and the branches.

II Corinthians 9:8:

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things* may abound to every good work.

Have we been limiting God in our lives? We must be if we do not have all sufficiency in everything. Sufficiency is the will of God for His children in order that His children may abound unto every good work. Our having sufficiency is God's will for us; yet how many of us have limited God by not allowing Him to fulfill this promise in our lives? How slow we have been to realize that God is our ability, that He is the life of our lives, the strength of our strength, that He is our sufficiency.

We frequently limit God in ourselves by our wrong believing, by accepting the knowledge that comes to us through our senses. Our reason says, "That just cannot be," and so we confess the negative, when all the time His spirit within us is crying out, "Sufficiency in everything." We have been so schooled to revere the knowledge that comes to us through our five senses that we fail to recognize the knowledge that comes from the higher realm, the spiritual, where the Word of God, and not reason, has first place. Both realms or worlds are here: the natural world is factual; the spiritual world is true. As there are four

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kingdoms in this world, and one supersedes the other: the plant kingdom, animal kingdom, kingdom of man and the Kingdom of God; so, there is a natural world and a supernatural or spiritual world. The natural world and everything in it comes to the mind through or by way of the natural senses. The truths of the spiritual world are absolutely *not* dependent upon the senses, but rather on the spirit from God in man.

We cannot know anything about the spiritual world by way of the senses. That is why Paul said by divine inspiration in I Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him ... because they [spiritual matters] are spiritually discerned."

Spiritual things from the spiritual world may be known in this world only by the spirit which dwells in us. Then, and only then, can the Spirit relate impressions and truths to us about the spiritual world and make them logical. Then, and only then, do we have the God-given ability within us, making known to us things about the spiritual world.

Time and time again, after I have explained the difference between the natural and spiritual worlds, how the one supersedes the other and that two entirely different sets of laws are in existence, people have said to me that they were thereafter able to give

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God the place He deserves. Then they refused to limit God within themselves.

Few people realize the great spiritual truth of Christ's substitution and the believer's righteousness. A man in whom the new creation lives is righteous before God, according to the Word of God. The born-again man is righteous, and to be righteous means that we can stand before God in the righteousness with which He clothed us by our acceptance of Christ as our substitute for sin and the consequences of sin.

I will give you a definition of righteousness that will help you to break the powers of darkness in and over your life. Righteousness is your God-given ability to stand in the Father's presence without a sense of sin, guilt or condemnation. That means that you as a child of God can also stand in the very presence of Satan without fear or defeat because you know your rights in Christ and you have refused to limit God in you.

When we recognize that God in Christ lives in us, that kind of believing makes us victorious over Satan in every way. We then come to the place where we rely upon the power or the ability of God in Christ in us. We recognize our place in life and we work knowing that God in Christ in us assures us of

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success. We go to our shops with natural confidence — into our homes, into our businesses, knowing that God in Christ in us makes a winning combination in every situation.

I want you to notice Ephesians 3:20. As a matter of fact, I want you to learn it so well that it will be a living reality in you day by day for then I know you will have released the power of God in your life.

Ephesians 3:20:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power [or ability of God] that worketh in us.

How much are we allowing God to work in us? That is the paramount question. It is not a question of God's willingness or ability. It is simply a question of allowing the limitlessness of God to live in us and work in us, to will and to do His good pleasure. He will do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, but only to the degree that we manifest the internal potential power.

I John 4:4:

Ye are of God ... because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

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Thus, I know that the “more abundant life” which is spoken of in John 10:10 is in me. He is no longer *with* me to convict me of my sin and shortcomings; but He is *in* me to guide me and lead me into all truth and reality. Now we are “labourers together with God” Now we are God’s fellow-workers. What a glorious privilege.

Are you limiting God? Why not release the power of God that is latent within you, and believe God for the abundance which He has promised?

Part II

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The law of believing is dynamically powerful, yet so simple. The law, simply stated, is that what we believe for or expect, we get. This applies in every realm: physical, mental, material, spiritual. Thus it is this law which basically controls the abundant life. Only if we believe and expect abundance will we ever realize abundance in our lives.

“The Synchronized Life” shows that our lives are molded by our believing – both by positive and negative believing. This law is further explained and proved in “The Law of Believing” so that we will become aware of our own thinking and then be able to control our thinking so as to manifest the abundant life which is promised in God’s Word.

The Synchronized Life

Whatever a person believes is directly reflected in what he confesses. What a person confesses in his innermost being is what he brings into manifestation in his life. If a person goes through life confessing that he has great need, he will definitely have great need. If he confesses sickness, he will continue to be sick and afflicted because of the law that what one believes in the depth of his soul absolutely appears in his life.

The "synchronized life" is simply stated by this formula: confession of belief yields receipt of confession. If you will confess with your mouth at the same time that you confess in your heart what The Word says, you will have power. Your prayers will be answered as you apply these keys in your life by your action. Thus, the abundant resources of heaven are made available to you. But, likewise, if you simultaneously confess with your mouth and heart the negatives of this world, you will manifest these

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crippling negatives.

If you confess Christ as the Lord in your life, your confession is a reality to you. In your heart you know He is Lord because you believed God has raised Him from the dead. When you confess that you are a new creature in Christ, old things pass away and all things become new according to your confession. If you confess that you are a son of God and the Bible says that you are a son, then you are a son of God. If your confession is that you are an heir of the Father, then everything that the Father has becomes yours because you are confessing exactly what The Word says.

The Word declares that the devil both *was* and *is* defeated. It stipulates he has no legal rights over the Christian. If Satan has no power over the Christian, why do you want to confess that he has power over you? Every time you make a negative confession you are contradicting God's Word. If the devil's power is defeated, as it is, then his power cannot touch you when you believe The Word. But, you must *confess* that you know the power of God in your life. You must confess what God says in His Word and then The Word becomes a reality in your life. Whenever you dare to confess that you are what The Word says you are and act on what The Word teaches, you will find that your prayers are answered.

So long as I cannot get my mouth and my heart coordinated on some point that is confirmed by The Word, I have no power with God. When I confess that God does not answer my prayer, that He does not like me, that I have a sickness because God gave it to me, or that I am bound by something evil because it is God's will for me to be thus disciplined in life, or that I must suffer for the glory of God — then I am not saying what The Word says and I will bring into evidence in my life the result of my confession.

Psalms 18 contains a beautiful simile which illustrates how we are to get our mind and actions coordinated.

Psalms 18:33:

He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.

A hind is a mother deer, one of the most sure-footed animals in the world. When she goes up the side of a mountain with her young following her, she takes her back feet and places them exactly where her front feet were first placed to test for loose stones on the slope. If she did not test that rocky incline with her front feet, the loose stones would cause her to slip and fall down into the ravine below. This exact tracking means life both to the hind and to her young.

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“He maketh my feet like hinds’ feet.” He maketh them. That is, He makes it so that I may learn to walk by The Word so that my “hind feet” will track with my “front feet (representing The Word).” Thus, where The Word has set its feet, there also will I put my feet.

If you stand upon the Word of God and you confess that Word, you become what the Word of God says. This is the synchronized life.

Romans tells us how dear and how powerful God’s children are.

Romans 8:35–37:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are *more* than conquerors through him that loved us.

I am not just saying this; *God* said it. Do you believe God’s Word? He said you are *more* than a conqueror through Him who loved you.

Romans 8: 38,39:

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the declared, confirmed Word of God. When you begin to confess that Word, it becomes a reality in your life. Until that time you will be defeated by satanic principalities and powers on every hand because of your confession. Know The Word, confess The Word and act upon The Word. That is what is meant by a synchronized life.

Determine now that you will never again make a negative confession. Learn what and how to confess. Confess from the heart, with your mouth, what has been confirmed by The Word. Confess what the Bible says you are, not what you think you are, not what your next door neighbor says you are, not what your best friend may say you are. Hold fast to what The Word says.

We have been delivered from the power of darkness: Satan, evil and wrong.

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Colossians 1:13:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of [by] his dear Son.*

The next time evil or negatives come into your mind, immediately declare The Word and say, "I confess that I have been delivered from the power of darkness by my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." Keep saying this and soon it will be a reality in your life. If you have been translated into the Kingdom of God by the work of His dear Son, then you are not in the kingdom of the devil. Do you think you can be in the Kingdom of God and of the devil at the same time? He has delivered us from the power of evil and we are in the Kingdom of God.

People think they must strive to become good before God will bless them. I assure you that God will never bless you because of your goodness, but rather because of your believing. How do you get rid of darkness in a room? The darkness is gone as quickly as the light comes. So when we allow the light of The Word to come into our lives, the darkness is dispelled. There is nothing in The Word that says anything about our feelings, it says *believe*. All that God has

*The literal translation according to usage is: "Who hath rescued us out from among the exercise or operative influence of darkness (kingdom) and separated us, bringing us as citizens into His kingdom by the work of His dear Son."

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given comes to you by believing without respect to how good or how bad you are. That is love. That is what Christ came to bring.

As we act on the promises of God, they become real to us and are evidenced in our lives. Synchronize your believing and confession on the promises of God's Word and you will manifest a more than abundant life in Christ Jesus.

The Law of Believing

I know that the abundant life is available today to those who understand and apply the law of believing.

Regarding this subject, I want to call your attention to Mark 9. This is a rather long story; but if I am to teach you the law of believing, you must get the truth of this record into your heart and life.

Mark 9:14-27:

And when he came to *his* disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to *him* saluted him.

And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

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And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

The man brought his son for healing. He reported to Jesus that the disciples could not remedy the situation. The disciples must have felt stupid for this was a public demonstration and nobody in private, let alone in public, wants to look like a fool. These were the same disciples who had before had great victory and success in healing the sick. Now they had come to an impasse. What stymied them?

Jesus perceived the trouble immediately when the father said, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." Jesus took that "if" which the father had directed at the disciples first and

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next at Jesus, and gave it back to the father where it belonged. "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Many people like to lay the blame for their unbelief and inability to receive on someone else. The disciples were victims of the blame in this situation. The disciples were caught in this man's trap, but not Jesus. Many people would like for others to do their believing for them; they just do not want to learn how to believe for themselves. Many times people simply do not know how to believe. Jesus understood the situation clearly and He said to the father of the child, "If you can believe. I know that my disciples believe, and the fact that they could not remove the cause is not their fault. They could believe until Doom's Day for your child without any result; but if *you* can believe, then something will happen."

Wherever possible, Jesus always demanded believing. When we study the miracles of healing, we find that Jesus required the believing of the parents for the healing of their children. For example, in Matthew 15:22 we see that the Canaanite woman had great believing for the healing of her daughter who was vexed with a devil.

In the case of demented persons, who are mentally incapable, believing was not required. The following are examples of such cases: Mark 1:23ff and

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Luke 4:33ff; Matthew 8:16ff; Mark 1:32ff; Luke 4:41; Matthew 8:28ff; Luke 8:26ff; Mark 5:1ff; Matthew 9:32; and Acts 16:16.

In the case of raising the dead, as recorded in Mark 5:35ff and Luke 8:49ff, we read that Jesus told the father of the dead child, "Be not afraid, only believe." When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the passage does not say that anyone believed except Jesus. In Acts 9:36ff, where Peter raised Dorcas from the dead, he put everyone out of the room and then prayed and commanded her to arise.

In every Biblical record believing is always required on the part of everyone having a need, with the exceptions indicated above: certain types of mental derangement, dead people and children.

There is power in believing. There is power in this world to which you and I as born-again believers have easy access. This power will enable us to overcome our shortcomings and our difficulties, bringing release and victory to our lives. This power is from God. He is everywhere present, which means that He is with you right now. The key involved is knowing and receiving His power, which is the basis on which the whole abundant life hinges. The law of believing brings phenomenal results to all those who apply and practice the principles.

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You may believe rightly or wrongly. Believing works both ways, and you bring to yourself whatever you believe. Matthew 9 and Job 3 show the types of believing and their results.

Matthew 9:20–22:

And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years came behind *him* and touched the hem of his garment:

For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith [believing] hath made thee whole.

Job 3:25:

For the thing which I greatly feared [believed] is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Fear, worry and anxiety are types of believing. If you worry, have fear and are anxious you will receive the fruit of your negative believing which is defeat.

The law of believing works equally effectively for both the sinner and the saint; however, the believer, because of the spirit from God within him, may bring

forth more abundantly. If you doubt your recovery from sickness, you will by all means slow up and retard your own progress. Right believing is constantly knowing God's power and presence are in you and with you in every situation! How you think about the problem with which you are confronted at this very moment will determine the outcome. If you doubt its success, you have, by your own believing, determined its unsuccessful outcome. Apply the positive method of the law of believing to every situation in life, to every problem that comes your way, for "...if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Saying some formal prayer will never release you and bring positive results to your life. You cannot hope, think or guess at this game of living. You just believe that God is in you and that He is with you always, even unto the end of this age.

I John 4:4:

... greater is he that is in you, then he that is in the world.

The evil of the world can never make you do evil or wrong unless you permit it through your own weakness of character or lack of believing.

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Once you start practicing the law of believing — right believing, believing God — you will find that the evil things that have been governing your life will soon fade away. God is always the victor over evil; but it is up to you to believe God and to make His will your will.

In all the New Testament epistles, you will never find Christian believers urged to have faith; they already have faith as believers, and they are encouraged to believe God and express what they already have.

Romans 12:3:

... according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

The word “believe” is a verb which connotes action. Therefore, believing the Word of God, taking the Word of God literally and acting upon it, brings results. This is the law of believing and this is the action that will bring release and victory to your life in every situation. “If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible [presently available] to him that believeth.”

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