The last word.

• Have you ever been caught in a spiritual stalemate in a problem that looked impossible to solve.
• you pray 100 times and doesn’t get you anywhere. Let me tell you from experience, when that happens,…
• it's time to ask yourself a crucial question.  
• It's one you should have asked before you got into the situation—and it's the only question that will get you out.
• What does the Word of God have to say about this?
God’s Word carries absolute and final authority in every area and on every topic

• I don't know why Christian people allow themselves to slip into a habit of praying about things without paying any attention to what the Bible has to say about it
  • but they do.

• The Bible says not to get into a mess and then pray for God to bless them.

• They just can't understand how that deal got so fouled up when they spent so much time praying over it.
The problem is, the whole foundation of the thing was wrong.

- They didn't get that deal grounded on the Word of God in the beginning.
- They built it on something else.
- Many times even our prayers themselves go crosswise to the Word.
- Have you ever heard anyone say, "Oh God, be with us tonight in this meeting"?
- Why should anyone be praying that?
- Didn't God say He'd never leave us nor forsake us?
Didn't He say that wherever two or three were gathered together in His Name,

- He was there in the middle of them
- What does God do with all that unbelief that comes up to Him through prayers?
- What unbelief?
- He don't even hear it.

- If we want to pray powerful prayers that are heard in heaven and shake the earth
  - we must start with the Word of God.
- I'm going to say it again.
If we'd learn to start our prayers on the Word, we'd begin seeing results!

- What will change your life?
- Start whatever you're doing on the Word of God instead of messing it up and having to go back and say the Word in faith.
- Make God's Word the first word for you.
- Begin everything with it.
- I'd like to do that, but my schedule doesn't permit me to spend that kind of time in the Word.
- **What scripture are you standing on?**
There's a word in the Bible you see all the time. It's the word continue

- It’s discipline.
- Continue in the faith.
- Continue in the Word. Continue in prayer.
- Be constant in season and out.
- That's Bible talk.

- There's a revelation of God that comes from consistency that the inconsistent person will never see,
- that revelation will bring you the kind of success you've always dreamed of.
He loves them both, so why would He help only one?

• Because the one guy couldn't hear God's voice.
• He wasn't in the habit of listening.
• **If you're not walking in the Word consistently, you won't hear God.**
• The reason is simple.

• Have you ever called someone on the telephone and they didn't recognize your voice?
• Why didn't they?
• They hadn't heard it enough.
• If you don't continue...
the Bible says, in your communication with God, that's what will happen when He tries to speak to you.

• You won't recognize His voice.
• So start bringing Him His Word as the first word, in the morning.
• **There are thousands of promises in the Bible and they all belong to you.**
• Find out what they say.

• Don't just sit there and tell me you don't know which promise covers your situation.
• Get in there and find out, just like the rest of us! There is a time in everyone's life when they don't know what is in the Book.
Dig in and get started!

• You won't ever discover the real power in prayer until you begin to base your praying on the Word.

• When we start taking the Word personally and acting on it, your experience of it will change.

• It begins to talk to you. It begins to be the answer to your prayer.

• We need to understood what God meant when He said His Word wouldn't return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11).
We can see that when we started putting His Word in our prayers and sending it back to Him in faith, things started changing in our life.

• Our prayers started accomplishing something.
• Ephesians 1:17-23 is a good place to start there isn't any unbelief in that prayer.
• pray it and put your name in in the middle of it.

• Say, "Father, I pray that You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ  may give unto me, the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; that the eyes of my understanding may be enlightened...
so that I may know what is the hope of His calling, and the glorious riches of His inheritance in us, the saints,

- and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward me.
- When you start praying like that, your life will turn inside out.
- In fact, this is what the whole Bible is about...

- God tells us something, then we take that Word and link up with Him.
- That joins us together in His strength and power
- Colossians 3:17 Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Every word and every deed, do it in Jesus' Name

- how are you going to do anything in the Name of Jesus without knowing what Jesus said about it?
- You can't speak in the name of the law or anyone else without knowing what you're representing
- When we speak in Jesus' Name about our health, We go by what He's said about it.
- He said He bore all our sins in His own body on the tree
- (1 Peter 2:24). He said by His stripes we are healed. It's a fact.
Once we discover that, we make it part of our vocabulary.

- If someone asks, "How are you?"
- We don't answer based on the feelings of our body.
- That's changeable.
- His Word never changes.

- If you say, "You sure don't look healed,"
- If you're moved by how we look, We are just glad you're not the one we are praying to.
- We never talk to God about how we look. He's not moved by that.
we just talk to Him about His Word.

• That's what Colossians means when it says, "Continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.

• One thing you need to know: The devil hates the Word of God...

• and he'll do everything he knows to get you off of it.

• Mark 4 sower sows the Word and Satan comes immediately to steal the Word which was sown.

• When the Word is gone, what happens to your faith?
It's neutralized. It's still there...

- but without the Word, it has no ground to stand on.
- If you don't know your covenant with God, Satan is going to steal from you and there's nothing you can do to stop him.
- It's that simple.
- You can try to "stand in faith," but you won't be able to because the only ground faith has to stand on is the Word of God.
- As a Christian, we found out that the one with the faith is the one with the power.
Make up your mind to be a man of power, so set out to get faith.

• We were trying to find out where we could get it.
• But no one told us how important it was and what great things would happen if we had it, but we never could figure out where we were supposed to go to get it.
• We started getting into the Word of God
• Romans 10 -changed our whole life! The word is nigh thee, "even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you shall be saved

- So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- How does faith come?
- By hearing the spoken Word of the Holy Spirit.
- Anyone who's believed that Jesus is the Son of God and confessed Him with their mouth...
- as their Lord has had the faith of God imparted into their spirit.
- **It's in there. You don't have to pray for it.**
- **It's there,** and when you say the Word of God that faith will come forth.
Jesus always talked about faith as if it were alive. He called it a seed.

• When His disciples asked Him how to get more of it, He said, plant it and it will grow.
• You don't make the seed big and then plant it.
• You plant the seed and it grows big.

• How do you plant it? You start with the Word.
• The sower sows the word.
• When you're ready to grow some faith, you plant the Word in your heart.
You study it. You meditate on it. You settle it in your heart.

- It becomes your First word, the word you're beginning on.
- Faith rises up on the inside of you because faith comes by hearing the spoken Word of Holy Spirit.
- What do you do then?

- You act on the Word. That's how faith is released.
- You speak to the mountain.
- Tell the problem what the Word says about it. You tell it, in Jesus' Name, that it's going to have to move.
Did you know that what you say is very important? **If you control your tongue, you control your whole body**

- Everything that happens in your life begins with it.
- **You can see what kind of power is generated in your life when you choose to speak God's Word** and His Spirit is behind what you say.
- Jesus spoke to the wind and to the sea
- **Every time He spoke, whatever He said happened.**
- Do you know why?
- John 12:49. I don't speak My own words. I say what My Father tells Me to say
Jesus spoke God's words. When we learn to speak what God says instead of what everyone else is saying, we're going to see the same results Jesus saw.

- Go to Jesus for the first word in every situation. Take time.
- I don't care how long it takes you to search it out and find what anything more important to do than that. It's where your victory
- When you get to the point of fear, take out the Word of love, and cast the fear out. Mature love casts out fear.
- So you just keep walking in love, speak the Word and keep acting in love.
There's only one way the devil can steal your victory, and that's to get you to believe him instead of God.

- When you're believing the Word of God, it generates a tangible force.
- It’s faith and the devil has no power against it.
- But if he can get you to start believing him,

  - he can throw that force into reverse and it will generate fear.
  - Just like faith will heal you, fear will kill you.
  - That's why the Bible commands us to "fear not." It doesn't even say, "Please."
Fear is an enemy to God and His people

• If you're not starting and ending everything you do with the Word of God, you'll have nothing to stand on when fear comes calling.
• It will take you down every time.

• But if you'll get yourself in agreement with the Word of God,
• it won't matter how circumstances look, fear won't be able to get a foothold.
When it comes in saying you're not going to get anything from God, you can just laugh out loud and say,

- "Don't tell me I'm not going to get it because I've already got it.
- It's settled.
- I have the word from Jesus, and **His Word is going to be the last word!**
- If you're stuck in a spiritual stalemate...

- go to the Word and get yourself out.
- Settle your healing.
- Settle your deliverance.
- Do what you're called to do.
- Say the Word of God and don't let anything move you off of it. Enforce it with your actions.
Seal it with your words. Enforce it with your actions.

- Lets get in the Word
- Let's go and use our faith!
- PREPARE FOR WAR!

- Whether you realize it or not, war has been declared in the heavenlies and the battle is raging in the spirit for such things as our marriages, churches, families, health, loved ones, and even our very lives.
Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph 6:12

• **The war has escalated and battle is no longer an option but a requirement!**
• God has given us a new revelation that will change our spiritual life and enable us to win our battles.
• We have the weapons to defeat the enemy
• the **WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE!**
• **You need to get this revelation in your spirit.**
God wants to impart to you a fighting spirit in order that you may exercise your God-given authority to overcome the adversary.

• Go beyond just standing your ground. and **ADVANCE AND WIN!**
• The first weapon of our warfare is a **SURRENDERED WILL.**
• You can shout, kick, stomp all you want
• The devil will laugh...
• It's not until you say "Not my will, but Thine be done" that the words that come out of your mouth become a weapon of war.
• They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb Rev 12:11 **THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.**
the blood forgives us, transforms us and defeats the devil.

- If we learn to apply the blood of Jesus we will win and have victory.
- A weapon is *THE WORD OF GOD*.
- Not just quoting Scripture.
- The devil knows the Bible better than we ever will.
- He even tried to use it on Jesus!
- The word that is taught by the Holy Spirit becomes our sword.
- Another weapon is PRAYER
- One thing we have learned about the enemy...
is that he cannot win with anyone who will set their will to pray.

- Another weapon is the **PUTTING ON OF YOUR ARMOR**.
- Eph 6 if you would do this, you would defeat the enemy.
- If you don't, you will lose.
- That's exactly what happens to people...

- who disregard the armor as just another teaching.
- They end up with no vision.
- You perish, and not just you, but also your children, your purpose and your destiny
Learn to apply this to your daily routine! **PRAISE** is a powerful weapon.

- Psalm 56:3-4 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word). I will teach you how to praise Him in everything! Fear and depression cannot live in the same house as praise.

- I will not fear what flesh can do to me.

- Unforgiveness is the most powerful weapon against the powers of personal torment.

- The devil operates on two primary links, calculation and manipulation.
He watches you get offended and calculates your next move. Then he manipulates you with circumstances.

- that will keep us down by using unforgiveness against us.
- You cannot possibly know all there is to know about spiritual warfare by reading the bible.
- You need to have in-depth instruction in your life and the lives of your loved ones!
God wants to help you to learn how to defeat the devil in your life

• and get the victory that Jesus Christ died for.

• If we have the last word by saying the word in faith

• We will walk in the will of God