## 40 DAYS OF MIRACLE FAITH LIFE GROUP (WEEK 1) REPLACE THE LIES

## **Memory Verse**

"And because of his glory and excellence He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires." (2 Peter 1:4 NLT)

- I. Welcome to forty days of miracle faith! This is a focused 6-week journey to transform our lives by growing our faith. A campaign is like a "road to Emmaus journey" where God is going to open our eyes and transform our lives.
  - A. The challenge is to be "ALL IN!" (Be a jump in the wheel barrel believer.) Commit to living by faith, praying in faith, forgiving through faith, and doing everything by faith as never before. Our negativity fast/positivity feast is an important part of us. Imagine living without negativity for the next 6 weeks!

Being "all in" means

- Come to church, listen and take notes.
- Daily commit to a time to meditate, listen to worship, and make declarations of God's Word. You are encouraged to set apart at least 5-10 minutes each morning and evening for this.

"Faith comes by hearing the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)

"But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." (Psalms 1:2-3 NLT)

- Sign up and read the daily negativity-fast emails.
- Commit to participating in a miracle faith group and making "faith friends."
- Participate in a faith outreach.
- Plan to attend the Holy Spirit Encounter Retreat May 17-18.
- B. Why growing faith is so important
  - 1. Faith pleases God. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him." (Hebrews 11:6)
  - 2. It is by faith we claim God's promises. The goals of this campaign are to help you overcome your biggest giants (things standing between you and your potential-destiny) and help you claim God's biggest promises so you can fulfill God's biggest dreams for your life.

3. Faith empowers you to live an exceptional life instead of just a predictable life. It is a life that lifts the lids of everyone around you.

Today's focus is on how to crucify lies and renew your minds with truth.

David was able to defeat the giant on the outside because he overcame the lies, he was hearing on the outside, and committed to the truth of who God is and what God said on the inside.

We want to learn to recognize and stop listening to the lies we've believed and learn to let the "mind that was in Jesus be in us."

## II. Principles of transformation

A. God brings transformation to our lives not by focusing on our behaviors but by helping us transform our beliefs. As our memory verse tells us, the nature of Christ formed in us is by claiming and believing God's promises.

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing, and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NLT)

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." (Colossians 2:6 NKJV)

"So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." (Gal. 3:5-6 NIV)

"We are saved by believing in Jesus; we become transformed by believing **like** Jesus." -Steve Backlund

- 1. Many people don't understand that "repentance" means a change of mind. It doesn't just mean turning from something in confession of sin but turning to something: the truth of who we really are, and the way God wants us to think of ourselves in Christ.
- 2. (Example: It's not just that I'm sorry for having a bad thought; I'm choosing to believe I have the mind of Christ and am a person who loves and will think what Jesus thinks about that in my future.)
- B. The process of replacing lies and transforming our minds with truth
  - 1. Identify and be aware when you are believing a lie.

"Anywhere in our life there is not glistening hope it is a sign that we are believing a lie and it is becoming a stronghold in our mind."
-Francis Frangipane

Note: The beliefs assessment tool will help you become more aware of lies you're believing and truths you need to replace them.

- 2. Ask Jesus to show you the truth or what He thinks about that. He will use the Word and the revelation of the Holy Spirit to show this.
- 3. Renounce and repent of partnering with that lie-nail it to the cross.
- 4. Replace it by declaring God's truth, that you are partnering with Jesus to believe from now on. The Holy Spirit may use this truth to free you instantly or it may come as you persistently speak and press in to agree with this new truth.

Remember how David spoke to Goliath and how Jesus spoke to the enemy in Matthew 4:4. I believe you should make these declarations as thanksgiving to God with defiant hope!

## **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. **Ice Breaker**: We've described this campaign as an "adventure." Introduce yourself and share an example of one of the most enjoyable, fun adventures you have gone on.
- 2. Reflect on David facing his giant; what do you most admire about David? What would you love to learn by standing in his shoes?
- 3. David heard the taunts, criticisms, lies, and discouraging words that he could've allowed to curse and steal his destiny. He heard negativity from those over him, beside him, and from the enemy he faced, yet he found courage to refuse and replace those lies with God's truth and his true identity. As you consider the story and perhaps some of the lines from the belief assessment; what would be examples of some lies and lids Satan tries to use to steal your destiny and keep you from walking in faith?
- 4. Describe how you might begin to replace some of those lies with God's truth. Look at the handout of "Who I am in Christ." What are a couple of the listed declarations you will begin to use to respond in faith to some lies.
- 5. What is one area of faith where you want to really focus on growing, in the next 40 days (Faith in finances, faith to forgive, faith to overcome fear, faith in decisions that need to be made, faith to fulfill a calling, faith over mental stress, faith for my family...)? Write

down the biggest giant you want to believe God to overcome and the greatest promise or dream you want to believe God to help you to claim.