

POWER TO CHANGE CIRCUMSTANCES

I. WE HAVE POWER TO CHANGE OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. Accepting our lot in life.
 - 1. Born this way.
 - 2. No breaks in life; no opportunities; victim of circumstances.
 - 3. Have no luck at all.
- B. The power of faith to change our circumstances.
 - 1. Why sit we here until we die?
 - 2. Carest whether we perish?

II. FAITH IS PRESENT TENSE

- A. Hope
 - 1. A feeling that what is wanted will happen; desire accompanied by expectation.
 - 2. Believing something will happen one day.
- B. Faith brings into present.
 - 1. Faith is giving substance to things hoped for.
 - 2. Faith is the warranty deed that the thing for which you have hoped for is at last yours.
 - 3. Faith is laying hold of the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of reality.
- C. Hope compared with faith.
 - 1. You hope for finances to meet an obligation; faith gives you the assurance you'll have the money when you need it.
 - 2. You hope for physical strength to do a job; faith says, "The Lord is the strength of my life."
 - 3. Faith says the same thing the Word of God says.

III. ABRAHAM BELIEVED IN HOPE AGAINST HOPE

- A. Continued to have hope though it seemed baseless.
- B. Being not weak in faith.
 - 1. Considered not his own body now dead nor the deadness of Sara's womb.
 - 2. Staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief.
 - 3. Strong in faith, giving glory to God.
 - 4. Fully persuaded what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

IV. FAITH IS ACTING ON WORD OF GOD.

- A. Take up thy bed and walk.
- B. Go wash in the pool of Siloam.
- C. Noah, build an ark.
- D. Waters not parted until...
 - 1. Moses lifted the rod.
 - 2. The children of Israel stepped into the water of Jordan.

E. Daughter, thy faith hath made you whole.

V. HOW ABRAHAM RECEIVED

- A. Had God's Word.
- B. Believed God's Word.
- C. Considered not contradictory circumstances.
- D. Gave praise to God.