



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Based on the message of Sunday January 22nd, 2023

the power of *declarations* PART 4 OF 5

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Main Text: Joel 3:10

Let the weak say, 'I am strong.' "

The first thing we notice in the text above is that the weak are supposed to say out loud that he is strong. When by faith we DECLARE, "I am strong," even if we are feeling weak, we are speaking into existence a new reality by faith, what a comforting phrase to hear when we feel incapable of handling a situation, taking the pressure, showing patience, or mustering courage. We can assert, through our faith, God's provision for us at that exact second...in that particular situation: "I AM STRONG!" This is not a positive confession, this is a prophetic declaration. In Mark chapter 5, was Jesus lying when he said that Jairo's daughter was not dead? No, even though in the natural the girl was dead, in the spiritual realm she was alive. Jesus spoke from the perspective of Heaven that she was alive. We must change our natural reality with the reality of Heaven from where all things are possible.

Question: Do you have a testimony to share about the power of our declarations?

THE PERSPECTIVE OF HEAVEN

Auxiliar Texts: judges 6:12-14

And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

By calling Gideon "mighty warrior" the Lord was not denying his fear, which later on the next chapters we can clearly see, instead, God is speaking from the perspective of Heaven. When we look into a situation with spiritual eyes we can prophecy into our circumstances and watch them change under the authority of the name of Jesus. When you are said and you say: "The joy of the Lord is my strength" you release the power of the joy of the Lord over your life. When you are going through a rough financial situation and you declare "I'm rich" you are not lying, you are prophesying God's abundance into your life. It's all a matter of faith. And what is faith? The Bible says that faith is "The substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Pay attention to the end of the verse: *The evidence of things not seen*. You don't see what you want yet, but bring it to existence by faith!

Question: What area in your life you need God to intervene? Declare your victory by faith.

GOD HAS GIVEN US AUTHORITY

Auxiliar Text: Jeremiah 1:7

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

The Lord told Jeremiah not to say that he was too young. But was Jeremiah just a young lad? Well, yes, indeed he was young. So, was God in denial? No, God was teaching Jeremiah to bring the reality of Heaven into the natural. When you are sick, declare that you are healed. That's not denial, that's a declaration of faith. When you are sad, declare that the joy of the Lord is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10). The difference between a false confession and a prophecy is faith. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed and you can change the reality around you by bringing the reality of heaven into existence. All things are possible for those who believe. So, stop complaining and start prophesying. God is with you and your blessing is at hand.

Question: What would you like to prophecy over your life and your family today?